



# THE SAGARIAN TIMES

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*'The best way to predict the future is to invent it.'*

The weather Gods smiled graciously at The Sagar School when it reopened after a long summer break with a strength of 228 students – an all time high.!

The entire staff – old and new reported by the 10<sup>th</sup> of July after a long and rejuvenating summer break.

### Highlights

**Dr. Vidya Sagar, Founder Chairman of the school visited The Sagar School campus on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> July. Besides interacting with the staff and students he enjoyed a meal with them.**

### Appointment of Vice-Principal

**Mrs. S. Julka, Director, The Sagar School met the staff over a cup of tea in the staff club wherein she congratulated the Principal Dr. K. J. Jose and his team for the tremendous strides that the school has made in term of strength and quality.**



**The Dean of Studies Mr. T. S. R. Santanam was honoured with the designation of the Vice – Principal as a reward of all his hard work and total commitment.**

### The Tutor-Tutee System

The Tutor-Tutee system was introduced on Thursday, the 21<sup>st</sup> August where the entire school was divided into small groups of 7 – 8; each under one Teacher – Tutor who would act as a parent, guiding them through their Academic, physical and emotional needs. The system is bound to build bonds and make relationships stronger.

### New Appointments

The school accorded a warm welcome to the following staff who joined the school from the July session namely Mrs. Anjum Ahmad (English), Mr. Gary Everett (Geography) Mrs. Clover Everett (English), Mr. Ajay Singh Negi (Art), Mrs. Anita Negi (Science), Mr. Sanjay Sharma (Music), Mr. Ajoy K. Das (Dance), Ms. Shefali Sanwal (Biology), Mr. Santanu Mitra (Science), Mr. Satish C. Dubey (Maths), Mr. Sanjeev Kumar (Basket ball coach).

The following appointments were made in the new session – Mr. Y. S. Kanyal (Head of Pastoral Care), Mr. Gary Everett (Head of Activities) and Mrs. Indu Dhir (Head of Academics).

The system of Heads of Department was also given a start with Mrs. Hamsa Santanam as Head of Economics. Dept, Mrs. I. Dhir as Head of English & Social Science and Mr. T. S. R. Santanam as Head of Maths and Science.

Dr. V. S. Ravindran was welcomed as the new counsellor of the school. He will be meeting the students twice a month and conducting aptitude tests besides offering them career and personal counselling.



### Outings

Raksha Bandhan was celebrated by taking the students to the Gurgaon Mall. This was enjoyed by the students & teachers alike!



## Workshops & Seminars

A workshop by **Prof. Mukhopadhyay** and **Prof. Jaya** of the IIM fame was organized on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2008 on 'Increasing Personal Effectiveness.' Understanding self, managing time, being effective communicators, improving decision making & group dynamics were introduced through creative games and interactive sessions.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> an orientation workshop on the 'Blue Ocean Strategy' was conducted by the Principal, **Dr. K. J. Jose** who explained that rather than competing with other institutions we need to create our own blue ocean – an uncontested market space making any kind of competition irrelevant.



The 'Vision and Mission' statement that followed brought out a lot of innovative ideas as the entire staff – academic and administrative – worked in groups defining and thinking about an ideal 'Vision' and 'Mission' for The Sagar School in order to see it grow stronger and more productive 5-10 years from date. Managing Classroom Behaviour was yet another area dealt with effectively by Mr. T. S. R. Santanam, Vice Principal through role-play and examples. Thereafter the rules and expected norms of the school were explained. By 15<sup>th</sup> of July, when the students arrived; the



staff charged and motivated welcomed them to yet another challenging and 'happening' session.

**Professor Anthony**

**Thomas, Director English language Academy, Pune** conducted a five day workshop on the Art of Public speaking. A one and a half hour session during the morning in which he introduced the technique and methodology to the entire staff and students was followed by 3 sessions a day for different age groups in which their performance in public speaking was recorded and replayed to bring effective changes. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday he had a special session with the entire staff where he discussed parameters of judgment for an Elocution or Debate followed by a performance round.

## The 62<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day

The morning saw the National Flag being unfurled by the Chief Guest Brig R. P. Sian accompanied by Col. Krishan Chandra & Col. A. K. Rohilla to the singing of the National Anthem. The Investiture Ceremony followed where the following students of Class XII were appointed as Prefects:

**Juthamasd Singh Gaur (Girls), Utkarsh Grover (Ruby House), Lovish Jain (Emerald House), John Malsawm Kima (Diamond House) and Farhad (Sapphire House).** This was followed by revelry and merry making with speeches, patriotic songs and dances not to forget the delicious motichoor ladoos.



The rain Gods also seemed to be kind and allowed the Independence Day Celebration to go on undisturbed. The Dining Arena looked lovely and beautiful, decorated with the tri-colour Flags and bunting not to forget the lovely Map of India & the National flag made so artistically with bread and flour by the R. K. H. S. Besides providing everyone with a special lunch they sure did add to the colour of the day.



The Trithalon-Swimming, Cycling & Sprinting was the highlight of the morning whereas the evening saw a galaxy of audience-colourful parents, bright children, enthusiastic time keepers, recorders ready to welcome the future 'Olympic Champions' to their Aquatic finals. 25 meters, 50 meters Relay, Medley – all events were breath taking and won a lot of applause. Well done Sagarians! Keep up the spirit.

Col. D. S. Nagil Chief Guest for the evening gave away the awards and certificates amidst a lot of cheering and revelry.

