

SARGODHIAN

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THE SCHOOL WINS ALL PAKISTAN BILINGUAL DECLAMATION CONTEST

Sargodhians lifted the All Pakistan Declamation Contest Trophy at Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur on 08 October 2004. M. Shafique-ur-Rehman (2370- Hf) and Syed Waqar Raza (2375- Fn) claimed the first and third positions in Urdu and English declamation respectively. Next day in the Morning Assembly, the two received a roaring welcome from the school and glowing words of praise by the Principal.

AIM HIGH !

Adnan Raza (1795 - S) made a bundle of trophies and medals at his passing out ceremony held at PAF Academy Risalpur. A CAE graduate, he made away with the Best Project Trophy, the Rector's Gold Medal for Overall Best Performance and the President's Gold Medal for Best Project. Later on, the DCAS (Engg) also awarded him a cash prize of Rs 25000/-. His award winning project was developing software for Traffic Engg of GSM Cellular Unit Network. Well done, Adnan! Sargodhians are proud of

MIRAGIAN FEAT

Out of seven leading appointments at PAF Academy Risalpur, four have gone to the Miragians including the coveted appointment of the Academy Under Officer. Also, Junaid Farid (1991-M), Adnan Fayyaz (1869-M) and Shehzad Rasool (1890-M) have been appointed as Sergeants. Ice on the cake, Nouman Khaleeq (1264-M) has achieved the distinction of being the first Instructor Pilot among young Sargodhians.

THE TRADITION REVIVED

After the lapse of almost 30 years, the auditorium of the School reverberated with the impassioned words of the celebrated poets of the country and a long forgotten tradition of holding Mushaira was held at the School on 4 December, 2004.

The Mushaira started with igniting of the candle by the celebrated poet of Punjabi and Urdu, Mr Anwer Masood. Sqn Ldr Asif Ali played the role of the host of the evening.

There were four sessions of poetry recitation. The first session comprised of the student poets of the School. Asad (2455-A), Rizwan (2293-A), Hafiz Adeel (2338-M) and Saad(2322-M) bagged roaring applause from the audience as well as the poets. In the second session the staff members of the school presented their creative efforts and received the appreciation. The third session was for the local poets from Sargodha town. They, too, received generous applause from everyone, Dr Shad's punjabi verse, in particular, captivated the audience.

The last round was for the guest poets. Dr Saeeda Bano Rishm from Faisalabad, in her peculiar style, recited some of her punjabi verse and bagged the hearts of the audience. Dr Inamul Haq Javed and Mr Sarfaraz Shahid with their wildly famous humour in verse brought the audience to tears with laughter. To add to the audience's peaked delight, finally came Mr Anwer Masood with his inimitable humour, pathos and style. There seemed a never ending line of requests for his famous verse. However, late in the night, he capped his spell with his famous poem, Ambree, and left many of the audience in real tears.

At the end Principal, Air Cdre (R) M Abdul Qadir Sargaana, thanked the Chief Guest, Air Marshal Muhammad Yousaf SI (M), Tbt, AOC, Central Air Command, poets and guests for adding beauty and colour to the cultural life of the School.



The galaxy of poets enthralling the audience

Brush with History



Not everyone achieves eminence in one's lifetime; there are few lucky and probably chosen ones whose deeds decorate the pages of history. This line of thought does not portray a Sargodhian! As a matter of fact, a Sargodhian is a brand name for quality and excellence; it is a seal of dependable material and a sure trumpet of enviable deeds. A Sargodhian does not believe in eulogy; he would rather modestly call it simple *factology*. They do not seek history because it is there in the very fabric of their mental makeup, an integral part of their eminent culture.



The innocent looking cubs at the left take no other identity marks but Sargodhians for swiftly changing into roaring lions. The trail of their glorious pursuits is an inspiring page for those who have yet to journey from the left of the page to the right.



The then and now portraits that you see prove that excellence needs no passports. Strive and you shall find is the message of divine wisdom. Kaleem Saadat (697-F), Ehsan-ul-Haq (589-F) and Ahsan Salim Hyat (447-S) have done exactly that to deservingly earn the slots of Chief of the Air Staff, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee and Vice Chief of Army Staff respectively. Their brush with history is a usual Sargodhian tale with usual Sargodhian moral:



AIM HIGH!

