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P.S.Higher Secondary School Alumni Newsletter August,2022



About the School

P.S.Higher Secondary School is a 117 year old, iconic institution in Mylapore Chennai. It won the "spirit of Mylapore" award for its rich heritage and pursuit of quality value based education. The school is run by P.S Educational Society, which was formed by Pennathur Subramaniam Charities formed in 1904. Brahmasri Pennathur Subramania Iyer willed his entire property for the pursuit of education for the coming generations.



About the Alumni

The school has produced outstanding alumni, who rose to become Chief Minister, Cabinet secretary, RBI governor, Chief of Air force, Navy, Army, Architect of atomic energy, Institution builders in Medicine, Sciences and Research, Supreme Court Judge, Industrialists, National Sports person and Artist.

Alumni of our school have been a pillar of strength for the school over the years.



**Shri.A.N.Radhakrishnan, President,
P.S.Higher Secondary School
Management Committee.**

I am happy to greet you all, my fellow alumni. I am from the 1952 SSLC batch and proud to be now the President of our alma mater School Management Committee. Alumni of our school have contributed significantly to the nation's development in various ways. Many have achieved significant milestones in academic and research leadership globally. We all are indeed fortunate to have passed out of this iconic school in Mylapore. The school laid the foundation for our success in life. On Alumni Day on 21 August 2022, I convey my greetings to each and every one of you I am sure that you cherish your memory of your school. I do hope that you will continue to support the School for its sustenance and growth. I wish you all good health and success.



**Shri.M.S.Sundararajan, President,
P.S.Higher Secondary School
Alumni Association**

Dear fellow Alumni,
Thanks to the education, development and encouragement during our precious school days, we have all achieved great heights of success in our life. Many of our alumni friends have contributed significantly to the school in various forms over the years - Building of Infrastructure facilities, Computer lab up gradation, Smart Boards and other facilities. We have the unique feature of a batch celebrating its golden jubilee in the school and making a memorable contribution to its alma mater. Alumni Day is an important occasion for us all to get together and celebrate, recall our association with the school. I look forward to your continued participation in the various alumni activities.

**Shri C.V.Krishnan, Secretary,
P.S.Higher Secondary School
Dear Alumni,**

I am fortunate to have studied in our School from 1959 to 1965, I am blessed with the opportunity to serve our alma mater as Honorary Secretary now. Our school is a government-aided school since 1964. We have a great challenge to provide quality education to the students who do not pay any tuition fees. All facilities like classroom furniture, equipment, laboratory facilities, computers, Smart boards as teaching aids, internet facilities, library, computer faculty etc. need to be provided for, maintained, modernized and upgraded by the school. To meet this dire need now and to sustain it over the years, we have started P.S.Higher Secondary School Modernization and Technology Up-gradation Fund. The details are provided in this news letter. We consider it our privilege to encourage and support active use of the School by our Alumni. We are happy to continue to maintain close communications with our alumni and update them on the various developments in the School. Please feel free to contact us any time.



Value based school education leadership over a century

Dear PSians !

We are both humbled and grateful to each one of you for your continued association with your Alma mater. You have made significant impact on our society, occupying prestigious positions in formidable institutions across the nation and the globe. The school's resounding legacy can be largely attributed to the many values you've professed in all walks of your lives. In many ways you've carried forward the school's teachings and you have made your parents, teachers, and the school proud. We are immensely happy to provide an opportunity and platform to connect you to your friends and schoolmates in the same campus where you spent your formative years growing into fine young adults. Awaiting to welcome you with your comrades.



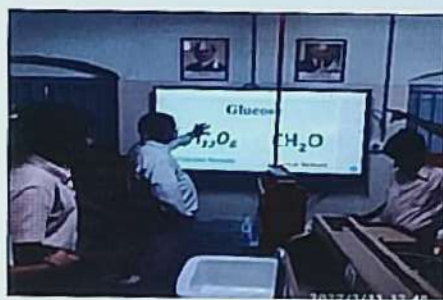
Smt. Dr. R. Kala
along with the
E-Commute Award

Dr. R. Kala, Headmistress

SCIENCE LABORATORY

Our school Science lab is very spacious and well ventilated with all basic amenities and working tables for experiment. We conduct regular practical classes for XI & XII std students. Students of class VI to X std will also come to our lab along with Science teacher for simple experiments. Our lab is well equipped with apparatus, equipments, specimens and chemical reagents needed for the students at high school and higher secondary classes. Our lab is also provided with a Smart panel board and students can understand the concepts well by watching the real life application videos. To kindle the interest among students to become future scientist, photos and write up of various scientist who excel in the field of science are kept in the wall. The chemistry lab is named after Marie Curie and Mendeleev.

-Shri. R. Natarajan
Science Department



Science Lab

Dear Alumni

The Computer Education is essential for our students to give real foundation for their future. Though Government syllabus does not provide computer education to the classes VI- X, we took an initiative to provide basic computer knowledge to our school students by providing hands-on experience with the computer in our laboratory. Our school has well equipped and well-spaced laboratory to cater to the students at Middle school, High School and Higher secondary levels. In the Higher Secondary class they have option of selecting Computer Science or Computer Application as per the board syllabus. To provide extensive education to the next level using the innovating technology we are using 2 smart panel boards in the Laboratories.

