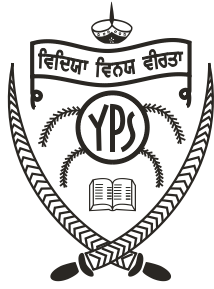


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NEWSLETTER OF YADAVINDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PATIALA
NOVEMBER-2009



NEWS IN BRIEF

- * The school hosted the 20th Col Frank Von Goldstein Inter-school English debate on 9th and 10th October.
- * The school celebrated its 60th School Annual Sports Day on Saturday, 31st October. Major General BS Grewal, Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor, NDA, Khadakwasla, was the Chief Guest
- * The Principal's Cup and Inter-house Cross country were run on Sunday, 8th November, and Saturday, 14th November, respectively.
- * A team from Aitchison College, Lahore, Pakistan, visited the school from 7th to 10th November to play a soccer and a hockey match
- * Inter-house General Knowledge quiz (Seniors) was conducted held on Monday, 9th November
- * The Senior School English Essay Writing contest was held on Friday, 13th November
- * The Middle School Inter-house Hindi debate was held on Monday, 16th November

.....CARRYING ON A TRADITION — THE SPORTS DAY

Beat the heat (and defeat),
Achieve a feat,
But always remember,
To play neat."

-A Principle

Face reddening heat, aching bones, cramps making the body numb, were some of the things that stood our way in the month of October, Only the wearer knows where the shoe pinches –but then no excuses–after all ,Sports day had to be a success. All problems, all travails had to crumble under the heavy weight of the collective will and determination.



The Chief Guest taking the Salute

No stone was left unturned. Relentless practice and hectic morning and afternoon schedules, finally, saw the labour bearing fruit as dawned the day of the Sports day of

Saturday, 31st October, everybody had been eagerly waiting for.

The arrival of the final day brought with it a plethora of excitement, fun and thrill. Every one got ready to welcome the Chief Guest of the day, Major General BS Grewal, an old student of the 1967 batch, and presently, Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor, NDA, Kharakwasla, Pune. The Chief guest came and declared the Meet open. The evening began with the very disciplined March past by the three houses. This was followed by the Ceremonial Oath –taking led by the Head girl, Chinar Kad, and lighting of the torch by school athletes, Lovanpreet Singh, Gyananjan Kaur and Sikandar. Athletic events were next in line which also included an Old students' race and the 'Karamchari' race. The evening moved on with the School Horse riding club presenting a horse show with tent-pegging as its main feature, the middle school boys and girls performing aerobics exercises followed by a Yoga show by Junior school children and gymnastics.

The evening also included an enchanting Arabic dance by the Junior school boys and girls and some dare-devilry in the form of fencing performed by Sukhandeep, Zorawar and Jovanvir of class IX and karate by Ayan Shukla of class XII. And, last but not the least, who can forget the aircraft of the Indian Air Force that flew above us, greeting us, to the accompaniment of euphoric shouts and cheering by the children?



Leading the March-Horse Riders, besides riding skills, displayed an impressive tent-pegging show.

The spectators comprised some special ones, too, amidst us that day. The school, as a beginning to a novel practice, had invited the Golden (1959) and Silver jubilee (1984) batches of the Old Yadavindrians for the evening. The old students were happy to be back to their beloved, old school and, vociferously, took part in the March Past that came towards the end of the show, with their contingent led by Mr AS Jawanda, an old student and former Principal of the school. The evening came to a conclusion with the Chief guest giving away the prizes (Phulkian house were the overall winners and Dhaniram house bagged the March Past trophy), delivering an inspiring speech and, finally, Vote of Thanks by the Principal, Mr SV Kumar. The grand show was savoured and enjoyed by all present.

NEHCAL NARULA, XN

— LETTER TO THE PRINCIPAL FROM MAJ GEN BS GREWAL (CHIEF GUEST FOR THE SPORTS DAY)

“Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for inviting me to be the Chief Guest for the 60th Annual Sports Day function of Yadavindra Public School. For me as an Old Yadavindrian it was a great honour!

I was extremely impressed to see the meticulous manner in which the entire event was conducted and the standard of athletics on display. It speaks volumes for the extremely high standards being maintained by the school. My compliments may please be conveyed to all those responsible for the conduct of the event.

