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The months of January and February have been inspiring months for the students. We have made new resolutions for making a positive difference in us and the world around.

We try and make small changes in ourselves which will help us evolve as better human beings. All the students have been busy with projects, quizzes, assessments. Besides academics, the school has been busy with cricket, soccer, house socials, workshops, mock exams, pre-board exams, tutor-tutee (bonding time) and the heart-rending farewell to Class XII.

As usual Assembly time is the most thought-provoking time, motivating the students and teachers alike to move ahead and face the day with gust of determination and joy. The theme for the month of February has been synergy, relevant to the busy academic month of the school, as we wind the year down as well as accelerate our efforts in academics and co-curricular activities.

The Board Examinations for both Classes X and XII are on in full swing, and with the home examinations for the rest of the students are also on, the school campus possesses a concentrated, focused aura of academics, learning, extra classes, revisions, littered notes and scribbles. We wish our class X and XII students the very best in their examinations, and we're sure that their efforts would be rewarded.

The current academic session will come to an end on 20 March 2010. The students will go home for a brief holiday and be back for a new session in April. In the meanwhile results of classes IV-IX & XI will be out. Thus we cross another landmark and move on to another new academic session.

Assembly Theme

Every month we The Sagarians have a monthly theme where every teacher presents powerful messages and thoughts through presentations and host the morning assembly according to the theme. The theme for February was Synergy.

Every teacher prepared slides and also arranged some videos for us during morning assembly. Every assembly was really inspiring. For example, Mrs. Anjum Ahmad's assembly showed us we are the children, the future of the world, and we can make this world a better place. As we all know the true meaning of synergy is 'togetherness', helping each other, succeeding together and working together to reach our goals. The assembly for this month was so interesting that every one talked about it after the assembly.

For us the morning assembly is like a zero period where we get to learn so many things about life which really inspire us. We'd like to thank our lovely teachers who go through so much just to give us a great message and inspire us to be better every morning. We really appreciate everything you do for us.

-Romeda Thapa, VIII B

A job worth doing is worth doing together

Mall Outing

One of the most awaited days by the students of The Sagar School is the one when they get to go out of the school campus. Every session all the students get opportunity to visit the Malls in Gurgaon.

This session on 13th February the school had organized a trip for us to MGF Mall. It was a lovely morning with excitement and happiness in the air with smiles on all the faces of the students.

Mall outing is meant for the students to give a break from the normal daily routine. They have around 6 to 7 hours in the mall, during which the parents also sometime visit the students.

After the trip, I approached few students to share their excitement and feelings. Manisha Rani a student of class XI stated: "My mall trip was fun. I love going out of the school to my home city. I enjoyed out there with my parents also". Another student of class XI stated: "I felt like a free bird after a long time. Even though I had little cash, I tried my best to enjoy which I eventually did."

In the end students were all happy and looking forward to their next mall outing.



Pygmalion

The Sagar School Theatrical Society performed Pygmalion, a play in four acts by George Bernard Shaw on the 22nd of January. It was the first ever School Play in four acts, so it also led to the development of the Theatre Society. The play first was supposed to be performed at the Epicenter Gurgaon but due to sudden outbreak of Swine Flu, unfortunately everything changed.

All of us went home sad and disappointed. The spirit of the play group had been very high, and the practices and all the hard work had really bonded us together. Then one day we all got a call from our directors Mrs. Anjum Ahmad and Mr. Brad Hurvitz that the play was happening and we all came back excited and put it up for the school.

The play went great and so was an apt farewell gift to one of our directors Mr. Brad Hurvitz who was heading back to the U.S. Mrs. Ahmad, that evening informed the cast that we were putting up Pygmalion again and this time for Dr. Vidya Sagar, our founder, Mrs. Sharmistha Julka, our director and for their colleagues from Remfry and Sagar.

We all went over our lines again and practiced. One thing worth mentioning is that most of our cast belonged to the board classes i.e. 10th and 12th and still they worked so hard.

The play was put up and was a great success. The play was dedicated to Mrs. Ahmad and Mr. Brad who both played very essential roles. We may go in different places in our lives but Pygmalion will always be an important part of our lives.

-Abhishek Chaturvedi, VIII B

Memory Boy Comes to The Sagar School

On 3rd February, 2010 a Maths workshop was held by Mohammad Faizal. The workshop was conducted for two days. The resource person is a world record holder for memorizing all the capitals and ISD codes of all the countries in the world. He amazed us by recalling 45-50 numbers which he wrote and repeated them in the same order. He taught us various methods of how to carry out important calculations in seconds. We do hope to use the techniques which will help us to be quick in our calculations. It indeed was an interesting workshop.

