

SARGODHIANS

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PARENTS DAY 2004

PAF Public School, Sargodha held its Annual Parents Day on 18 February, 2004. Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat, Chief of the Air Staff was the Chief Guest of the day.

On his arrival at the School, the Chief Guest was received by the Principal, Air Commodore (Retd) M Abdul Qadir Sargaana. The School Parade Ground wore a festive look on the occasion and was packed with dotting parents, high ranking Air Force Officers and distinguished local dignitaries.

Present on the occasion were some prominent Old Sargodhians: Air Marshal Tanveer M Ahmed, Chairman School Standing Executive Committee, Air Marshal Rashid Kaleem, AVM Shahid Latif and AVM Mirza Zafar.

The out going entry presented a smart Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest. After that, the parents and guests were entertained by a very well coordinated Gymnastics/Martial Arts and PT displays. The boys gave a thrilling performance and the spectators were uproarious in their applause.

After this impressive display, the Principal presented the Annual Report of the School activities, highlighting the

academic and sports achievements. He also informed the audience that Sargodhians were doing extremely well wherever destiny had taken them. He urged upon the parents to continue extending their cooperation to the School for the balanced growth and well being of their sons and wards.

After the Principal's Report, the Chief Guest gave away the prizes to the boys for their brilliant academic as well as sports performance. Of the eight boarding houses in the School, the Sabre House lifted the Champions Trophy, Quaid-e-Azam Trophy, for overall best performance in the year 2003-04. Mohsin Javed, the School Head Boy, was declared the Best student of the year.

Being himself a Sargodhian the Chief Guest in his address recounted his own days at the School and told them that they were very fortunate few to be in an institution with a glorious record of distinguished success. He also appreciated the efforts of the faculty in grooming the young minds and urged upon them to concentrate on the character building of the boys. Furthermore, he assured the parents that their sons were in safe hands and the Pakistan Air Force was alive to the demands of the time and providing all necessary support in making their young sons into worthwhile men of character and skills.



On the occasion of Parents Day, Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat (697-F) along with some high-ranking Air Force officials visited Fury House. It was a nostalgic trip. The Chief reminisced his good old days in early sixties when he was in the house as a young boy. The euphoric House Prefects cherished every moment of his presence in the house. Later on he went to witness a wonderful exhibition put up by the School Hobbies Club.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

In the wake of information blitz, it only looks appropriate to change the old hand written school **News Sheet** into a printed **Newsletter** with a new face.

We are happy to inform you that behind this synchronized revival is none else but our traditionalist Principal, Air Cdre A. Qadir Sargaana (Retd). His constant persuasion, insistence and support are, indeed, the magical ingredients that made the vision a reality.

Our effort is to convert every worthwhile activity in the school into a readable living history of the institution. What goes on in the academic block, houses and sports fields is our main concern. Also, we would like to give some space to the news of good old Sargodhians. For this very purpose, we would like the old boys to subscribe for the Newsletter. Those who subscribe will be posted a copy each month.

The old boys are also requested to keep us posted about the good traditions / anecdotes in their time at the school. For inspiration of the young Sargodhians, we would like to revive them.

The Newsletter will also be available on our school website: www.ppss.edu.pk. Do let us know how you view our efforts. Feel free to suggest improvements; we would love to translate your ideas into aesthetic actions. Email us on:

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HOT NEWS

THREE CHEERS FOR A HALIFAXIAN'S FEAT

The Academy Under Officer, Avn Cdt Tariq Waheed (1805-Hf) made a clean sweep of three coveted trophies at 112 GD (P) Passing Out Parade held at PAF Academy, Risalpur on 27 March, 2004. He received the acclaimed Sword of Honour, the Best Pilot Trophy and GST Trophy from Mir Zafarullah Jamali, the Prime Minister of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The next day the school went in a spontaneous uproar of cheers when the Head Boy broke the news in the morning assembly.