It was particularly invigorating to see the emphasis on mass participation in various activities. The enthusiasm displayed by the students was impressive indeed.

My best wishes to the entire YPS family.

Yours sincerely,
Maj Gen BS Grewal”

THE WAR OF WORDS-THE 20TH COLONEL FRANK VON GOLDSTEIN DEBATE

Debating, without a doubt, is an art, a science and at times, something resembling a street brawl. It is not for the intellectually lazy, the thin-skinned, the easily riled or the faint of heart. Debating is tough, slogging work. It is also a realm for the gifted.

Upholding the very spirit of healthy and constructive debating, YPS, Patiala, hosted the 20th Col. Frank Von Goldstein Memorial Debate on 9th and 10th October. The finest orators from various public schools all over the

country, armed with the most powerful weapon-their speeches- arrived with full enthusiasm to display their skills-to convince, to manipulate, to be applauded, but above all, to awe all and sundry.

Thirteen teams participated in this debate- Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun; Punjab Public School, Nabha; St. Stephen's School, Chandigarh; Vasant Valley School, New Delhi; Aitchison College, Lahore; YPS, Mohali; British Co. Ed. School, Patiala; Vivek High School, Chandigarh; Welham Girls' School, Dehradun; Pinegrove School, Subathu; Daly College, Indore, and two teams from YPS, Patiala-Maroon and Gold.

An unprecedented change was brought about in the format of the debate, which now took place in the modified Cambridge style. The students and teachers of the school worked tirelessly for a month to make this debate a grand success.

ARRIVAL OF THE TEAMS AND DRAW OF LOTS

The teams from various schools arrived on the evening of 8th October and shortly afterwards the draw of lots was conducted wherein the teams were divided into two separate debating groups.

PRELIMINARY ROUND 1

Eight teams cleared this round held in the morning on 9th October:-

1. Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun
2. YPS, Patiala-Gold
3. Vasant Valley School, New Delhi
4. Vivek High School, Chandigarh
5. Pinegrove School, Subathu
6. YPS, Patiala-Maroon
7. Aitchison College, Lahore
8. YPS, Mohali

PRELIMINARY ROUND 2

The following teams scraped a victory in this round- held in the evening on 9th October- and made it to the semifinals.

1. Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun
2. Vasant Valley School, New Delhi
3. YPS, Patiala-Maroon

4. YPS, Mohali

THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND

In the semifinals, two debates were held in which Vasant Valley School, New Delhi, defeated Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, and YPS, Patiala-Maroon emerged victorious over YPS, Mohali.

THE HARDLINERS' DEBATE

The Hardliners' Debate to decide the 3rd and 4th positions took place in the school amphitheatre, in the evening, on 10th October. The topic for this debate was, 'The Institution of Marriage is Close to Death'. Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun, and YPS, Mohali, participated in this debate.

THE FINALS

The final round of the Goldstein debate was held immediately after the Hardliners' Debate. This round was graced by the presence of the Chief Guest for the evening, Dr. HS Dhillon, ex-Principal, YPS, Patiala, and currently Principal YPS, Mohali.

The judges for this event were Mr. Kabir Mustafi, ex-Principal, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla, Mr. Mandeep Singh Rai, Director, Income tax department, Chandigarh, and Mr. A N Dar, ex-Principal, Scindia School, Gwalior. The topic for the debate was, 'Where Silence Prevails, Justice Shall Not'.

YPS, Patiala-Maroon team (comprising of Abeer Sharma, Amrita Mann and Chinar Kad) and Vasant Valley School, New Delhi, participated in this debate. All the debaters put their best foot forward and presented convincing arguments both in favour of and against the proposition. The judges must have had a tough time selecting the winners.

After a few enlightening speeches by the Principal, Mr. SV Kumar, the Chief Guest and the judges, it was finally time for the results to be announced which were as follows:-

1st position- Vasant Valley School, New Delhi

2nd position- YPS, Patiala-Maroon

3rd position- Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun

4th position- YPS, Mohali

Best speaker- Sara Chatterjee, Vasant Valley School, New Delhi.



