



**HOLY FAMILY HIGH SCHOOL
EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

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A Report on the Holy Family High School Ex Students' Association

The Holy Family High School Ex Students Association, after many faltering starts, met yet again for its first meeting on July 6, 2000. Mr. Anand Pejawar, took the initiative and contacted a number of ex-students and finally a total of about 20 ex-students came together for this first meeting.

At the outset, the assembled members, all agreed that they would not allow the ex-students' association to falter or close down, as had happened in the past.

The Association has drawn up its Constitution and has pledged to meet at least once a month, on the third Sunday of each month and 11.00 a.m. in the School Library.

Today, this Association has met regularly every 3rd Sunday of the School Year, and has over 3500 registered members. All students passing out of Holy Family High School automatically become a registered Ex Student member.

The Ex Students Association would like to place on record the unstinting support given by Fr. Swamy and Mrs. Colette through the many years

Some of the highlights of the Association:

The Association has implemented a Nutrition Programme wherein breakfast is provided each day of the school year for 35+ students. This Programme has been running continuously since 2001; till date over 500 students have benefitted from this Programme and almost Rs 7 lakhs has been spent on this initiative.



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In October 2000, the Association organised an IT Seminar for the students of Standard IX. The participants shared with the students information regarding the IT segment, job opportunities, technological advances etc. On display was the shell of a computer, with its CPU, Disk Drives and other related parts. The students got an opportunity to see the inside of a computer and understand the workings of the various parts. All in all, it was a learning experience for the students who participated.

Every year in July, the Association also holds a Vocational Guidance Program for students of the 10th standard; Ms Shailaja Mulay an educationist, past Headmistress and a Board member on the government's educational board administers the Program; Every student and parent who has attended this Program has benefitted from it and it is an event that is looked forward to each year by both parents and students alike. Vocational Guidance is an expensive affair with institutions charging over Rs 1500 for the same; Holy Family students however benefit enormously since they need to pay only a small sum of Rs 150; the program is also run for the students of the Marathi medium too; Such is the popularity of this program, that neighbouring schools keep contacting your Association to help them hold the same in their schools.

The Ex Students' Association also holds an Inter School Competition with a different topic each year – over 12 schools from Andheri East participate regularly and it is an event most schools look forward to participate in.

Since the past 4 years, the Association has been organizing are the Ex Students' Football Tournament which has been an instant success; Over the past two years, we have also been organizing the Ex Students' Cricket Tournament too.

We also hold a Blood Donation Drive along with the PTA in conjunction with Holy Spirit Hospital.

Of course our Reunion Day is celebrated each year on the second Saturday in February where ex-students get an opportunity to meet together and catch up.

The Ex-Students Association is also a member of the Federation of the Jesuit Alumni Associations of India and is actively involved in the various activities of JAAI.