-Tanvi Jain, VIIIA



Lunch with Dr. Vidya Sagar

On 12th February, The Sagar School cricket team, theatrical society and the basketball team were invited for lunch with our founder Dr. Vidya Sagar. He had kept it a surprise as to where he was treating us, which was The Ibis Hotel, Gurgaon. During the lunch, he kept on talking to us about cricket and different cricketers and how much love and respect he has for the sport. He also presented us with a memento which was a prize for us as we won the cricket match against Remfry and Sagar. Out of excitement, I opened my gift and found that it was a photo frame of our cricket team with Dr. Vidya Sagar in a beautiful frame.

This day will always remain in my mind and I will always cherish it.

-Akash Sharma, VIII B

Youngistaan House Social

The Junior House Social marked another new event in the history of our school. For the first time the juniors had a special evening where they could showcase their talents. It was on the exciting evening of the 6th February, 2010.

The evening started with an orchestra. The evening was filled with folk dances, skits and a lot of entertaining fillers with important messages. The dance on 'Tare Zameen Par' was really splendid. The auditorium had been beautifully decorated. The uniqueness of the evening was that all junior students had taken initiative to be part of some programme or the other. The seniors really applauded the performance of the juniors. This was followed by a dance party for juniors. It was a memorable evening and we look forward to more such evenings.

-Kirti Dalal, VIII B



How We Bade Farewell to Our Class XII

The Sagar School bade farewell to its grade XII on 19th February 2010. The evocative programme started at 6.00 PM in the evening in the auditorium. We welcomed our distinguished chief guest Mr. Kabir Mustafi & Mrs. Kamini Mustafi, for the evening. Mr. Kabir Mustafi, an icon in the field of education is presently guiding and counseling the stockholders of education. Mrs. Kamini Mustafi, his wife is an educationist in her own right as well as a talented musician, was present amidst us to make the evening memorable.

The juniors ushered in the beautiful ladies in glinting saris and handsome gentlemen in Savile Row suits. The Chief Guest, Mr. Kabir Mustafi lit the lamp signifying the commencement of the evening. The evening commenced with the juniors presenting a Vandana to commence the wonderful evening. After the Vandana our honourable Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the talented scholars along with the certificates. He also gave an inspiring message to everyone to achieve more in their lives.

WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

The staff members of The Sagar School experienced an interesting one day workshop on 20th February 2010 with the former Headmaster of The Bishop School, Shimla. The workshop accelerated everyone's thought process on various academic, social, emotional and other aspects related to students. Mrs. and Mr. Mustafi also talked about Human Dynamics, TED (Teacher Education Programme), commonality of language, setting up of a value system and strictly following it and other such things.

Mrs. and Mr. Mustafi have the most innovative ideas in the field of education. They thoroughly motivated all the staff members to convert the school into a hub of activities and practice as many different ways to interact and teach the students. He stressed on not fixing frontiers in teaching and going beyond them.

It was one of the rarest Saturday afternoon workshops when all the teachers wanted to sit longer and interact and also wanted the Mustafis to come back for more such sessions.

**-Priyanka Sharma
Department of English**



Digisky Portable Planetaria Show

Leo Planetaria from Dehradun visited the school in February for a digital planetarium show. Leo Planetaria is a dedicated team of planetarians, astronomers, science communicators, educators and IT professionals. The objective of the show was to promote wide spread access to the fundamentals of science through excitement of astronomy. An artificial sky was created in the Auditorium and students were shown the stars, constellations, their positions and how to identify them. After the show the students made an effort to identify the stars in the sky at night.

Subsequently, there was a breathtaking short movie presentation made by Mr. Santanu Mitra that really made the atmosphere more lively and exciting.

After waiting for so long, came the most loved and adored part, the pen pictures, of all to whom we bid farewell. The pen picture appreciated and admired everyone's finesse, personality and achievements in their lives. Our seniors felt proud and respected when their pen pictures were read out to the audience and mementos were given to them.

The time came for our seniors themselves to express their feelings and share their thoughts with us. It must have been a very memorable moment of their lives when they thanked everyone, apologized for troubling the teachers in class, recalled the happy and cheerful moments that they enjoyed in the school with their friends and teachers. It was very touching, when tears rolled down their cheeks expressing how much they would miss the school and their dedicated teachers who helped the pupils of different nationalities to feel comfortable in the campus. This even made the teachers touched and a sense of pride in their pupils whom they taught. Those sentimental moments touched everyone.