-Smt. R. Kousalya
Computer Department



Computer Lab

"The grounding of our roots always overcome distance and time"

Major contributions from Alumni

Shri K.V.Ramani - Alumnus of P.S.High School (1965 Batch) has been a great and consistent supporter of PS Educational Society (PSES) all through the years. He has been giving scholarships to students of all the five (5) schools in the Society every year. He has made a significant contribution to the University Education Fund from which scholarships are given for eligible students of our school to pursue college education. He also created a building maintenance fund endowment for P.S.Higher Secondary School. In the Founder's Day of PSES held in March 2022, Shri K.V.Ramani was honored with P.S. PATRON award in recognition of his outstanding and consistent support. In the P.S.Higher Secondary School Alumni day on 21st August 2022 Shri K.V.Ramani will be given DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS award.

Group Captain (Retd) R.Vijayakumar

An alumnus of PSHS, he is currently the Executive Director of Madras Management Association [MMA]. He has arranged for various training programmes for the students during the difficult Covid period. He has also organized Tally and Robotics training session for the students of P.S.Hr.Sec.School and P.S.Matric Hr.Sec.School. Under his stewardship, MMA has equipped our Computer Lab with new branded Computers to provide quality computer education to our high school students. Group Captain.R.Vijayakumar was honoured with P.S. PATRON award in the Founder's Day in March 2022.

Shri L.B.Jayaram 1982(XII) alumnus, is an enthusiastic supporter of the School. After an informal Sunday breakfast get together of the batch mates at the School, he decided to make a very significant contribution of 10 new branded computers and 5 smart panels (smart boards) to upgrade the quality of teaching at the school. This is a major step in the technology upgradation of the School.

Shri G.P.Ramachandran, a 1971 Alumnus of the School, in memory of his wife **Dr.Hema Ramachandran**, a well-known physicist, contributed to upgrade the physics laboratory of the school, in terms of infrastructure and laboratory facilities and also a smart panel board for teaching in the laboratory.

1972 BATCH GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION

THE 1972 BATCH ALUMNI, WITH COL. DEVANATHAN AS THE COORDINATOR, REALIZED THAT COMPUTER EDUCATION IS A KEY TO SUCCESS IN THE SCHOOL. THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PROVIDE COMPUTER TEACHERS TO THE SCHOOL. THEY CREATED THE 1972 BATCH COMPUTER FACULTY CHAIR AT THE SCHOOL IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE ENGAGEMENT OF A TEACHER FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THIS WAS DEDICATED ON THE OCCASION OF GOLDEN JUBILEE REUNION BATCH IN APRIL 2022.

An institution of higher education is a partnership among students and alumni, faculty and administrators, donors and trustees, neighborhoods and more, to build a community - and a culture.

-Ben Sasse

Alumni Messages

I am indeed delighted that my alma mater is organising the Annual Alumni Day on 21st August at the school. Since the time I passed out in 1968, I cherish the memories of wonderful time I had at the school. P S always provided amazing environment and opportunity to learn and grow myself academically as well as in other activities which helped me in joining the Armed forces. I was inspired by my teachers and their love and motivation helped me to succeed with humility. I am indeed blessed to be part of the school activities and contribute in a small way for the development of schools under the P S Society. Thanks for the opportunity and wish the Alumni Day a grand success.

-Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VJM Executive Director, Madras Management Association

Note from the always quotable 1980's batch

We, the alumni of 1980 X standard are a happy lot as we cherish the memorable school days. Very frequently we meet and interact with each other on the current affairs as well as go down the memory lane to re-live the school days which gives lot of energy and a fresh feeling. Our school the great P S Higher Secondary School gave us all a humble beginning which eventually has become the gateway of what we are all today. It has produced lot of professionals, sportsmen, musicians and what not. Today when we see our school with its current ambience and infrastructure it gives us immense pleasure and confidence that it will continue its voyage of educating students mainly from lower strata of society and make them thrive like what it has done to all of us. Our sincere appreciation to the Management for their endeavors in making this school top class and wish them all the very best to reach greater heights. Long live our Independence as well as our P S Higher Secondary School.