SABRE CELEBRATES THE QUAID-E-AZAM TROPHY

Sabre House being the Champion House of the Year celebrated the marvelous achievement in an impressive ceremony at their house. Together with the Housemasters and tutors, the boys arranged a gala and made speeches to laud the efforts of sabrites who had successfully defended their championship for the second consecutive year. On this occasion the prominent players and academic badge holders of the house were given awards and certificates. To keep the level of motivation in the house at maximum, the house introduced a new running trophy for the Best Boy of the Year. The trophy was named after their former Housemaster, Latif Noonari. Barring the House captain every boy of the house was eligible to contest for the trophy. This year it was given to Umair Raza (2203-S, the 32nd Entry).

ATTACKER WINS THE ATHLETICS TROPHY

Inter House Athletics Championship in the school was resumed in January, 2004 after a long slumber of almost nine years. The old athletics track is now part of history, because, in 1994, the construction of two new houses, Halifax and Mirage, gobbled up the arena of athletics. A new athletics field and track has been developed behind the Halifax and Mirage Houses.

True to their name, the attackerites outshone other houses right from the start. In almost all events their agile athletes found their feet on victory stand. Their combined efforts resulted in winning the Athletics Trophy. Ammar Alvi (2314-A) was declared "the Best Athlete of the Year" and awarded the School Colour. Another prominent performance was of Farzouq Sherazi (2288-A), who won 100 m and 200 m races.

EXAMANIA!

January to May are the months in which the dreaded but unavoidable Examania attacks the school. All of sudden, the number of *Namazis* increases; the sports and entertainment take a back seat; the boys become paragons of exemplary discipline and the Housemasters develop raw nerves. Although the administration tries to chip in with lots of concessions like doing away with the morning jerks, school assembly, late breakfasts etc., the mood remains a brooding one. Presently, the school is in the iron grip of examania. Class 8 will be promoted to class 9 at the end of March; class 9 and 10 will have their Board encounters in March and the Fsc classes will wrestle with it in April and May. The great wits of the world prescribe nothing but the axiom: **Tension Full: Result Nil; Tension Zero: You are a Hero!**

INTER HOUSE QUIZ COMPETITION

Attacker House won the Inter House Quiz Competition-2003-04 held in January 2004. Umer Sheraz (2245-A) was declared "Quiz Master" of the year.

CRICKETERIA

In January, Tempestians initiated a Cricket Gala. Four teams under the captainship of Prefects Shamsher Abdullah (2230-T), Mehmood Masood (2246-T), Adeel Niazi (2253-T) and the House Captain Faisal Haleem (2197-T) gathered to start the league matches. The final was played between Shamsher-XI and Mehmood-XI. Mehmood XI won the final easily. Faisal Haleem was adjudged the best batsman while Abdul Samad (2271-T) and Awais Ahmed (2262-T) were declared the best allrounder and best wicket keeper respectively. Sqn Ldr Amjad Ali, Housemaster Halifax House was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Not far behind were the Fighters! They came up with "**Saikang Under 18 Fighter's Cup**" with four teams: Wild Dogs, Rockets, Blue Lady and Manchlay.

Uzair (2320-Sf), Usman (2270-Sf), Waqas (2326-Sf) and Humair captained the four teams. The Rockets and the Blue Lady emerged as the finalists. After a tough fight, the Rockets managed to lift the cup. The House Captain, Shahbaz (2231-Sf), gave away the prizes to the prominent performers. Waqas was declared the Man of the Series.

FURIANS HOLD INDOOR GAMES COMPETITION

Under the supervision of Hasseb ul Hassan (2228-F), the House Prefect, Fury House held an Intra - House Indoor Games

competition. Table Tennis, Chess, Draughts and Carom were played both on singles as well as doubles basis. The competition lasted for a week and generated lots of enthusiasm in the house. After pitched battles and amid the deafening cheers from the supporters, the Dorm No.1 emerged as the Champion of the Year. The individual champions were:

Ahmed Ali (2259-F)	Table Tennis (singles)
Luqman (2331-F)	Carrum (singles)
Hassan (2389-F)	Draughts
Zeeshan (2341-F)	Chess
Sammar (2243-F) &	
Nabeel (2460-F)	Table Tennis (doubles)
Mohsin (2195-F) &	
Sammar	Carrum (doubles)

Later on the award ceremony was also held in which all the champions were awarded medals, where as the runners up won the cash prizes.