After this, Rounak Agarwal and Nikhil Singh of grade XI expressed their sentiments on behalf of the entire school. They gave them the assurance to carry forward their good work in the future and thanked them for passing on their leadership roles to their juniors.

Later, we moved on to the sublime and symbolic candle lighting ceremony where our seniors lighted their candles signifying their affection and contribution and how they would continue to keep the light shining in them.

Moreover, our new "Perfect Designates" also came forward and took the pledge of "Service Before Self" towards the institution.

To conclude the evening, our eminent Chief guest addressed the gathering, when he started speaking, there was complete silence in the hall, such powerful and influential was his personality. "When I was leaving the school, somebody said to me: Hey look, we would come back to this place in our lifetime but, now we would never return in school uniform", he said. These words of his made everyone quiet and speechless. He concluded with the inspiring words: "Just Believe in Yourself and you can achieve anything."

Thus ended the farewell and everyone wished "Good Luck" to our Seniors for their future.

-Manisha Rani, XI

The Last Tenth to Face the “Boards”

The Class Ten Board examinations are a reality that have been part of a student’s life since you begin your school years.

As early as fourth grade, I’d tell my classmate, the one who I battled with for a higher rank, that she might get higher marks than me in Mathematics *now*, but “in the Boards, I’d definitely get better marks than her.” The fact that we’d have these big, bad exams in class Ten was an accepted reality; we didn’t question it. You gave Board Exams in Class Ten and they made your life. Period.

We never questioned that there might be some change in the norm; years passed and I was facing my tenth class, the ‘board year’. The uncertainty about the Board exams in September-October made me look back and realize that tenth grade wasn’t defined by Board exams. Through the years, I didn’t view them in as light-hearted a manner as back in fourth grade; the stress which comes with Board Exams is there, whether it was imposed upon you or not.

Yet looking at my juniors, I felt sorry for them, there was a feeling of elation and regret that I had to be part of the end, and not the beginning of the change. The joy of beginning your tenth class year, the determination with which you frame routines and timetables and revisions and making solemn promises of serious study to yourself and then breaking them and making them all over again, of borrowing the notes and papers of friends who’ve already been through the boards and then stacking them up and not even noticing them grow stale, until maybe, you’ll see them the day before you are about to give your final board exam. I feel sad they won’t squirm under the lectures of teachers and parents and family about the upcoming board exams and the need to be serious.

Missing out on the grandiose process of having your hall ticket and your roll number and going to a “Centre” to give a Board Exam, I think all the tradition, the entire procedure involved with giving the Board Exams is what makes it an experience – not the paper set in front of you at 10.15 AM with fifteen minutes reading time, but the way your heart thumps while you fill in your entries, while you wait for your question paper, that makes, or at least made, until now, the tenth class, the board year, the year that was, we being the last batch to experience the fearful, enlarged, Board Examinations, AISSE-2010. Here’s to a happy May!

-Sarah Ahmad, XA

Inter-House Cricket Championship February 2010

House	Division A (Boys) VIII To XII	Division B (Boys) IV To VII	Total	Points	Position
Ruby	5	3	8	16	I
Diamond	1	5	6	12	II
Emerald	3	2	5	8	III
Sapphire	2	1	3	4	IV

Silence that Shines

The face of a ring
That circles around itself
In nights of light
Whom drugged eyes
Fall upon,
If the truth slept
Still unknown,
What would have I thought
Of this silence that shines?
An aura of Buddha,
Leading beyond broken skies.

-Tushita Singh, XII Humanities

One Thing I Would Never Do

I’d touch the moon,
I’d swallow a spoon,
I’d fall down the hill,
Do all these things but still
The one thing I would never do
Is lose a special friend like you.

I’d go through everything for you,
Because you are very loyal and true,
I’ll be there for you and fight for you,
That’s why the one thing I would never do
Is lose a special friend like you.

We do have sorrow, we do have fights,
But it all gets solved out overnight,
We never make too much a fuss,
And now it is obvious
That the one thing I would never do
Is lose a special friend like you.

-Romeda Thapa, VIII B

Overall Inter-House Sports Ranking 2009-10

Events	Categories	Diamond	Emerald	Ruby	Sapphire
Aquatics	Major Game	6	6	14	14
Soccer	Major Game	4	12	8	16
Basketball	Major Game	12	16	8	4
Squash	Minor Game	4	8	2	6
Badminton	Minor Game	8	3	6	3
Cross Country	Major Game	16	12	4	8
Table Tennis	Minor Game	6	4	2	8
Lawn Tennis	Minor Game	2	8	6	4
Cricket	Major Game	12	8	16	4
Total		70	77	66	67
Position		II	I	IV	III