



The Germainite

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Message from the managing committee

Activities – cultural, sports and academic

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The New Committee

Managing Committee

Chairman : Rev Fr Rayappa M

President : Manimaran

Vice President : Sydney Joseph D'sa

Treasurer : Thiagaraj D

Secretary : Mohammed Talib

Joint Secretary: Satish Kumaran.P

Committee Members

Nickren Jude Balaraj

Mustaqeem Fazil

Rajesh Joseph Mathew

Joseph Rohit Mathias

Arun Peters

OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

- Give back to the alma mater in any, and all ways possible.
- Focus on how to seamlessly include the diversity section in our initiatives.
- Get back in touch with the “Good Ol’ Boys”, who have stayed away for long.
- Engage often with the newer batches (post 2000’s) and prepare them to carry the legacy.
- Drive multiple activities/events catering to different target audience across batches.
- Up the social media and communication game to live up with the times.



Standing Lto R Joseph Rohit Mathias (CM-Batch of 97), Dr. Satish Kumar (Join Secretary-Batch of 93), Rajesh Joseph Mathew (CM-Batch of 92) Mustaqeem Fazil (CM, Batch of 02), Arun Peters(CM, Batch of 09), Nickren Balaraj(CM, Batch of 93)

Sitting Lto R Thiagaraj D(Treasurer-Batch of 82), Mani Maran (President-Batch of 82), Rev. Fr. Rayappa M (Chairman) Sydney Joseph D'sa (Vice President, Batch of 68), Mohammed Talib (Secretary, Batch of 95)

*CM=Committee Member

Message from the Director (SGAA Chairman) - Rev Fr Rayappa

Dear Friends and Family,

After we bid farewell to 2024, I am reflecting on the journey so far. Every success, failure, joy, and struggle has shaped me to who I am today. By practicing gratitude for the lessons learned and the strength gained sets the foundation for a positive outlook in the year ahead.

Here are some of the promises of God given in the Bible I am going to hold on to:

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and do not rely on your own insight.
 - On all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.
 - The Lord will open to you His good treasury the
 - Heavens, to give rain to the land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands.
 - For I will restore health to you and heal all your wounds.
 - Be strong and of good courage ; be not frightened neither be dismayed;
- for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved, us. Here are some steps I would like to take to make 2025 a year of growth and achievement:

- 1) Set realistic goals.: break your big dream into actionable steps.
- 2) Practice Self Care: Prioritize your physical, mental and emotional well- being.
- 3) Focus on growth: View challenges as opportunities to learn and grow.
- 4) Surround yourself with Positivity: Spend time with people who uplift and inspire you.
- 5) Cultivate Gratitude: Start each day listing three things you are grateful for.
- 6) Give back: to society, people in need.7) Spend time in prayer.

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,

We thank you and praise you for the all-time blessings & challenges we faced in the year gone by.

Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace and our comfort in this New Year.

As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we all look for your guidance and wisdom.

Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk, so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will.

Help us to seek first your Kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.

Message from the President - Manimaran

Dear Alumni,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I address you as we step into the 76th year of the St. Germain Alumni Association (SGAA). What began as the Old Boys Association has now evolved into a truly inclusive community as we organized the Ladies Wing meeting in February. Our legacy, built on a foundation of excellence, camaraderie, and dedication, continues to shine as one of the most vibrant and admired alumni networks in Bangalore.

These past few months has been momentous, especially with the return of cherished traditions, including our Christmas celebration for teachers, support staff and their families. During this occasion, we extended heartfelt gratitude to our teachers and support staff, honoring eight remarkable individuals for their dedicated service. We also celebrated the golden jubilee of the 1974 batch—a testament to the enduring bonds forged at St. Germain's High School, now St. Germain's Academy.

Looking ahead, we aim to reignite the school's legacy in sports, bringing back the glory of St. Germain on the sporting map. As a community, we have always stood strong in giving back to our alma mater, fostering lifelong connections, and supporting one another. I am humbled by the trust you've placed in me and my team, reflected in the overwhelming support at the AGM elections. While we've faced some immense initial challenges with delays in the handover process and continue to await key accounts and administrative documents, our commitment to advancing the SGAA mission remains unwavering. We will not let the negative energies and dirty politics muddy our vision and to stall our activities.

I encourage all of you to stay engaged, share your ideas, and join hands in initiatives that strengthen our association. Together, let us uphold the values instilled in us by our beloved school and ensure that the St. Germain flag continues to fly high for generations to come. Thank you for your unwavering support and trust.

From The Secretary's Desk - Mohammed Talib

Dear St. Germain Alumni,

Greetings from the St. Germain Alumni Association (SGAA)! As we step into another exciting chapter of our journey, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Your contributions, participation, and commitment continue to fuel our collective mission of upholding the legacy of St. Germain High School while strengthening the bonds within our vibrant alumni community.