Sammar Amed, the School Prefect, won three medals and was declared the Best Indoor Games Sportsman of the house.



The Students Mess Entrance

MIRAGIANS LIFT THE X-COUNTRY TROPHY

Under the captainship of Omer Zamir (2343-M), the Mirage House won the Inter House X-Country Championship- 2003-04 held in February, 2004.

FURIAN PRIDE

Furians are never tired of telling every Tom, Dick and Harry, whoever cares to listen, that the present No 1 and 2 in Pakistan Air Force are Furians.

The 37th Entry is expected to report on 11 April, 2004. The Sargodhian clan will have the addition of 80 young members.



The Renovated School Canteen

The Financial Advisor's Visit

Mr. Ghulam Mustafa, the new Financial Advisor, Pakistan Air force, visited the school in March. Air Cdre AQ Sargaana (Retd), Principal, PAF Public School, Sargodha briefed him about different sections of the school and later on took him for a short round of the academic block and the houses.

Happy Birthday!

The Editors wish many happy returns of the day to the staff members who celebrated their birthdays between January and March. The gatecrashers for the fabulous cakes and parties must jot down following names and dates:

S/L Dr Pervez	01 Jan
S/L Najamuddin	15 Jan
S/L Shahid Hafeez	06 Feb
F/L Arif Mobeen	15 Feb
F/L Shehzad Ahmed	21 March

THE SCROUNGERS LUCK

With the School Medical Officer, Dr Naqi, away on attachment to Risalewala for two weeks in March, the scroungers of the school had a field day. Their Oscar- winning performances won them EDs and LDs left, right and center. The poor visiting doctor could not make out why the administration went berserk with "well deserved" rest to the "sick" boys.

THE STAFF'S GALA

The school staff finally put their act together and arranged a well earned and long awaited get-together. The Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2003 had kept them on their toes through out the year. Hardly had their raw nerves taken a sigh of relief when they were once again put into the top gear for the Parents Day in February, 2004.

In March, however, the renovated Staff Club and its lush green lawns wore a festive look. The evening started with a note of thanks by Sqn Ldr Latif Noonari to the Chief Guest of the evening, Air Cdre Abdul Qadir Sargaana (Retd), for spearheading the staff in a caring and befitting manner. The Principal on his part vehemently refused to acknowledge any credit for the successful Golden Jubilee year. In his usual modest style, he returned the credit back to the staff.

After these grim pleasantries, Flt Lt Khaslat Abbas was invited to recite his humorous poem on the staff blues. The audience went into roars of spontaneous laughter and the gathering turned into warm souls ready to enjoy the evening.

The joyous mood was accentuated by the appetizing aroma of an Epicurean dinner. Soon everybody was seen doing justice to the variety of dishes and desserts.

After the dinner it was time for Mr Gaggan to enthral the audience with his wonderful *Ghazal* singing. Sqn Ldr Anwer Chaudhry in his inimitable anchor person role introduced the artiste. Also on this occasion, Sqn Ldr Shahid Hafeez sang a beautiful *ghazal* and received flattering appreciation. The audience seemed to be in no mood to break the good spell of soulful singing but they had to as the next day was a working day.

Thus the gathering dispersed late in the night with the resolve to arrange such functions with regular intervals.

UP, FALCON, UP!

The Falconites seem to have taken a turn. They appear determined to make their mark. Their bang came when their academic star, Mohsin Khalil (2273-Fn) topped the school entry in Send-Up exam for first year. Not far were the juniors: in Inter House Quiz Competition, Waqar Raza (2375-Fn) and Bilal Alam (2613-Fn) secured 1st and 3rd

positions respectively, thus entitling the Falcon House as Junior Champions of the competition. Next was the Inter House X-Country Championship where their swift runner, Saquib Javed (2260-Fn), outpaced all and earned the well deserved X-Country Colour. The icing on the cake came when in Inter House Athletics Championship, M.Tahir Balti (2292-Fn) beat all other competitors in the Long Jump. In the same competition Saquib Javed grabbed 2nd and 3rd positions in 1500 meter race and 800 meter race respectively.