SWORD OF HONOUR

We continue receiving the happy information about Sargodhians' proud achievements. The latest in this regard is from Commodore Khan Hasham Bin Saddique (1087-T) of the 21st Entry, who claimed the coveted Sword of Honour at the Naval Academy in June, 1980.

Old Sargodhians are requested to post us about the details of their illustrious achievements so that the same may be displayed in the School History Room.

A R QURAIISHI VISITS THE SCHOOL

Mr A R Quraishi, former Principal PAF Public School Sargodha and Aitchison College, Lahore, together with the Head Master, Chand Bagh Public School, Muridke visited the alma mater of Sargodhians on 20 October, 2004. In his brief visit, Mr Quraishi visited all the important sections of the school and went around the houses and the Hobbies Club. He looked obviously pleased at finding the School in a superb shape. He described it as "a page from a picture book".



GUEST LECTURE

On 5 October, 2004, Sqn Ldr (R) Atta-ul-Haq delivered a slide lecture about his expedition to Antarctica. He was one of the members of the team that had gone there to set up a laboratory. He narrated inspiring account of how the team braved the ravaging climate and returned safe and sound after accomplishing their mission. After the lecture there was a barrage of questions by the eager young Sargodhians who wanted to know each and every thing about the expedition. With rapt attention they listened to the interesting anecdotes about penguins and other life forms in the frozen continent. Later on the guest speaker had tea with the Principal and the staff.

LOWER TOPA SCHOOL VISIT

PAF Public School, Lower Topa sports contingent visited PAF Public School Sargodha from 10 - 12 October, 2004.

The Topians were warmly received by the Sargodhians, who had been looking forward to their trip. The first match of the fixture was of basketball. The first half of the match was a thriller as the scores continued changing sides. However, after the half time break, Sargodhian defence became almost impregnable. At the final whistle, the score was 70 - 42 in favour of the Sargodhians. Next day was the dreaded encounter of cricket. The corridors were abuzz with the tales of Topian batting power. The 25 overs match started with Lower Topa winning the toss and opting to bat. To the dismay of the spectators, the whole team was packed to pavilion in 11 overs with mere 75 runs on the board. The Sargodhians completed the required runs in 13.4 overs with the loss of four wickets and thus sealed the fate of the fixture. Shehbaz (2342-S), Abdul Munim (2511-F), Ali Ahmed (2259-F) and Moazzam Mehmood (2302-T) emerged as heroes of the match.

The cricket fiasco probably proved to be a nasty blow for Topians as in their last match of football, they seemed completely out of touch. Unbelievably, the team seemed in low spirits, else there was no earthly reason to leave the ground after conceding 7 goals to nil.

However, what was lost on the sports fields was not lost on other fronts. The visitors impressed the hosts with their sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct. Both the sides made lasting friendships which will certainly outlive the memory of match losses. The Head Boys exchanged the warmest notes in their farewell speeches and the Sargodhians bid them a farewell worthy of close friends.

INTER HOUSE QIRA'AT COMPETITION

Inter House Qira'at Competition was held in the month of Ramdan on 21 & 22 October, 2004. On the basis of the cumulative points scored by the junior and senior competitors, Falcon House lifted the Champions Trophy for the year 2004-05. At the end of the contest, Principal, PAF Public School, Sargodha, Air Cdre (R) Abdul Qadir Sargaana, gave away the prizes to the individual position holders and the trophy to the winning house. Later on in his brief address, the Principal appreciated the efforts of the contestants and told them that none of them was a loser as each one had earned bundles of Allah's blessings.

Following is the list of the individual positions:

JUNIORS

- 1st : Usman-ur-Rehman (2665-M)
2nd : Mudassar Hassan (2513-Fn)
3rd : Salman Amin (2630-Sf)

SENIORS

- 1st : Tahir Balti (2292-Fn)
2nd : Salman Ahmed (2401-Fn)
3rd : Abdul Waheed (2360-A)

FALCON LIFTS THE INTER HOUSE DRAMATICS TROPHY

Falcon House lifted the Inter House Dramatics Championship Trophy-2004. It was a closely contested championship as all the houses in their annual dramatic presentations had come up with some of the memorable performances and skits. However, the panel of three judges found Falcons to be the best performers of the year.

THE BEREAVED

🔥 Naseerullah Ranjha (860- T) of 17th Entry breathed his last on 05 November while on Umra in Saudia Arabia. He was buried at his ancestral village near Sargodha. At his funeral, the School sent a floral wreath as a token of respect for the departed soul.