## Inter School Events

The School Debating Team consisting of Master Ayush Singh (Class XII), and Sarah Ahmad (Class IX) along with Harshit Saboo (Class XI) went to the National Academy, Alwar to participate in an Inter-School Debating contest in which more than 22 schools participated. The school's performance was rated to be good. **Master Harshit Saboo was awarded a prize for the 'BEST INTERJECTOR'**. Congratulations Harshit!

The school Quiz Team consisting of Chirag Bansal, Gaurang Rajgarhia, (Class X) Tanya Lamba, Sarah Ahmad (IX) went to the St.Xavier's School, Behror on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Our school was ranked 7/16.



## Inter - House Events

\* The Inter-house Quiz Competition was conducted on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> of July which was a great thrill for the students. The results were - Holding House Winner: **Ruby**; Senior Group Winner: **Emerald**.



\* The Inter House English Recitation Contest (Group A, B, C & D) was conducted on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> August with a lot of fanfare.

The immediate effect of the Public Speaking workshop could be felt. The following are the results

### Juniors:

Group 1 -Aashi Sadana - 1<sup>st</sup>; Unnati Bose - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Group 2-Tanvi Jain - 1<sup>st</sup>; Vega Sampa - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Seniors:

Group 3-Srishti Bose - 1<sup>st</sup>; Sarah Ahmad - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Group 4-Harshit Saboo - 1<sup>st</sup>; Amita Singh - 2<sup>nd</sup>

\* The Inter-House Hindi Elocution (Poetry) was conducted on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August for all groups. The standard of Poetry was reported to be high. Well done teachers for all your effort and care!

The result is as follows:

Group 1-Shaswat Kothari - 1<sup>st</sup>; Kush Chawla - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Group 2-Harsh Metrey - 1<sup>st</sup>; Kirti Dalal - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Group 3-Rahul Yadav - 1<sup>st</sup>; M. Asif Khan - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Group 4-Zarah Dua Khan - 1<sup>st</sup>; M. Imran Ahmed - 2<sup>nd</sup>

\* The Inter-House Discover Europe Quiz Competition was conducted on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August which was a great thrill for the students. The results were-Holding House joint winners- **Emerald & Sapphire**: Senior Group Winner - **Sapphire**.

\* The Sports Arena saw the Inter House Table Tennis Championship followed by the grand Inter-House Aquatic Meet on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, where new talent unfurled itself and was deeply applauded. Stunning performances were given by Master Aryaman Gir (Jr) and Master Rishabh Madaan (Sr).

## Initiating Public Speaking

For about a week all the students of The Sagar School had only one topic in their mind – Everyone just talked about Public Speaking – Reason being our honourable Principal, Dr. K. J. Jose organized a Public Speaking Workshop which was simply marvellous. Prof. Anthony Thomas, Director, English Language Academy of Pune was invited to introduce public speaking to us as at least once in a lifetime everyone has to speak in front of an audience which is quite a difficult task!

The Professor actually made us go step by step through the process of public speaking, covering every single requirement from language enhancement to grammar to voice modulation, body language and eye contact in just 5 days. In this short duration he really made us more confident and aware of the importance of good communication skills. Now, for us, Public Speaking is not a difficult task!

**Aman Agarwal – XII**

## First Impressions

Having grown up reading Enid Blyton, describing the 'first view' of boarding schools - old castle like buildings, 'happening' students and of course details which knock you off your feet you start dreaming about life at a boarding school wondering about the real difference between the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Child Fiction and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Reality!

Heading towards The Sagar School is itself an adventure. The great safari takes you on a trip to the middle of nowhere with the Aravallis rising up in modest altitude in the backdrop. The entrance gate has the feel of an old and grand Fort entrance and is a treat The Campus inside is picture perfect and breathtakingly green. Stone school buildings and sports courts sprawled over made me feel as if I was in Malory Towers for the school is as grand; the teachers as homely but vividly interesting and the students – extremely arresting and challenging!

I believe Nicholas Nickleby was lying but Enid Blyton got it all right! The Sagar School is indeed incomparable!

**Sarah Ahmad – IX B**



## Inter House Table-Tennis Winners 2008-09

Division A – Junior Boys		
Vatsal Jaipuria	VI	Emerald House
Aman Gupta	VI	Emerald House
Division B – Middle Block		
Apurv Sharma	VIII	Diamond
You Jin	VIII	Diamond
Maanav Khandelia	VIII	Diamond
Division C – Seniors Boys		
Gaurang Rajgarhia	X	Emerald
Ahn Min Chul	XI	Emerald
Raj Kamal Yadav	XII	Emerald
Division D – Junior Girls		
Simi Udayan	VIII	Sapphire
Yashika Bansal	VII	Sapphire
Division E – Senior Girls		
Noh Eun Hye	IX	Emerald
Amita Singh	XI	Emerald
Shalu Pal	IX	Emerald

## Individual Swimming Trophies for the year 2008-09

Best Swimmer under 12 Yrs Boys		
Aryaman Gir	V	Ruby
Best Swimmer under 14 Yrs Boys		
Himanshu Yadav	VII	Ruby
Best Swimmer under 16 Yrs Boys		
Saniya Agarwal	X	Ruby
Best Swimmer under 19 Yrs Boys		
Rishabh Madaan	XI	Sapphire
Best Swimmer under 19 Yrs Girls		
Tanya Kabeer	VII	Emerald

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