From dust to being

A decade of Perseverance, constant hard work, vision and dedication towards excellence.

From the one year at Pamplemousses S.S.S., we emerged from the downcasts when the actual building of Port-Louis North SSS was inaugurated on 23 January 2004, by the then Prime Minister Hon Sir Aneerood Jugnauth. Our school identity was consolidated when we no longer felt as the brothers of Pamplemousses S.S.S, when the dark red trousers metamorphosed into black trousers. Our students are not the cream of the cream, the cohort of students are low achievers from CPE ranging from aggregate 13-18. Yet against all odds, the Administration and teaching staff have made it a goal to help these students who mostly come from disadvantaged families. Quality holistic education has always been the main aim of the school and this goal was achieved with the first batch of Form 5 in 2007. This was in itself an achievement as our students are often considered as ‘slumdogs’ but they have eventually emerged as ‘millionaires’ in terms of knowledge. The plethora of extracurricular activities pledges the zeal and eagerness of the staff to strive for these students.

It is unfortunate that PLN S.S.S cannot boast of extraordinary infrastructure like a fabulous gymnasium, a fully equipped audiovisual room, proper fans in classroom, air conditioned staffroom etc... yet PLN S.S.S has scrambled to the top of all these obstacles.

In spite of all these, it has been a tradition to get involved in all activities. This tradition has grown like a habit for the school to send students for different activities organized by different Ministries and institutions, we feel proud for having won some of them, but we feel even more proud to have won in maturity and holistic development.

Moreover, the school has established a full fledge Activity Period calendar, for Mondays and Thursdays with different coordinators for different classes and activities.

A few stars were added to our school when we started H.S.C in 2009 and since the school has been constantly trying to improve.

Tucked between Vallée des Prêtres and Cité la Cure, having as neighbour Islamic college, the access to the college is itself a feat every morning, there is no bus stops in between the school, except for one on the main road of Vallée des Prêtres and the bus station at La Cure.

The college compound is around 4.2 A and has one large football pitch, one basketball pitch and two handball grounds. One audiovisual room in the making, thanks to the actual President of the PTA, Mr. P. Calou, who donated the partition and the college is now working on fully furnishing the room.

Our students are often looked down upon by the society because obviously they do not pride themselves with excellent aggregate at C.P.E. But what is the ‘raison d’être’ of a School if it cannot nurture in its student self esteem and discipline. We cannot say that days are rosy everyday but
comparatively we have less infrastructural damage and very few ‘têtes brulés’ whom we need to put on the right track.

The ten years of the college would not have been possible without the initial contribution of Mr. Jeewa, first Ag. Rector then Rector, who piloted the beginning of PLN S.S.S from 2003 to Jan 2008. Then the reigns were given to Mr. S.M Bhugalee as from 31 Jan 2008 to 28 April 2008. The years spanning from 2006 to 2008, during the periods of pre-retirement leave of Mr. Jeewa, various Acting Rectors landed at the school, in turn, to add their drops of their knowledge and experience. Thus, we had the opportunity of having Mr. R.Betchoo, Mrs. S.D.Bachoo, Mr. D.Doma, Mr. Goburdhun and Mrs. Dowlut in our midst. Mr. M.Ramjee joined the college as Ag. Rector at the end of April 2008 and is still in post after eventually being appointed as Rector.

Under the guidance of Mr. M.Ramjee, and the support of the Staff, the college has flourished into a full fledged establishment where a lot of emphasis is placed on discipline, values, hard work and extra curricular activities. Mr Ramjee was the sole responsible along with the administrative staff, and it was only in June 2010 that he got a helping hand with the arrival of the first Deputy Rector of the College, namely Mr Akeel Bundhoo. His presence was indeed helpful as truly working at Port Louis North SSS is not easy. Unfortunately he was transferred and miraculously the college instantly got a new Deputy Rector in the person of the young and dynamic Mr. K. Gokool. His help was indeed a godsend and today the college runs smoothly with a full fledged administrative staff, yet even with a lack of caretakers and other ancillary staff, the college manages to keep a safe and secure environment with the goodwill and collaboration of one and all.

Over the years the numbers of Form 5 students sitting for SC has increased while the overall results have also been improving; the launching of classes for Lower Six in 2010 marked the debut of another chapter in the history of the College. The encouraging results of our first batch of HSC students have spread new rays of hope and trust. Those who have left to pursue their HSC elsewhere felt that they should have been given the same opportunity.

The vision of the school of making the college a safe place for wholesome living and learning has been partly achieved, there is so much promise yet, and talents to be discovered. It is not the claim of anyone to say that they hold in their hands the key to absolute success, but the challenge is to make the school known and make our students feel part of this family and feel privileged to be part of the college. The Rector is aware that the students do sometimes feel under privileged but everything is done to uplift the self esteem of the students. The goal is to bring a positive change, our students are good individuals, few have erred but our duty is to retrieve our lost lambs.

Port Louis North SSS is not yet a star school but we do have many shining stars among our students and Educators. We are aiming for the sky and the worst that can happen is that we may fall among the stars.