🔥 Sqn Ldr M Idrees Patni (HM Sabre House) and Flt Lt Ahmed Shehzad (Instructor in Pak Studies) mourn the loss of their dear mothers who passed away in December, 2004.

The School shares their grief and prays to Allah for eternal peace to the departed dears and patience to the bereaved.

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FURY WINS THE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Fury House beat Halifax House in the final of the Inter House Senior Hockey Championship - 2004. The match was played on 04 October, 2004. Amid the thundering cheers of the spectators, proud Furians lifted the Champions Trophy. Their heroes, Azzam (2316-F) and Zaheer (2359-F) were the only scorers of the final match. Zaheer, also, set a new record of scoring the highest number of goals : out of Furians 15 goals through out the championship, Zaheer made 13 goals. Previous record of the highest score was 10 goals set by Umair Najeeb of Sabre House. The Principal gave away the trophy to the winners and certificates to the runners up. With this remarkable win, Furians have come close to winning the Sports Trophy of the year.

MIRAGE LIFTS THE BASKETBALL TROPHY

Mirage House won the Inter House Senior Basketball Championship - 2004 on 13 December, 2004. In the final match Miragians defeated Tempestians by 52 - 28 points. Omer Zamir (2343- M), who achieved the distinction of being the highest scorer of the championship with 190 points from 5 matches to his credit, proved to be the only difference between the finalists. At the end of the final, Gp Capt Badar-Z-Kayani, Vice Principal, gave away the certificates to both the teams and trophy to the winning Miragians.

SABRE WINS THE X-COUNTRY

Sabre House won the Inter House X-Country Championship - 2004 on 21 December, 2004. In a colourful ceremony, the Principal gave away the prizes to the individual position holders and the trophy to the winning team. The boys covered the distance of 3.7 kilometres and Awaiz (2525 - HF) emerged as the Champion X-Country runner of the year. He covered the distance in 11.43 minutes. Munim (2511- F) and Sohail Nawaz (2467 - S) obtained 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. The unique thing about this year's marathon race was that all the individual position holders were from the 35th Entry.



Proud Furians receiving the Hockey Championship Trophy from the Principal

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DRAMA NIGHT

On the eve of 24 December, 2004, the School Dramatics Club presented two One-Act Plays in English and Urdu. The evening started with the introductory note by the School Head Boy, Saqib Javed (2260-Fn). Air Vice Marshal Mohammad Yousuf, AOC Central Air Command, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

On an impressive set, the first play presented to the packed auditorium was **The Haunted Clothesline**, an anonymous English play. It was a light hearted comedy about two teenagers, Julie & Ronnie (played by Khurram - 2673-Fn and Shafique - 2358-T respectively), who wanted to go to a party but were hampered by their feuding parents, Mr & Mrs Carlin and Mr & Mrs Monhan (played superbly by Waqar - 2375-Fn, Ikrash - 2353-Fn, Faraz - 2384-Hf and Amar Jalil - 2570-Hf respectively). The conflict was resolved with the appearance of Romeo's ghost played by Waleed Khakwani (2409-T). Faizan Karamat (2385-A), who was also student director of the play, appeared in the special role of the chorus.

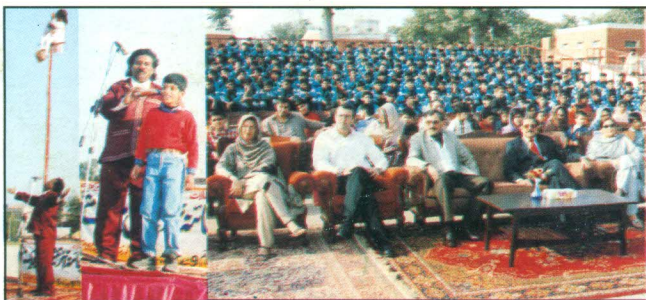
The play was lavishly appreciated for its crisp dialogue, superb performances and meticulous presentation. Production manager, Mohsin Munir (2470-A) and prompter, Waqas Latif (2492-Hf) received special praise for their key roles. The audience was uproarious in applause for the director of the play, Sqn Ldr Shamila Syed and her assistant, Flt Lt Rehana Alam.