The 'Prize' moment-The Chief Guest giving away Runners-up trophy to YPS, Patiala which comprised of Abeer, Amrita and Chinara

"ARSENIC AND OLD LACE" - THE PLAY

The prize distribution ceremony was followed by a brilliant enactment of the play, 'Arsenic and Old Lace' by students from Thapar University, Patiala. This play is a farcical black comedy by American playwright, Joseph Kesselring, which revolves around the life of Mortimer Brewster, a theatre-hating drama critic who must deal with his crazy, homicidal family.

In nutshell, the prestigious and traditional Goldstein debate of YPS, Patiala, once again, succeeded in highlighting the fact that interaction between schools is not meant to win arguments, but to win friends.

“So, in the finals, Vasant Valley won, For what they strove, they had done, Over this year's function the curtains have fallen, In 2010, another Goldstein will (sure, sure!) happen “

ANAHAT AND HARNEHA,XII SCIENCE

FEED BACK (BY NAMISHA MALIK,XI COMMERCE)-

-“Well, the debates were really well organized. The accommodation and food were really good. We're looking forward to coming back next year.”-**VIVEK**

YADAV,RIMC

-“ It has been an excellent experience coming to YPS where I have had the opportunity to learn and understand more. Exchange of ideas and experience in education has been great. Debates were very well organized and have proved to be a great success.”- **RAJA ASHFAQ AHMED, AITCHISON COLLEGE**

-“I have to say that the debates were exhausting but completely worth it.I was at YPS two years ago and both experiences have been unforgettable. To make new friends and then battle it out with them on a range of topics-pure, unadulterated fun!”- **SARAH CHATTERJEE, VASANT VALLEY SCHOOL**

-“ Thank you for your generous hospitality. The Aitchisonians enjoyed extremely. We hope to see you soon!!”-**THE AITCHISONIANS**

-“It was our first time in Patiala, and thanks to your school's hospitality ,it is not going to be our last. Great people here!”-**DALY COLLEGE**

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

A beautiful Saturday evening with a slight nip in the air. Venue-the Junior School Amphi-theatre, nicely decorated and bustling with grandparents and parents-waiting. The time-6 o' clock in the evening and the day-24th of October. The event-the Junior School concert.

The Chief guest for the evening, Mr AS Jawanda, former Principal, YPS, other guests and parents were all welcomed by a melodious prayer song sung by the choir, followed by the devotional Saraswati Vandana. Here the dancers could be seen dancing in perfect co-ordination. Memories of childhood, of toys and of Noddy were re-kindled when the Prep-II children ,all seventy four of them, enacted , 'A Journey to Joyland', and enthralled the audience with the March past of the Tin soldiers, the doll dance and the cute duckling dance.

All hundred and eighteen children of class I could be seen dressed up in various professional attires of sailors, cooks, policemen and doctors. With their 'Jungle Rock'.class II children spread a wave of awareness of preserving nature.



The Dance of Delight — Girls gyrating to Arabic Tunes

The colourful Salsa dance, with the girls dressed in pinks and greens and the boys in smart suits, left the audience spell bound.

With the play, 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin', the audience again took a trip down memory lane. What everyone had read till now was enacted now, beautifully, before their eyes. From narration to the foot-tapping music of the rat-dance, the perfect Pied piper and town people, all made the play win a big round of applause.

It was a moment of pride and honour for the budding writers of the Junior school when the Junior school magazine, 'The Fledglings', was released by the Chief guest.

The speech of the Chief guest was motivating and was followed by the Vote of Thanks by the Head of the Junior school.

Last, but not the least, came the Arabian dance. One could see these seventy seven children dressed up in Arabian costumes, coming in from everywhere and anywhere. Soon the spectators were seen tapping their feet and clapping their hands to this catchy music. Well, the combined effort and the hard work of the children and their teachers, the co-operation of the parents and the able guidance of the Head of the Junior school made this concert a big success.

- MRS. ANJU PANDE

CAMPUS NEWS

*Result of the GK quiz held on Monday, 9th November-

Ist – DRH with 131 points

IIInd-MH with 110 points

IIIrd-PH with 79 points

The DRH team comprised of Jungbaz, Samman, Ayush, Pir Uday, Prateek and Akshay.