-L.B.Jeyaraman, 1980 Batch Alumni

Gold has been the standard of exemplary purity and excellence since time immemorial and I am very happy to be a part of this milestone of 1972 batch of our dear PS High School. This was an opportunity of a life time for the 1972 batch SSLC Students of PS High School (Now PS Higher Secondary School). Way back in 2012, two students of the 1972 batch met each other near Kopakeswarar temple, and from two on the first day we slowly climbed to a reasonable group of 15 students. As a prelude to the golden jubilee, we planned to conduct the 40th Anniversary of our batch in Vivekananda Hall inviting all the old teachers of our time. We realized its success when next day early morning, one of the teachers, in a letter, appreciated the way we had honored all the teachers. Ever since 2012 after the function, we had been working out to increase our strength and thus now we are a 50+. It could have been more but for "corona" which played spoil sport for a considerable time restricting our process. We as a group thought of a lot of projects by us to implement in the school and discussed in detail with the HM and the Secretary. With computer lab ready to be established with support from MNA, what is needed is COMPUTER TEACHER. Thus we pitched in to cater for the salary for the teacher being employed and called the support as "1972 BATCH COMPUTER CHAIR". Now with the well established PSHS Alumni Association in place and active, the alumni must and can play a stellar role to assist our alma mater in the years to come.

-Colonel C.R.Devanathan, Retd, Coordinator 1972 Batch Alumni

I am very happy to learn that my alma mater PS Higher Secondary School, the erstwhile PS High School (Main), Mylapore is organizing the Alumni Meet on 21 Aug 2022. The School we study in, is a part of our life and will always be etched in the mind and soul of every student. Our life's foundation develops in our schools, the revered temple of learning. The School has come a long way since 1905 and has produced illustrious personalities in various facets of life. I am sure the Alumni meet will be a congregation with sea of emotions for all alumni who walked the corridors of this iconic school in the pursuit of learning and building one's personality to be worthy of self and reach up to where they have arrived today. I sincerely congratulate the organizers for enabling this bonhomie providing meet and wishing every alumnus a joyous recapitulation of their growing days at this great institution.

-Major General (Dr) R.Ravikumar, AVSM (Retd), 1977 Batch Alumni

I joined the P.S.High School (as it was known in those days) in the year 1961. My parents had shifted to a locality which was at a walking distance from the school, two years earlier. In those days, P.S.High School was a wonderful option for those living in the surrounding areas. The facilities offered at the school were very moderate. But, recently when I visited the school, I was pleasantly surprised by the wonderful development that are taking place in the school, thanks to the efforts of a very committed managing committee. Although the time at my disposal was very short, still I could address the students of class XII briefly. I found that efforts are being made for the all-round growth and development of the students. I am sure it is ranked as one of the best schools in the Mylapore area and if the efforts are continued in the same way, it is sure to become one of the top schools of the city. I am happy that apart from academics, management is paying attention to other areas such as sports, music, etc too. All these would require funds and I am sure the alumni of school come forward and support managing committee's efforts in a major way. Although it is more than six decades since I first stepped into my Alma mater, still I have nostalgic memories. With all good wishes and prayers.

-Swami Shantatmanandaji, Sri Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi

School Management Committee	Alumni Association Committee
Shri.A.N.RadhaKrishnan, President	Shri.M.S.Sundararajan, President
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Smt.Vijayalakshmi PTA Member	

**Dr.S.V.Sethuraman, Alumnus of 1951, S.S.L.C has contributed significantly for
MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION FUND**



I am pleased to learn that the school is planning to release the first annual alumni newsletter on the occasion of Indian Independence's 75th anniversary. When I completed Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) in 1950 there was no guidance on what are my options. It was pretty much left to me to decide what I should do after the school; I decided to pursue higher studies which I thought was indispensable especially coming from a lower middle class family. I was fortunate to have dedicated teachers and whatever I have achieved in my life I owe it to them. School education opened up so many new doors. But today's students and teachers face a challenging environment partly because the scope of education and its purpose has vastly changed. It is a much more competitive environment. I hope the news letter will serve as a forum through which students can not only exchange ideas but also learn about future educational and job opportunities. I hope it will also provide the teachers an opportunity to get some feedback from the graduating students and evaluate the impact of their teaching leading to changes in the curricula i.e., preparing the students to face the real world. I wish the news letter all success.

-S.V.Sethuraman August 15, 2022

School Activities & Achievements



“I think the success of any school can be measured by the contribution the alumni make to our national life”

-John F. Kennedy

APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTION TO MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION FUND

P.S.Higher Secondary School is well known for producing eminent citizen of India since 1905.

Today, all the students in P.S.Higher Secondary School come from the weaker socio economic categories. They pay no tuition fees. With the Founding Father's vision, we must continue to strive for providing the best possible education with adequate modernized facilities for imparting quality education to these students.

Under the scheme for Government Aided Schools, Tamilnadu Government bears only the cost of Government Teachers. School Management has been bearing the cost of Additional Teachers (i.e. Computer Teachers), Electricity, Water, Laboratory expenses, Repairs & Maintenance, Housekeeping, Upkeep, Security and Other Administration Expenses.

There is a sustained need of

- Upgradation of Computer Lab
- Well equipped Science laboratories
- Smart boards and Internet connectivity to teach both High School and Higher Secondary classes
- Well furnished classrooms
- Infrastructure, Sports and other facilities
- Adequate computer faculty

Towards this objective we have a setup

P.S.HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY UPGRADATION FUND

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Best use of wealth is to utilize it for the spread of knowledge for the coming generations. - Founder