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Over the past year, we have witnessed several milestones that reflect the spirit and dedication of our alumni. From organizing successful inter-batch tournaments to supporting school events, the SGAA has remained a testament to the enduring camaraderie of Germainites. These initiatives not only foster unity among alumni but also enable us to give back to our alma mater in meaningful ways.

Looking ahead, we are focused on enhancing our impact by introducing new programs aimed at fostering academic excellence, sportsmanship, and holistic development for the students of St. Germain. One of our key priorities this year is to revive the school's rich tradition in sports by providing students with opportunities for advanced training, inter-school participation, and exposure to new horizons. Additionally, we aim to launch initiatives that encourage literary and cultural activities, ensuring the overall growth of our school community.

I urge all of you to stay connected and continue playing an active role in our endeavors. Whether through volunteering, mentoring, or contributing resources, your involvement is invaluable. Let us work together to keep the St. Germain flag flying high.

OBA to SGAA – The Girls come marching in!! - Satish Kumaran. P

The Old Boys' Association of St. Germain's High School is changing its name for the first time since its inception and will become St. Germain Alumni Association. It's a significant shift as the organization emerges from being solely a male domain to becoming a mixed organization.

Our committee though respecting tradition has made sweeping changes after the school has welcomed girls into the ranks from this year. This proposal was floated during the Annual AGM, 2024 and was uniformly accepted.

As a committee we want all girls to feel very, very welcome to come into our school and hopefully soon into our SGAA.

Many of our girl students have brought laurels for both the school and the country especially in sport and we hope the name change signifies our encouragement for them to join us soon and be a part of our wonderful old student family, as nearly 75 girls have passed out of our school.

We were very pleased and gratified to see the presence of some old girls during the AGM, 2024 – this is the first time that girls have been involved as Life Members of the SGAA.

We could see a change in the attitude of some of our male members who weren't sure about their inclusion, until they realized these kids are Germainites they just happen to have ponytails!

As a matter of pride, our Joint Secretary's daughters both study in the school. Hopefully these numbers will increase soon to carry on the hierarchy of the Germainites.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our Lady Germainites !!!



ACTIVITIES

Activities Conducted

- * Felicitation of the 1974 Batch
- * Christmas Dinner
- * Participation in the Khaleel Mekhri Football Tournament
- * Invitation to St. Aloysius Alumni for their Quasquicentennial (125th Year) Celebrations

Up coming Activities

- * Launch of Ladies Wing
- * Launch of Website
- * Felicitation of the 1999 Batch
- * Inter-Batch Football Tournament
- * Déjà Vu Event* Inter-Alumni Cricket Tournament
- * Support for School Summer Camp

Launch of the Ladies' Wing - Rohit Joseph Mathias & Satish Kumaran.P

Welcome to the Ladies' Wing of the Old Boys' Association, a vibrant and dynamic group of young women who share an intimate connection to our esteemed institution – they also graduated from St. Germain Academy. Now they join us as colleagues, friends and fellow Germainites. As spouses, alumnae, or supporters of our alumni community, we come together to foster friendships, promote social welfare, and celebrate our shared heritage.

Through various events, activities, and philanthropic endeavors we hope to Strengthen bonds among our male members and the Ladies Wing Support the institution's growth and development Contribute to the SGAA community Preserve and promote the alma mater's traditions and values Mentor Mentee programme Cultural Activities exclusively for the ladies Scholarships for deserving students apart from the usual OBA scholarships Inculcation of 2 ladies members as co opt members of the SGAA to groom them for future responsibilities of the association

Join us as we embark on this exciting journey, and let us work together to create a positive impact and lasting memories!"

Meeting the Legends - Sydney Joseph D'sa

Kirmani Stumped by Flavor!

The legendary Sir Syed Kirmani, proudly supporting his daughter's food stall at the Hubba, alongside Sydney D'sa. A true St. Germain gem, Kirmani began his cricketing journey here before becoming an integral part of the iconic Indian team that lifted the 1983 Cricket World Cup. From wicket-keeping to world-class taste, the legacy continues!

Binny's Golden Legacy!

Roger Binny, the pride of St. Germain, pictured with Sydney D'sa and Stephen. Along with his siblings, Binny studied here in the 60s and 70s, holding the school's longest-standing record in javelin throw. From excelling in sports at St. Germain to becoming a key player in India's historic 1983 Cricket World Cup victory, and now serving as the BCCI Chief, Binny's remarkable journey inspires us all!"



The Khaleel Mekhri Football Tournament - Mustaqeem Fazil

The official St. Germain Alumni Football team was cordially invited to participate in the inter-alumni football tournament organized by Bishop Cottons Boys High School on Nov 9th 2024. There was a total of 8 ICSE schools that took part in this prestigious tournament. SGAA was quick to form a team, abiding by the guidelines of the organizers, and organized practice grounds before the tournament, along with playing kits for the team members. Team selection was done with prior intimation to all the batches. We were drawn against the hosts Bishop Cottons, St. Johns and Cathedrals in the group stage.

