# SARGODHIAN

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## SARGODHIANS: BORN TO EXCEL; DESTINED TO LEAD

TWO TOP SARGODHIANS SCALE THE PINNACLE OF THE PAF ECHELON:
ONE APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF,
THE OTHER VICE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF



Pre-Cadet Rao Qamar Suleman(851-Sabre)
now Air Chief Marshal and Chief of the Air Staff



Pre-Cadet Hifazat Ullah Khan(492-Starfighter)
now Air Marshal and Vice Chief of the Air Staff

Some people are born to excel and lead, and Sargodhians are one such privileged lot. This fact was amply proved by the appointment of **Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman (851-Sabre)**, as the Chief of the Air Staff and **Air Marshal Hifazat Ullah Khan(492-Star Fighter)** as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff. Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman is the fourth Sargodhian to be appointed as the Chief of the Air Staff, after Air Chief Marshal Farooq Feroze Khan (69 - Fury), Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat(697-Fury) and Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed(767-Fury). Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman began his career as a pre-cadet at PAF Public School, Sargodha in 1967. An outstanding student, he showed early promise, as his housemaster described him in his term report as, "An intelligent and industrious boy with the potential to do well in all activities." His Principal was as astute in his assessment as he wrote about him, "A boy of sterling qualities, likely to do very well in the long run." A prophecy that turned out to be true.

As a pre-cadet Rao Qamar Suleman took keen interest in academics, co-curricular and extra curricular activities, especially aero-modeling and sports. His blossoming leadership qualities earned him the appointment of a School Prefect.

**Air Marshal Hifazat Ulllah Khan (492-Sf)** stepped into PAF Public School, Sargodha in 1968 as a Pre-Cadet in Starfighter House. He clearly impressed others by his all-round potential and gifted sporting prowess. His HM described him as, "A calm, composed, intelligent and hard working boy, who is very popular among his peers." He played hockey and cricket for the House and school teams and won colours in both the sports.

**PAF Public School Sargodha** congratulates both these celebrated officers on their elevation to the prestigious offices of the Chief of the Air Staff and Vice Chief of the Air Staff, and prays that the PAF achieves new heights of glory under their distinguished leadership. The school also wishes the outgoing Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, and Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Shahid Lateef all the very best on their retirement from the PAF.



Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, NI(M), S Bt, the new Chief of the Air Staff, receiving command sword from the outgoing Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, NI(M), S Bt



Air Marshal Hifazat Ullah Khan, HI(M), Vice Chief of the Air Staff, receiving Air Chief Marshal Rao Qamar Suleman, NI(M), S Bt, Chief of the Air Staff, Pakistan Air Force

### PARENTS DAY---2009

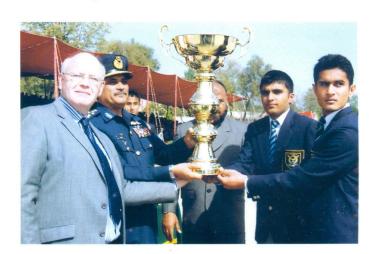
The school celebrated Annual Parents' Day-2009 on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009. Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, NI (M), S Bt, the then Chief of the Air Staff, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Parents, old Sargodhians, civil and military dignitaries also attended the function.

Proceedings of the day began with a soulful recitation from the holy Quran by Pre-Cadet Yaseen lqbal (2856-F). Smartly turned out display teams then entertained with their skills all those attending the function . Supple gymnasts led by Noman Tufail (2688-Fn) started the proceedings and won a lot of applause from their adoring parents and everyone present on the occasion. Abbas Ali Khan (2669-A) then led the beautifully-clad Ninjas onto the field. They mesmerized the audience with their consummate skills. Next came out the PT squad, dressed in their respective house colours. Their lively performance captured the hearts of their indulgent parents. Saboor (2684-Sf) and Aniq (2766-Fn) were next with their home-assembled aero-models. They started off in style but then Murphy's Law came into play and Saboor's plane developed engine problem. Aniq compensated by some magnificent aerobatics with his aero-model and won a big round of applause from the audience. Up in the blue heavens, they made loops, curves and showed to the amazed spectators how well trained the future Air Warriors of the country were. Everyone on the ground felt soaring with the zooming in and out of the planes.