*Result of the inter-house Punjabi debate (seniors)-

Individual positions-

1st-Ayan Shukla

2nd-Parleen Kaleka

3rd- Tarika Narula

House positions-

1st-DRH

2nd- PH

3rd- MH

* Result of the inter-house Hindi debate (seniors) held on Monday, 16th November-

Individual positions-

1st- Ayan Shukla

2nd- Kritika Dhawan

3rd- Chinar Kad

House positions-

1st- MH

2nd-PH

3rd- DRH

.....SO FAR SO GOOD

The Cross Country races, Principal's Cup and Inter-house, were conducted on Sunday, 8th November, and Saturday, 14th November. The results are as follows-

Principal's Cup-

Ist –PH with 102 points

IIInd-MH with 96 points

IIIrd-DRH with 95 points

Inter-house-

Ist-PH with 482 points

IIInd-DRH with 283 points

IIIrd-MH with 210 points

Individual Positions-

Girls-Ist- Gyananjan Kaur

IIInd-Jaskirat

IIIrd-Vibhuti

Junior boys-Ist-Gursewak

IIInd-Kashish

IIIrd- Harpreet

Senior boys-Ist-Lovenpreet

IIInd-Balraj

IIIrd-Devender

ONCE AGAIN TO..... NAKRANA (AND, FIRST FOR ME!)

It is 4 o'clock in the morning and the adventure begins. Some of us are sleepy and cold, and others, with more energy and enthusiasm. The bus picks us up at the main gate of YPS and that's how our trip starts. We are nineteen in total, sixteen students and three teachers. Our first stop is near the gurudwara to wait for a student who's late. Finally, after waiting for about half an hour, we can continue our trip. After four hours of travel, we reach our destination and begin our long journey. The sun rises and that's how our trekking to Nakrana begins. For me it was the first time and I was quite excited about how everything was going to be, while for others that was their second, third or fourth trip.

The first hour of walking was quite relaxing- the landscape was quite nice- but after this "relaxing walking" is where everything begins. We begin our ascent on a path bordering a river, going up and down through rocks, some of them bigger than others. The landscape became amazing and beautiful. Natural lagoons and waterfalls surprised me making everything more interesting. We were all exhausted but it didn't make us stop- it was definitely interesting! After almost five hours of walking, we stopped for lunch (we really needed this break to recover our energy to keep walking). We took our backpacks again and were on our way. In spite of the rising temperature, nothing could stop us from going through the hardest part of the trek. Finally, we reached the end of the first part of the trekking to Nakrana. I was really exhausted, so I left my backpack on the floor and sat and rested for a while waiting for the others to come. We rested for about an hour where we had 'chai' and some snacks. Then we began our descent to our final destination. The landscape turned even more impressive, and far away I was able to see the dam where we were going to spend the night after a long and tiring day. We, finally, reached the camping site. We were very tired, so, we set the tents and prepared food. The night went on, and no one slept. I was amazed and impressed with the energy the students



On the Rocks.....

had, because even though they were as tired as I was, they just kept talking, telling jokes and singing songs that I didn't even understand, but enjoyed. These students were definitely admirable.

Next day, after everything was organized and cleaned, we took a boat which took us to the starting point of our second phase of our trek. This part of the trek looked easier than the one before and it led us directly to a temple. After about three hours of walking, going through the endless number of stairs, we reached the final destination. I was really exhausted but I couldn't regret anything- the trip had been incredible so far. After resting for a while, we left our backpacks and began to walk to the temple. The problem was that nobody told me that to go there we were supposed to take a ropeway- something that was not at all fun for me, since I'm afraid of heights. Of course, they laughed at me and made jokes about it, or even worse, they tried to scare me even more.

The walk on the ropeway lasted probably less than five minutes, but for me it seemed to be eternal. When we got there, the place was crowded but the view was wonderful. After being there for at least an hour, it was time to go back home. So, we took a trolley that took us to the bus where we began our trip back to Patiala. The journey was incredibly amazing and it will definitely last in my memories as one of the most beautiful trips I have ever taken.

Thank you to all who were part of this trip and made it even more incredible and memorable.

MS. ISABEL(VISITING FACULTY)

AITCHISON COLLEGE VISITS YPS

A team of twenty eight students accompanied by three teachers, Mr. Shahid Mohammed, Mr. Mohammed Arif and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa, from Aitchison College, Lahore, Pakistan, visited the school from 7th to 10th November. The purpose of the visit was to play a hockey and a soccer match against YPS teams.