Winning all matches and topping the group, we went to the next stage – The Semi Finals. In the Semi Finals, we played FAPS, who we beat with 3 goals to 1 and again met Bishop Cottons in the Finals. In a nail-biting goalless final, we moved to the penalties, where St. Germain lost with a mere difference of 2-1. We won 4 Man of the match awards. Pradeep Kumar (Batch of 1995) - 2 player of the match awards John Feo (Batch of 2014) - 1 Player of the match award Avinash A (Batch of 2006) - 1 Player of the match award The Team – George Prasanna (1994), Ramesh Babu (1993), Pradeep Kumar (1995), Chinnappa Jayaseelan (2001), Avinash A (2006), Leo Samuel Joshva (2010), Sumith Kethan (2012), John Feo Patrick (2015), Karan Dayalan (2016), Charan S (2017), Steve Denzil (2018)



Celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the 1974 Batch

At the recent Christmas celebration, the St. Germain Alumni Association proudly felicitated the 1974 batch on their golden jubilee. The event was a heartfelt tribute to their enduring bond, loyalty, and contributions to the school over the past 50 years.

Their unwavering commitment to keeping the spirit of St. Germain alive was met with well-deserved applause and admiration from all present. The 1974 batch stands as a shining example of camaraderie and dedication, reflecting the values instilled by our alma mater.

This milestone is a testament to the strength of the alumni community, and we look forward to many more such celebrations that honor the legacy of our alumni and their lifelong connection with St. Germain.



THE OZ CONNECTION -Sydney Joseph D'sa

Mr. Gerry Suaras, from the Class of 1975, recently visited St. Germain High School, rekindling fond memories of his alma mater. Now based in Australia, Mr. Suaras has graciously offered to spearhead the establishment of the Australian chapter of the St. Germain Alumni Association (SGAA). His visit was a proud moment for the school, highlighting the global reach of our alumni network and the unwavering commitment of Germainites to strengthen ties across borders.



St. Aloysius School Alumni Association Invitational Veteran's exhibition football match Rajesh Joseph Mathew

St. Germain Alumni Association were cordially invited with a special invitation by St. Aloysius School Alumni Association to participate in its VETERANS EXHIBITION FOOTBALL MATCH on the occasion of their schools quasicentennial (125 years) jubilee celebration. The event was held at St. Aloysius High School ground on November, 23rd 2024 at 11am.

Two motivated football teams with 15-A-Side players from St. Aloysius Alumni Veterans and St. Germain Alumni Veterans [Subash Chandra Bose (1990) – ©, George Prasanna (1994) (Goal Keeper) - (VC), Pradeep Xavier (1998), Naveen Mathew (1997), Tabrez Jhan (2002), Rohit Krishnan (1997), Anto Kirubakaran (1995), Naveen B N (2003), Sachin Joseph (2006), G. Raju (1995), Francis Selvaraj (1987), Aravindan R (1995), Davy Mohan (1999), Mohammad Atif (2002), Gerard Gilbert Babu (2003) (Goal Keeper)] gathered for this prestigious Football Tournament.

In the first 5 minutes of the game, St. Germain Alumni Veterans scored the first goal followed by St. Aloysius Alumni Veterans equalizing the score quickly. The scoreboard showed 2-2 at the end of the 2nd quarter. Both the teams played their best, but the match ended with St Aloysius Alumni emerging victorious at 2-4. The match concluded with an awards ceremony and the medals and trophies were distributed to both the teams.

This tournament fostered a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship among all the players and St. Germain Alumni would like to thank St. Aloysius School Alumni Association for the invitation.



Christmas Celebration “A Thrill of Hope” - Rajesh Joseph Mathew

Christmas is the festival which inspires the spirit of love, sharing and caring. The St. Germain School Alumni Association (SGAA) celebrated the Christmas festival “A THRILL OF HOPE” honoring the present 120 teachers, support staff and their Families.

This Christmas celebration brought joy to over 350+ guests which was celebrated at the school quadrangle on December, 21st 2024. The school was beautifully decorated with a 20 feet Christmas tree and a beautiful big O. Everyone was dressed in red, green, white or a combination of these colors which transformed the quadrangle into a festive arena.

The SGAA honored all the Teachers and Support Staffs by awarding a cash prize for those crossing a milestone of 25 years of service in school. The SGAA presented gifts to all the 120 Teachers & Support staff.

The Christmas celebration also had games like Alphabet, Couple Game & Tombola. The winners were given special gift hampers baskets by Mr. Sydney D’Sa and team. The event ended with dinner from Hotel Empire.



With Gratitude from The Joint Secretary's Desk

Thank You for Being Part of Our Community!

Dear Germainites ,

We, the Committee (SGAA 2024 – 2025) want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for being a valued member of our newsletter community. Your support and engagement mean the world to us!

We are committed to providing you with the latest updates, insights, and resources that matter to you. We hope you find our content informative and inspiring.

If you have any feedback or topics, you'd like us to cover, please don't hesitate to reach out. We love hearing from you!

Thank you once again for your support. We look forward to continuing this journey together.

Thank you

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