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P.S.Higher Secondary School Alumni Newsletter OCTOBER, 2023



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

P.S.Higher Secondary School, a unit of P.S.Educational Society, is a 118-year old iconic institution in Mylapore, Chennai. The School commenced in 1905 from the benevolence of Brahmashri Pennathur Subramaniam Iyer who willed his property towards the cause of education for the coming generations.

The School provides holistic education combining academics, extra-curricular activities and public service and builds a strong foundation of knowledge, attitude, skills, behaviour and values in the students.

It is now a government aided school, providing tuition fees free, quality education to students from the lower socio economic strata of our society.

PS Higher Secondary School brings nostalgic memories of our lovely school days, to each and every one of us. The teachers evinced keen interest in moulding us into ethical and value-based citizens. What we are today is mainly because of our esteemed school.

It continues its glorious journey and as has been the tradition, the team of teachers continue to impart knowledge and values in the students. Long live PS Higher Secondary School and a big thank you for what the school done to us.



ABOUT THE ALUMNI

Over a century, the School has produced outstanding alumni who have provided distinguished service to the nation with leadership roles in the Armed Forces, Government, Public service, Academics, Research, Science, and Technology Industry, Commerce, Banking, Law, Medicine, Sports, Music and Culture.

Alumni of the school have an emotional bondage with their alma-mater and have been providing exemplary support for the sustenance and progress of the School.

From,

Shri M.S.Sundara Rajan ,

President / PS Higher Sec School Alumni Association. (Former Chairman, Indian Bank)



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS , 2022

Shri K.V.Ramani, Founder Chancellor of SAI University - 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 schools to pursue college education. He also created a building maintenance fund endowment for PS 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 was honored with DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS award.



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Shri A.N.Radhakrishnan after M.Sc in Mathematics , started his career as a Teacher in AM Jain College. He was associated with Ramco Group for over 22 years and Shriram Group for over 30 years. He is on the Board of Shriram Foundation which focusses on education and harnessing the youth. Shri A.N.Radhakrishnan has been associated with P.S.Educational Society for several decades and has served as Secretary in P.S.Senior Sec.School, Treasurer of P.S.Educational Society, and Trustee of P.S.Charities. He is the President of PSHSS School Management Committee. It is indeed extraordinary that Shri A.N.Radhakrishnan has a penchant for composing poems in Tamil. He is the author of our P.S.Anthem.

We are honoured to bestow on him Distinguished Alumnus award on the Alumni day, 15th October 2023.



Shriram Group is an Indian Financial conglomerate headquartered in Chennai. It was founded in 1974 by Shri R.Thyagarajan. The group had its beginning in chit funds business and later on entered the lending and insurance businesses. Today, it is the largest Non-Banking Finance Company in India with entire portfolios of housing, vehicle (transport and personal), Industry and personal lending, General and Life Insurance. Insurance.

Shriram group, as a part of its CSR activity, supports many organisations in the field of Education.

Our school is supported by Shriram group for our thrust on quality Accountancy and Computer Education.



It gives me great pleasure to share some of my thoughts on this Alumni Day. I was a student of the then P.S.High School from 1962 to 1968. In one of the meetings, the Commissioner of Police began his address as 'Students of the great and glorious School'. All of us clapped continuously for five minutes. Unforgettable memories. Thanks to Pennathur Subramaniam Iyer, a great visionary, the school continuously holds its prestigious place in Mylapore. I cannot forget those years when the teachers were strict inside the class room and highly compassionate outside the class room. In particular, I would like to mention Shri Kuppuswamy Iyer, Shri Narasimhachariar and Shri Harihara Sharma. Apart from the subjects they taught, they were role-model for integrity, honesty and humility. These qualities helped me in my career as a Chartered Accountant and as a Teacher. The Educational system has undergone big changes and today there are many challenges in imparting quality education. I wish my sincere and good friend Shri C.V.Krishnan, Secretary/P.S.Higher Sec.School and also Dr R.Kala, Headmistress/P.S.Higher Sec.School continued success in preserving the culture of the school and at the same time improving the quality. It is our duty as alumni to help the school to raise its standards. I wish all my alumni friends Happy Navarathiri and Deepavali.