During their stay, the visitors were taken to various known and famous places of the city including the vintage forts of the erstwhile Maharajas of Patiala, besides also going for a movie and to the big, bustling bazaars of the city. They were escorted, throughout, by School prefects. A formal dinner, too was hosted for the teams in the School Nalagarh park.

The visit provided for a healthy inter-action between the two institutions and we look forward to more such visits and meeting our friends from across the border.

Results of the two matches played were-

The hockey match was won YPS by 1-0 (Saurabh scored the only goal) while the school team lost the soccer match by 0-2.

MAIL BAG

-A LETTER FROM MRS AND MR DAR:

Dear Stanley and Helen,

Rohini and I are still suffering from the hangover of our stay with you all. It was a perfect holiday with business and a great mix of work and people. It was great to see YPS continue to evolve. You both make such a caring and loving first family at YPS. Our prayers are for you and YPS to enjoy a long and happy togetherness.

There was not a single false note in any way. The arrangements, the attention, the topics were all carried out beautifully with care to every detail. Please congratulate your staff for conducting themselves with such élan. I am writing separately to Ratna for treating us as a member of their family.

The standard of debating was very high in every way. If you had another day, we would have welcomed it for we could have met some more schools.

Travel arrangements were perfect. We reached on time.

Warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dars.

You might like to share this poem with your staff.

(Excerpts from: "The Heart of a Teacher" by Paula Fox)-

"The child arrives like a mystery box...

with puzzle pieces inside

some of the pieces are broken or missing...

and others just seem to hide

But the HEART of a teacher can sort them out...

and help the child to see,

the potential for greatness he has within...

a picture of what he can be

Her goal isn't just to teach knowledge...

by filling the box with more parts

it's putting the pieces together...

and creating a work of art

The process is painfully slow at times...

some need more help than others

each child is a work in progress...

with assorted shapes and colors

First she creates a classroom...

where the child can feel safe in school;

where he never feels threatened or afraid to try...

and kindness is always the rule

She knows that a child

can achieve much more

when he feels secure inside

when he's valued and loved...

and believes in himself

...and he has a sense of pride

She models and teaches good character...

and respect for one another

how to focus on strengths...not weaknesses,

and how to encourage each other

She gives the child the freedom he needs...

to make choices on his own

so, he learns to become more responsible...

and is able to stand alone

He's taught to be strong and think for himself...

as his soul and spirit heal

and the puzzle that's taking shape inside...

has a much more positive feel

The child discovers the joy that comes...

from learning something new...

and his vision grows as he begins

to see all the things that he can do

A picture is formed as more pieces fit...

an image of the child within

with greater strength and confidence...

and a belief that he can win!

All because a hero was there...

in the HEART of a teacher who cared,

enabling the child to become much more...

than he ever imagined...or dared

A teacher with a HEART for her children...

knows what teaching is all about

she may not have all the answers...

but on this...she has no doubt

When asked which subjects she loved to teach,

she answered this way and smiled...

"It's not the subjects that matter...

It's all about teaching the CHILD."

-FROM THE PRINCIPAL, AITCHISON COLLEGE-

" Dear Mr Kumar,

Our boys have returned from their stay with you at YPS

and are full of gratitude to you and to your team for

the very hospitable reception you accorded them.

There could have been no greater measure of their

appreciation than that many of them wanted to stay on. I hope we will be able to reciprocate your gesture and kindness soon here at Lahore.

Please convey my warmest thanks to your teams and to your staff who together made this visit such a memorable one for or Aitchisonians.

Yours sincerely,
FS AIJAZUDDIN"

PLAY ON

* Two plays by William Shakespeare, 'Macbeth' and 'The Midsummer Night's Dream', were staged on Saturday, 7th November, in the School Amphitheatre. Both the plays were performed by the Wide Aisle Productions, a theatre group based in Gurgaon. This innovative group comprising of people from various walks of life aims to promote and encourage students' interest in the plays of William Shakespeare. The group that came into existence in 2007 has already performed in a number of schools to



Macbeth lies dead as Lady Macbeth and other Characters look on

an overwhelming response. Both the plays (each of one hour duration, with part narration and part enactment) were remarkably performed and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

* In quick succession another interesting play, 'The Last Leaf', by O' Henry, was performed on Monday, 9th November, by students of Class V of Yadavindra Public School, Mohali, who came specially to Patiala to present the play for the students of the school. The play was directed by Mr. Zubin Mehta and was a poignant presentation enjoyed by all.