Looking at the sudden surge of adrenalin in Falconites, the other houses have started taking them as serious contenders for future championships.

ADDITION TO THE FACULTY

Mr Ahmed Shehzad joined PAF Public School, Sargodha as a teacher in the Department of Pak Studies on 24 March, 2004.

WEDLOCK

Mohsin Raza (24th Entry) got married on 08 January, 2004

THE DISTINCTION

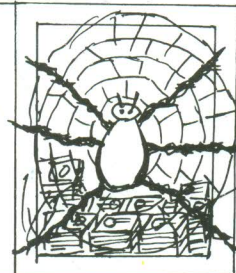
Mamoon Shafaey (1965-A) holds the top appointment of Academy Senior Under Officer at PMA Kakul. He is to pass out in April, 2004. Knowledgeable sources dub him as a strong contender for the coveted Sword of Honour on the Passing Out of 109 Long Course.

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

On Parents Day, Aamir Qayyum (2213-Hf) was declared the Sportsman of the Year-2003-04.

CARTOON OF THE MONTH

Text Book Section!



Notebooks

Since Sir A. Munim took over

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UPDATES

For those who have not visited PAF Public School, Sargodha for sometimes, we have attempted to update on what new

additions / changes have been brought at the school during last two years.

STAFF CLUB

The Staff Club has been changed into an updated five-star Guest House with addition of one suite. The adjoining lawns, too, have been transplanted afresh. It gives a fabulous look and is a place to be. The old Sargodhians can now visit their alma mater with their families with out worrying where to stay.

GOLDEN JUBILEE MONUMENT

Last year was the Golden Jubilee year of the institution. To commemorate this landmark achievement, Pakistan Air Force raised a wonderful monument across the Students Mess lawns and beside the School Canteen. With its beautiful waterfalls and landscaping the site is a place to visit.

THE STUDENTS MESS

The entrance to the Students Mess has been redesigned. With marble floor and a new face lift up, it is a pleasing sight.

THE ACADEMIC BLOCK

With new colour scheme and landscaping, the academic block looks fabulous. The old hedges are gone and new scheme of flower beds and hedges adds to the aesthetic feelings of the visitors.

STUDENTS TEA AREA

At the far end of the lawn between the library and the auditorium hall stands a new spacious shed for the students to take their break during academic activity. An aesthetic scheme of flower beds in the adjoining lawn and surrounding lush green trees add to its appeal.

THE MUSHAF HALL

The School Auditorium has been renamed after Air Chief Marshal Mushaf Ali Mir Shaheed and renovated. The new side paneling and sound system have brought much desired quality to the hall.

JOGGING TRACK

Right from the turn towards the academic block, a new 2.5 km long Jogging Track has been developed beside the boundary wall of the school. Winding, it continues beside the wall and ends at Rafiqi road in front of the Tempest House. The joggers describe it fantastic, particularly when citrus orchards happen to be in bloom.

THE LIBRARY

The School Library has been renovated. With marble floor and addition of two galleries inside, it has been a thronging centre for book lovers. The interior design, too, has aesthetically been changed to give it a soothing look.

THE ADMISSION SECTION

The Admission Section has been shifted to the basement of the auditorium hall. Renovated, beautified and provided with state of art facilities, the old, stale basement that used to be the grave yard of every unserviceable item now is the envy of other sections in the school. The earning horse has finally been provided a decent stable.

THE OLD HOUSES

The old houses Attacker, Fury, Sabre and Tempest have been completely renovated. The entrance area on all floors, the changing areas and toilets have marble tiles. In the changing areas, the steel almirahs have been replaced with built-in wooden cupboards. On the ground floor, the study area and the library room, too, have new ceramic tiles. Besides, all the electric wiring is now concealed. The dormitories on the top floor have been provided desert coolers to keep them bearable in the summer season. The houses have also been furnished with new school curtains.



The renovated School Library



The Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Kaleem Saadat takes a round of the Golden Jubilee Monument.

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