Soon after the Aero Modelling Display, the Principal presented an exhaustive Annual School Report. In his report, he highlighted the marvelous academic achievements of Sargodhians. He informed the delighted parents that the boys had broken all previous records and bagged almost all positions in their last Board Exams. In F Sc, Pre-Engineering group, out of the first 15 positions, 10 were secured by Sargodhians; whereas in Matric Exam, out of the first 15 positions, 12 went to Sargodhians, with an unbelievable 90+% class average. Together with academic excellence, the Principal also highlighted Sargodhians' superb performance in both sports and co-curricular activities. Malik Asad, a student of F Sc, won the first prize and a handsome cash prize in the Chief Minister Punjab's Speech and Essay Contest.



Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, NI(M), S Bt, the then Chief of the Air Staff, awarding the Dramatics Trophy to Pre-Cadets Saddam and Irfan of Tempest House



Pre-Cadets Iftikhar and Umar receiving Chief of the Air Staff, GSK Trophy from Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, NI(M), S Bt



House Captain Falcon House receiving Academics Trophy from Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed NI(M), Sbt, the then Chief of the Air Staff

After the annual report, the Chief Guest gave away prizes to the winning houses and individuals. Obaid Fayyaz received prize for overall excellence in academics, while Bilal Kayani was declared Sportsman of the Year. Sammee-ur-Rehman clinched prize for being Artist of the Year, whereas Khurram Khan and M Sarosh Naseem got prizes for being the Best Performers in English and Urdu dramatics respectively. Ahsan Jamil and Farhan Saleem secured prizes for being the Best in Woodwork Project and Usama Shahid got the prize for being the Best Artist in Clay-modelling. Suleman Shikoh was declared the Man of Letters, while M Rizwan Riaz and Abdul Saboor Fawad received prizes for the Best Instrumentalist and Best Aero-modeller respectively. Obaid Fayyaz, besides receiving the prize for being Man-in-Green, also got the Best Boy of the Year award. Starfighter House lifted the coveted Quaid-e-Azam Trophy for being the overall Champion House of the Year.

In his address, Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed lauded the efforts of the institution in securing excellent academic success. He reminded the boys that they were lucky to be part of a prestigious institution where every effort was made to equip them with the best of training and grooming. As a celebrated student of the School himself, he reminisced some of the best moments he had spent in the school and heaped lavish praise on the teachers who were his true mentors. He encouraged the boys to make the best of the opportunity and come out with their best because the nation needed the very best in every sphere of its existence. He, however, said that mere achievement of academic records without moral excellence and wholesome personality grooming was an exercise in futility. He reported that he was glad that PAF Public School was laying special emphasis on wholesome grooming of the boys.

The School Head-boy raised three cheers for our distinguished Chief Guest and the proceedings came to a satisfying end.



Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, NI(M), S Bt, shaking hands with Rafid-al-Islam (2862-Hf), a Bangladeshi student



A group photo of students who received awards for achieving distinctions in various facets of training

### SELECTION OF NEW APPOINTMENT HOLDERS

In an impressive ceremony on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009, Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett, Principal, PAF Public School, Sargodha, announced the names of Appointment Holders for the year 2009-2010. In order to make the role of the appointment holders more effective and enable them to reach out to maximum number of boys so as to resolve their problems, the number of key appointment holders was increased with the additional appointment of two Assistant Headboys. The names of the new appointment holders are as follows:

School No

Name

**Appointment** 

House

Muhammad Uzair Aziz Khan	2715	School Headboy	Fury
UmairAbdullah	2719	Deputy Headboy	Starfighter
Muhammad Atif	2748	Assistant Headboy - I	Attacker
Sameed Ahsan	2705	Assistant Headboy - II	Tempest
REMAINING APPOINTMENTS			
House Captain	School Prefect	House Prefect	House
Muhammad Atif (2748)	Shakaib Tahir (2701)	Amr (2765) Ossaf (2732)	Attacker
Adil Ilyas (2723)	Amar Ali (2700)	Anwar Ahmed (2739) Yawar Abbas (2747)	Falcon
Ali Raza (2759)	Junaid Anwar (2754)	M Faizan Arif (2730) M Zeeshan (2708)	Fury
Saqib (2729)	Imran (2772)	Rizwan (2768) Ali Anjum (2714)	Halifax
M Jawad Jehanger (2758)	Tayyab Munir (2710)	Adnan Akram (2728) Taimoor Hassan (2755)	Mirage
Asad Ullah (2742)	Asad Gondal (2743)	Zain Ali (2756) Usman (2727)	Sabre
Umair Abdullah (2719)	Sahir (2751)	Mujtaba (2750) Junaid (2734)	Starfighter
Sameed Ashan (2705)	Jahanzeb Khan (2702)	Sarosh Naseem (2720) Ali Abbas (2712)	Tempest