EARTH HOUR-THE GREEN MARCH

A Green march was organized by the students of classes V to IX of the school on Monday, 16th November. The Principal, Mr Stanley Vinod Kumar, and the Vice-Principal, Mrs. Mimi Rani Bajpai, flagged off the march from the school main gate. The students carried placards



Go Green-The Principal and the Vice-Principal Flag off the March

and slogans which highlighted various environmental issues. It was a successful march where the class teachers escorted the students from the school gate, round the Pologround and through the Lower Mall area back to the school Junior school gate. This march purposed to create general awareness among the people of the city of a clean, green and healthy environment.

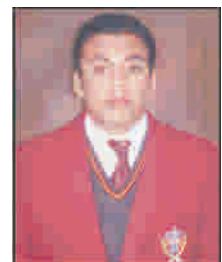
-MRS. MONICA SINGH

SPORTS NEWS

* The School athletic team participated in the 46th All India IPSC Athletic Meet held at Punjab Public School, Nabha, from 24th to 28th October. Following were the results-

-Sikanderjeet –Gold in Discuss throw, Hammer throw and Shot Put. All three were New IPSC records.

Sikanderjeet was declared the Best Athlete of the Meet



- Lovenpreet Pannu-Silver in 100m,200m,400m races and bronze in the 4x100m relay.
- Sukirat Boparai-Silver in Hammer throw
- Harnoor Kaur-Bronze in Hammer throw
- Gyananjan Kaur-Bronze in 5km Walk
- Jangbaz Singh-Bronze in High jump
- Yogesh Jindal-Bronze in 4x100m relay
- Sameer-Bronze in 4x100m relay
- Rajender Pal-Bronze in 4x100m relay

The boys' team stood third and the girls' team stood fifth, overall, in the tournament

*Our students participated in the National Fencing Championship held at Kalyan, Maharashtra from 18th to 21st of September. The following were the results-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Sukhandeep	IXE	Team	Silver
		Individual	Bronze
Jasseerat	VIII O	Team	Bronze

Sukhandeep was also selected for the Youth Olympics. Bhavneet, IX N, also received a participation certificate.

*Sikanderjeet Singh, XP, participated in the 85th Open Punjab Junior Athletics Championship held at Hoshiarpur on 10th and 11th October and won a Gold medal in Discuss Throw with a distance of 47.64 meters.

*The School badminton team participated In the IPSC Badminton Championship held at Modern School, New Delhi, from 2nd to 6th October. Following were the achievements-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Bob Sharma	beat	Raghav	Mayo College	11-0,11-1
	beat	Vidhant	Doon School	21-11,21-6
	beat	Shaan	DPS	21-11,21-9

Bob won the individual Championship.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Apaar	beat	Nitin	Bhawan Sawan	11-9,11-6

In the team event, YPS defeated Air Force School by 2-1, In the semi-finals, YPS defeated DPS, Mathura Road,

New Delhi, by 2-1,

In the finals, YPS defeated Doon School, Dehra Dun, by 2-1 and won the Team Championship

In the U- 17 category-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>School</u>
Ayush	lost to	Dhruv	Doon School
Akshit	lost to	Vaibhav	Doon School

* School students participated in the Open District Roller Skating championship. Following were the results-

GROUP 14-16 YEARS-JUNIOR-

-Sanjamjot Singh, XE-Rink I race-Gold,Road Race-Silver,Hockey-Gold-Pratap Singh, XO-Hockey- Gold

-Deshvir, IXP-Rink II Race-Gold, Road Race-Gold, Hockey-Silver- Parampal, IXN-Hockey-Silver

GROUP 12-14 YEARS-JUNIOR-

-Akshit Saini, VIII E-Rink II –Silver, Road Race-Silver, Hockey-Gold

GROUP 10-12 YEARS, SUB-JUNIOR-

-Sifatjot Singh, VI E-Road Race-Gold,Rink II-Silver,Hockey-Gold

* Following were the results of students participating in the 19th District Roller Skating championship held at Rink Hall, Patiala--Rohit Goel, XE-Rink Race I-Gold

- Amit Goel, VIIN-Rink Race I-Silver

Rohit Goel also participated in the School State Skating championship held at Government Model Senior Secondary School, Civil Lines, Patiala from 3rd to 7th November. He stood third in Rink Race I and II.