After a break for refreshment, the Urdu play, **Sheeshay ka Ghar**, was staged. The story of the play revolved around a thriving marriage bureau where the proprietress with her suave manners convinces almost every customer into an arranged marriage. The situation at the climax turned ironic when the proprietress' daughter came weeping on the stage to narrate the tale of her self sought ruin through an other marriage bureau. Deftly incorporated songs and dances in the plot added to the entertaining value of the play. The dialogue had a witty punch and the delivery was almost professional. Hammad (2324-Hf), Awaiz (2262-T), Zahid (2542-A), Tehman (2535-T), Sajjad (2453-M), Rohail (2519-S), Ali Rashid (2582-Sf), Faizan (2625-Fn), Rehan (2666-Hf) and Fatir (2518-T) came up with lively performances and earned a well deserved applause.

The play was a combined effort by the Urdu Department. Sqn Ldr Anwer Chaudhry authored the play and Sqn Ldr Asif Ali and Flt Lt Munim Mahdi gave the direction assisted by Mr Iqbal. The guests and the school were all up in the praise of their efforts. The audience was equally appreciative for the stage hands and prompters of the play. Saad Abdul Jalil (2281-M), Taha Safeer (2468-Sf) and Abdul Qayoom (2534-A) were applauded for their stage management.



The cast and directors of the Urdu (L) and English (R) plays with the Chief Guest



The School witnesses the Magic Show

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In Brief



➤ The 36th & 37th entries went on educational visits to the Science Museum & Shalamar Garden Lahore on 7 & 8 October & December, 2004 respectively.

➤ The 34th Entry visited PAF Base Mushaf on 13 December, 2004 accompanied by Sqn Ldr Shamila Noonari.

➤ The 33rd Entry went for an educational visit to Dawood Hercules Chemical factories on 14 December, 2004 accompanied by Sqn Ldr Najamuddin.

➤ Flt Lt Fareeha Haider joined the School as Bursar on 01 November, 2004.

➤ For the entertainment of Sargodhians the School arranged a Magic Show on 03 December, 2004. Famous magician of Pakistan, Mr Arshad Ali Badi along with his talented team of gymnasts and tricksters presented an incredulous array of magical feats and earned a deafening applause from the wonder-struck spectators. From passing the school tractor over his body and pulling the heavy school bus with his hair of head, Mr Badi performed many unbelievably smart tricks to out wit everyone.

➤ The School Entry Test for the 38th Entry was held on Sunday 21 November, 2004 simultaneously at the exam centres in Lahore, Sargodha, Rawalpindi, Multan, Peshawar, DI Khan, Sukkur, Hyderabad, Karachi and Quetta.

➤ For the first time in the history of the institution, the School has formed an Honour Committee comprising the School Head Boy and the House Captains. The committee is supposed to go in session whenever there is a case of the violation of the School Honour Code & Discipline and suggest a suitable corrective or punitive action.

➤ The new School website with a fabulous look and updated information has been launched. Just log in at www.psss.edu.pk and browse to find the latest news and events at the School.

➤ In the third week of December, Attacker House held an Intra House Indoor Games Competition. Ammar (2314-A), M Zubair (2486-A), Mohsin (2470-A) and Usman (2588-A) emerged as champions in Table Tennis, Carrum, Chess and Draft respectively.

➤ Habibullah (2266-Hf) and Mohsin Munir (2470-A) have been declared the Best Senior and Junior Sportsmen for the year 2004-05 respectively.

➤ A farewell party was given to Sqn Ldr Khaslat Abbas, Teacher in Urdu and AHM Starfighter House, on 23 November, 2004. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal lauded the services rendered by him and wished him well in his future life. Representing the Urdu Department, Sqn Ldr Asif Ali recounted some of the nice moments and important achievements of the departing officer. Sqn Ldr Khaslat Abbas in his speech thanked the institution for giving him so many nice memories to treasure.

PRINCIPAL VISITS PAF ACADEMY

Principal PAF Public School Sargodha, Air Cdre (R) Abdul Qadir Sargaana, visited PAF Academy, Risalpur on 16 December, 2004. In his brief visit he addressed the Sargodhians under training at the academy. He asked them to maintain the standard of excellence a Sargodhian is known for and strive to exhibit the finest qualities of leadership at the academy. It is worthwhile to mention that presently the Top-7 and many other key appointments at the academy are with the Sargodhians.

*The School wishes you all a
Happy New Year*