New Headboy Pre-Cadet Uzair Aziz Khan (2715-Fury) receives Headboy's Cane from the outgoing Headboy Pre-Cadet Obaid Fiaz (2615-Sf)



The new Appointment Holders with the Principal

During the traditional Handing Over of the Headboy's Cane Ceremony, the outgoing Headboy, Pre-Cadet Obaid Fayyaz (2615 Starfighter) handed over the Headboy's cane to the new incumbent, Pre-Cadet Uzair Aziz Khan (2715 Fury). He also wished him good luck in his new assignment. Pre-Cadet Uzair Aziz Khan praised and thanked the out-going Headboy for his services and numerous contributions to the school. He pledged that he would follow in the footsteps of his able predecessor and try to live up to the expectations of the Pre-Cadets, faculty and administration of the school.

To make the occasion more memorable and re-double the enjoyment of the boys, a musical concert by a popular local group 'Awaz' was arranged. Apart from singing pop and dance numbers, the vocalists also sang some popular semi-classcal songs of the 60s and 70s, which not only greatly touched audience with a more sober taste, but also aroused in them feelings of nostalgia for the days gone bye. It was indeed a fulfilling and satisfying moment for many.

### FAREWELL TO 37™ ENTRY

In order to give a befitting farewell to the Pre-Cadets of 37<sup>th</sup> Entry, a musical concert by the famous Lahore-based pop group '*Jupiters*' was organised at the school on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. The group sang some fantastic songs all through the night and mesmerised the audience with their bewitching musical skills. Some young Pre-Cadets were so enthralled that they invaded the stage and kept on dancing till the end of the concert.

Despite so much of fun and excitement generated by the musical group, the hysterical Pre-Cadets could not help crying and shedding tears of affection when they started embracing one another for the last time, as they were scheduled to leave for their homes early next morning. Even some teachers, including the Vice Principal found it extremely difficult to control their emotions on this somber occasion. The Principal was equally sad to be bidding adieu to his senior boys. Such is the bond of affection and mutual respect among the students, teachers and administration. May this bond continue to strengthen with each passing day, and may our boys make the dreams of their parents and teachers come true by recording new chapters of glory for themselves, the school and the PAF! Aameen.

# Fresh Batch of Sargodhians Arrives

As many as 80 proud parents left their sons to the loving care of PAF Public School, Sargodha on 05 May 2009. The 42nd entry was received in the Fountain Lawns of the school by Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett, the School Principal and Gp Capt Saeed A Khan, the Vice Principal. After the initial formalities, buddies from 41st entry took the new entrants to their allotted houses and introduced them to their HMs, AHMs and some Pre-Cadets who awaited their arrival. It's good to see the young ones take to their new routine like fish to water.

# FALCONITES WIN THE JUNIORS' FLOODLIT CRICKET TROPHY ATTACKIERS TAKE THE RUNNERS UP SLOT

In order to facilitate the process of settling in for the newly-arrived 42<sup>nd</sup> Entry, the school organized a Cricket Contest on the directive of the Principal. The Sports Section chalked out a weeklong knock-out system with houses divided into two pools. The pool matches generated huge excitement among the young contestants and reduced the pangs of homesickness. By the time four houses reached semi finals, the whole school was infected with cricket fever. The new boys made their throats sore by raising slogans and cheers for their respective teams.

Attacker House, the hot favourites, beat Sabre House in the first semi-final as expected, whereas Falcon House humbled Halifax House in the second semi-final. The Attacker House team with its record of clean wins was considered the top-most team of the contest.