* The School U-19 Cricket team participated in the IPSC tournament held at Rajkumar College, Rajkot, Gujarat, from 26th to 31st October. Following were the results-

YPS reached the quarter-final stage of the tournament after defeating Birla School, Ranikhet, and Bhavan School, Baroda(Rajeshwar was declared the Man of the Match). In the quarter-final played against DPS,New Delhi, Gauravpreet was declared the Man of the match.

* The IPSC Hockey tournament for boys(U-19) was held at MNSS Rai from 11th to 14th November. In the first match against Modern School, New Delhi, our team won by 6-0. Two goals each were scored by Saurabh, Yogesh

and Fateh. The school team lost the second match to PPS, Nabha, by 1-5. The only goal was scored by Paramveer. Our team defeated Sainik School, Kapurthala, by 3-1. Scorers were Saurabh who scored 2 and Fateh who scored 1 goal. In the semi-final match against the hosts, we lost by 1-6. Saurabh scored the only goal. Our team was placed third after winning the Hardliners' match against Scindia School, Gwalior, by 6-0. Two goals were scored by Saurabh and Gurwinder and one each by Fateh and Paramveer.

* Our school swimmers participated in the Punjab State School Swimming championship held at Roop Nagar from 12th to 16th October. The results are as follows-

- Armaan Singh-100m Free Style-2nd; 50m Butterfly-2nd
- Sukhreet Kaur-4x100m Free Style relay-3rd
- Rohit Garg-200m Butterfly-3rd
- Pritampal Singh-20m Free Style-2nd; 4x100m Free Style relay-3rd
- Nitashinder Kaur-50m Breast Stroke-3rd; 4x100m Medley Relay-2nd
- Rushil Kapoor-4x100m Free Style relay-3rd
- Saleena Dhaliwal-100m, 200m and 400m Free Style-3rd
- Jasmine Sohi-100m, 200m and 400m Free Style-2nd; 4x100m Free Style relay-1st; 4x100m Medley relay-2nd
- Sohinoor Jeji-4x50m Free Style relay-1st; 4x50m Medley relay-1st
- Aayushi Saluja-50m and 100m free Style-3rd; 50m Back Stroke-1st; 4x50m Free Style relay-1st; 4x50m Medley relay-1st

The following school swimmers also participated in the 55th National School Games, 2009, held at Kolkata from 21st to 25th October- Armaan Dhillon, Pritampal Brar, Karan Brar and Rushil Kapoor.

*The final house positions in the inter-house cricket matches (seniors)-

- 1st- DRH
- 2nd-MH
- 3rd-PH

The Rajindra Singhji inter-house Cricket Cup has been won by DRH.

THE INCOMPARABLE SPS - AN OBITUARY

It was a bright and pleasant day. Mr. Surinderpal S. Brar (SPS to his friends, acquaintances and students) had settled down to light reading, sitting on his armchair in the verandah of his place at Kasauli. His sister had just checked in on his health- all was fine! When after a while the attendant went up to him, he seemed to be taking a nap- only it was the everlasting sleep which had overtaken him, as he passed away peacefully on 27th October, 2009.

SPS was a person of many lives; he had an impeccable command over the English language, and was always immaculately dressed. In fact, he was probably the most refined and polished person one has ever come across. Better known as the son of S. Harpal Singh, the first Sports Officer at YPS, SPS carved a niche for himself as an excellent teacher and a strict disciplinarian. It was always a pleasure to work with him for he was very trusting, and gave a virtual free hand to this writer when they worked together as House master and Assistant House master of Phulkian house. Under his influence, PH scaled unexpected heights of success in virtually every field of activity. He made sure that the house staff was given full support in carrying out their responsibilities, so that the outcome was the best of inputs.

SPS lived an active 70+ years, taking life as it came, to its fullest. Living a retired life, he nevertheless kept in touch with many in Patiala. He always appeared bright and fit, even after the heart surgery he went through. He will be surely missed by many of us, especially the YPS fraternity. We join the family in praying to the almighty for a pacific repose to the departed soul. May he rest in peace.

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