Shri R.Sivakumar



Computer education is not a part of the state board syllabus for 6th to 10th students. However, in our school, we have enrolled all our students in 6th to 9th standards with Bharathidasan University Special Computer Education programme and our qualified computer teachers teach basics of computers, office automation, graphic design, web design, mobile app and web development in our well-equipped computer laboratory. We provide Computer Science and Computer application electives in 11th and 12th to around 300 students. In addition, for 100 students in 11th and 12th, who have not opted for computers as elective subjects, we still provide computer education as an additional subject.



Our school is now focused on providing high quality accountancy education in our higher secondary classes. In this regard, we are now providing concept based accountancy education to our students. This will enable them to do well in their current academics. Further, it will enable them to excel in their higher studies and also get suitable employment in the vast financial services sector in India. We are embarking on an ambitious program to help, with focused coaching, those interested students who may try to pursue professional Accountancy courses.



Students who have studied upto 5th standard in government/ government aided schools, which have only upto 5th grade, join our school in 6th standard. Their skills in reading and writing Tamil and English and in Mathematics is woefully inadequate. Further, in our state board education system, everyone gets promoted all the way upto 9th standard and they face real test in 10th Public examination.



There is a strong need for proper foundation in middle school (6th to 8th). We have recruited qualified teachers (since the government does not provide them) in Tamil and English to teach the languages to the middle school students. We provide them quality computer education with hands-on working with computers. There is extra coaching for the weak students and we provide support for them to complete their homework every day.



I am delighted to hear about the P.S.Higher Secondary School Alumni Meet on 15th October. Since I am abroad, I am not able to participate in the celebrations. I am proud to be a part of this great institution. As Alumni, we should endeavour to show our gratitude to the School. I am sure the Alumni Association will help in this regard. The years we spent in this school are the best part of my life.



From
Shri V.Lakshminarayanan
(1964, SSLC batch – Chartered Accountant and Management Consultant)



DR. S. V. SETHURAMAN WING

Dr.S.V. Sethuraman Ph.D., alumnus of our school, former program Director, ILO Geneva gave a significant donation, in 2022, to the school to start the Modernisation and Technology Upgradation Fund. It is with deep regret that we heard about his demise recently in the US. Our grateful tributes to him and condolences to his family.



School Management Committee	Alumni Association Committee
Shri.A.N.RadhaKrishnan, President	Shri.M.Sundararajan, President
Shri.C.V.Krishnan, Secretary	Shri.R.Sivakumar, Secretary
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Shri.R.Natarajan,Teacher	Shri.U.V.Bhanu



Current status and support required

P.S. Higher Secondary School, today, is a government aided school catering to the children coming from the lowest socio economic strata of the society. There are no tuition fees levied from the students. Except for provision of government teachers in most subjects, the government does not provide any grant or support for running the school. Even for normal running of the school, management has to depend on contributions from alumni, public and other well-wishers.

In order to ensure sustenance of the School in future, we have commenced the following three funds:

1. Middle School Special Education Fund (to enable engaging teachers in critical subjects like Tamil, English, Mathematics and Computers)
2. Technology upgradation Fund (to enable provision of computers, smart panels and related teaching and other capital expenditure)
3. PSHSS Amenities Fund (to enable a healthy environment for learning by the students. This includes properly maintained class rooms, laboratories, utilities, support for free noon meal facility and the different co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Contribution to the above funds are eligible CSR expenditure (Ministry of Corporate Affairs registration CSR 00027626). Donations are eligible for Tax deduction under Sec 80G of the Income Tax.

Contribution may be sent by Crossed cheque in favour of "P.S.Educational Society" to P.S.Educational Society, No: 215 R K Math Road, Mylapore, Chennai-600004 or by Online transfer to saving account of P.S.Educational Society: Punjab National Bank, A/c No: 1511010120784 IFSC Code: PUNB0151120

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