On 12 May, 2009, the two finalists came face to face at floodlit field No 2. Winning the toss, the Falconites decided to bat first. In the allotted 12 overs, they were able to post a challenging score of 108 runs, courtesy some wayward bowling by Attackerites. Zeeshan with four wickets and Aamir with two wickets were the main wicket-takers for Attacker House. Nabeel (3082-Fn) was the only batsman who played some gutsy shots and held the fort for Falconites.



The Principal awards the Cricket Trophy to Falconites

In return, the Attacker House kept losing their flashy batsmen at regular interval. Their captain, Kamran Arif (3048-A), made a brave knock to keep the hope of winning alive till the last over when they had to score 09 runs to win. Credit must be given to the Falcon House captain, Abdul Rehman (3046-Fn) for his shrewd captaincy and wise use of the bowlers. Abdul Jabbar (3081-Fn) took three wickets but the roar of applause went for Taj Mohammad (3035-Fn), who was the most economical bowler. Thus Falcon House beat their opponents by 05 runs. Truly Falcons fly high!

The Principal, Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett, gave away certificates and trophies to the winners and runners up. The atmosphere echoed with spontaneous cheers and there seemed no trace of homesickness on the beaming faces of the little boys. The boys' joy was redoubled with the announcement that there would be no morning jerks the following morning.

### **Starfighter: Champion House of the year**

The struggle for the Quaid-e-Azam trophy began very early in the school year. The trophy epitomizes all-round excellence in all facets of training. Like always before, the championship was closely contested, as boys in each house competed tooth and nail for excellence. Fortune favoured the deserving, as various inter-house competitions unfolded. Due to change in Sargodha Board Exam schedule, the academic year got squeezed, resulting in the cancellation of some inter-house sporting events. The Fighters maintained their winning ways and emerged as the worthy recipients of Quaid e Azam Trophy. Falcons were the runners up.



Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, NI(M), S Bt, the then Chief of the Air Staff, awarding Quaid-e-Azam Trophy to the House Captain of Starfighter House

### Farewell Visit by Begum Zareen Tanvir, Former First Lady of the PAF and President PAFWA

Begum Zareen Tanvir, wife of Air Chief Marshal Tanvir Mahmood Ahmed, the then Chief of the Air Staff, honoured PAF Public School, Sargodha, with her farewell visit on 07 March 2009. She met the faculty and staff and discussed various professional matters with them. She praised the faculty and administration of the school for providing quality education to the Pre-Cadets and making consistent efforts for further improving the standards of the school in various spheres of activities. The Principal, Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett was all praise for her involvement in social work as the First Lady of the PAF and President PAFWA. Talking about her future plans, Begum Zareen Tanvir hoped to continue her social work even after saying good bye to the PAF. We wish her continued success in all her philanthropic works as well as a happy post-retirement life.



Begum Zareen Tanvir being presented a small gift by Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett, Principal PAF Public School, Sargodha

### Major General Zahid Mubashir visits his old Alma Mater

Major General Zahid Mubashir (565-Fury) visited PAF Public School, Sargodha, his old Alma Mater, in February, 2009. He called on the Principal and discussed matters of mutual and professional interest with him. He praised the Principal and school faculty for providing quality training / schooling to the Pre-Cadets. During the discussion he recalled with a great sense of nostalgia, his stay at this school and the role of his teachers in making him what he is today. He remained with the Principal for some time and the two exchanged gifts as a token of mutual affection and respect.



Major General Zahid Mubashir (565-Fury) during his visit to his old Alma Mater

# **Campfire Night**

Despite the chill in the air, the eve of 09 April brought a lot of fun and excitement for the Sargodhians. They gathered round the logs set ablaze by Mr Wayne Christopher Hignett, the Principal, and enjoyed a night of pure fun and entertainment. A hit movie set the pace of this wonderful night. Songs, dances and skits by the Sargodhians followed it. The skits were hilarious caricatures of their favourite, the teachers as well as the Vice Principal. Sarosh (2720-T) can be dubbed comedian of the year for his whacky performance. All formalities were put aside. The young and the young-at-heart danced away the night. Those present will remember for a long time Flt Lt Ahmed Shahzad's break dance and Sqn Ldr Anwar Chaudhry's bhangra dance. Even the very shy and retiring Flt Lt Khurram Shahzad was also made to dance by his adoring students.



A glimpse of the Campfire Night