



Dear Alumni

Greetings from St Joseph's Boys' High School!

Our recent visit to the USA will be cherished by us for a long time. Across thousands of miles our school is remembered lovingly by its Old Boys and Girls whose loyalty and fondness for their alma mater remains steadfast. We are deeply grateful for the warm welcome and hospitality we received throughout our visit.

Over the past two decades, several upgrades have been made to the school infrastructure. The school's location in the center of Bengaluru is both a blessing in terms of accessibility and a challenge in terms of space for expansion and parking.

In 2023-24 we embarked on an ambitious project to build a double story basement for parking below our old school field, upgraded the field with new drainage and added a new four-story block for additional classrooms and STEM labs. These upgrades are imperative to comply with the requirements of India's National Education Policy. It will also establish the school as a "center of excellence" for our students, staff, parents and alumni as well as for other urban and rural schools across Karnataka by providing them access to our various programs.

This new infrastructure project has an estimated budget of INR 60 CR. While the Karnataka Jesuits will finance a substantial portion of the cost, we now appeal to the generosity of Josephites individually, our batches or your companies to join us in supporting the school in this critical initiative and help us complete this ongoing project. While the gratitude of generations of Josephites who will benefit from your magnanimity will be immeasurable, your generous contribution will be recognised with a School classroom, lab or block being named by you or your batch.

We are happy to announce that an appeal to the Josephites has met with immediate response. Mr Irfan Razack (Batch of 1968), Chairman and Managing Director of the Prestige Group and his brothers Rezwan and Noaman, who are also Josephites, donated INR Five Crore and the School honoured them by naming one of the blocks as the Razack Family Block. Interest and commitments of financial support from other Josephites are being finalized and will be announced shortly.

We thank all our Josephites who as individuals, families and batches through the OBA provided the financial support for our previous infra-structure upgrade project (2000-2003), scholarships for needy students, support for sportspersons, medical insurance for teachers, remedial tuition and mid-day meals for the less privileged. We also sincerely thank those who selflessly give their time to conduct various activities in and outside school and serve as members of the OBA Committee.

In 2024, all US cash contributions are deductible up to 100% of Adjusted Gross Income. The savings for appreciated stock are even greater. There are several ways to donate:

1. For Payment Instructions worldwide email alumni-relations@sjbhs.edu.in
2. For Credit Card Payments in the US go to <https://lnkd.in/gPwBnm7D>
3. For ACH and Wire Transfer Instructions in the US email jaanafinance@gmail.com with Subject "JAANA General Endowment"

Donations will be tax deductible in the US and India and also be eligible for various levels of recognition approved by the administration. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to receive your ardent support for our ongoing projects. If you have any questions, please email alumni-relations@sjbhs.edu.in

On behalf of the St. Joseph's community of Students, Parents, Staff and the BJES (Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society)

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