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-Gungming Phassang, XII, School Captain

‘Summer Fest is Back!’ read one of the many posters in MSB. This was just a glimpse of what was about to unfold. Summer Fest has always been the one event that brought a sigh of relaxation to the aviators during this hectic inter-house filled semester. Due to the pandemic there were no summer fest celebrations for the last three years. But none of us had forgotten about any part of it. The always-crowded food courts, the newcomer's evening full of talent and enthusiasm, and the much-anticipated Rock Fest. Summer Fest is the one event that unifies and binds AVS. Teachers and students, seniors and juniors, the old and new all work together to make Summer Fest a success. After the pandemic years, there was always the issue of whether the Summer Fest would ever happen again, if such an event was indeed necessary.

My answer to such questions, is yes. Summer Fest had always been an event, a tradition even, that brought the school together without the formality of Founders'. Life outside of academics is often forgotten, but events like the Summer Fest, which is celebrated with pomp and gaiety and takes the joint effort of everyone to make it a successful event, is what defines our school.

The jam packed schedule of the Summer fest, the plethora of events being held and the problems that come along with it that must be tackled, are some of the many reasons why this becomes an important learning graph. Such celebrations build a sense of belonging within the school community while also highlighting the school's culture and ideals. We must maintain and carry on the legacy of such events that bring the entire school together as one joyful family.

DAY 1

TRIATHLON



-Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

The Summer Fest saw a Triathlon organised by the Department of Sports on the 9th of June. Students were required to run a 3km stretch followed by a 100-meter swimming sprint ending with a 3 km cycling race. A total of 6 teams consisting of 24 athletes participated in the competition. The participating teams were:

1. **Karma Teli Fan Club**
2. **Mithun**
3. **Silence**
4. **Hunters**
5. **Star Wars**
6. **Eagles**

The winner was Karma Teli fan club while the Runners-up team was Silence.



DAY 1

NEW COMERS

EVENING

-Aanya Paul Sarkar, X

On the evening of the 9th of June, the WMH witnessed the much awaited 'Newcomers Evening' which saw an array of performances by the new-comers. The anchors for the event were Atoti Zhimomi and Jigme Pao who were extremely witty and got chuckles out of the audience. The first performance of the evening was a skit by the younger students called 'Kheer Banao' which was applauded by everyone for its sheer charm and delight. The play was followed by dances ranging from a classical piece on Vakratunda Mahakaya to a solo dance on Lisa's 'Lalisa'. Both the performances drew loud applause from the audience. There were group dance performances from the fifth and sixth graders who posed a perfect benchmark for the seventh and eighth graders who performed after them. It was absolutely wonderful to see students step away from their comfort zones and put up a combined performance with skill and grace. The evening saw its doze of bollywood whether it be in songs or dance performances. The English choir of new singers gave a wonderful performance singing 'This is me' from the greatest showman. It was followed by the Indian choir who sang 'Ilahi'. It was also refreshing to see students perform cultural dances ranging from Bodo dances to Apatani. There was also a Nepali-English duet which had the audience singing along. The evening had an added X factor as the new teachers took to the stage to perform with enthusiasm and vigour. Mrs. Rituparna Chatterjee left everybody in awe as she played various ragas on the tabla. Ms. Sukalpa Dutta brought Tagore to the audience as she danced gracefully to a Rabindra Sangeet. The evening was brought to a tumultuous end by Ms. Debolina C. Bakshi with her beautiful rendition of 'Pasoori' and Shakira's 'Waka Waka'. The Newcomers evening lived up to tradition and was a success.



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The evening started off slow with students gradually arriving at the venue. Everyone was dressed to the nines, all geared up for an fun evening. The event was anchored by Ansala Phurailatpam of Class 12 who graciously introduced the performing bands — one of which she was a part of. The show started off with a bang as 'Back in Black' took the stage by storm. The girls were dressed like rock-stars as they performed trending songs like 'Cupid' and 'Somebody To You' for the crowd. They were followed by Twenty-Twenty-Five, AVS' very own One Direction. The audience had a great time watching the boys sing classics like 'Ride' and 'Dream On'. Beyond Summer, a vibrant group of Class 10 boys who went up on stage after Twenty-Twenty-Five to entertain the crowd with a cover of 'Make You Mine.' The audience were enthralled with Beyond Summer's performance, their excitement made obvious by the sight of some people were singing along. The next to take to the stage was AVS' very own Western Band who put the 'Rock' in Rockfest. Divyana and Ansala, the vocalist duo, showed off their heavenly vocals as the band performed renditions of 'Still into You' and 'Teenage Dirtbag' among others. The students showed their enthusiastic support for their performing peers as they sang and danced along to every single song. The evening was expected to end when the Western Band were done with their performance, but a pleasant surprise met the students when alumnus and celebrity artist Rahul Rajkhowa stepped up to perform. Rahul is a history teacher by profession who works during the week and tours on weekends. He owned the stage performing songs spanning multiple genres, from R&B to Hip Hop to Reggae. Rajkhowa performed 'Bad Girls,' a song he co-wrote with famed K-R&B musician Jimmy Brown. He performed several other songs, some inspired by Gwen and Miles from the Spider-Verse movies, as well as another song in which he emphasized the importance of believing in yourself. He dedicated a self-composed number in which he expressed his support for the people of Manipur as well as his disdain for the violence that was taking place in the state. Students danced and cheered as Rahul Rajkhowa sang many Assamese songs at the end of Rockfest. Overall, the event presented the students' passionate support for music as well as the immense talent that Aviators possessed.



DAY 2

FETE

-Siddhi Priyadarshini, IX

On the second day of Summer Fest, a popular event was Fete, organized by the AVS Social Service League. Students volunteered and set up various game stalls around the central courtyard. The change of venue was a last moment arrangement to defy the rain gods. The stalls were a hit amongst the crowd, especially the pillow fight and cotton candy stands, which were very popular with the students. Another fun feature of the Fete was the Message Box where students could leave secret messages for each other. The event ended with the Street Fest, during which students showcased their dance moves and were applauded by their peers.



MOVIE

-Tanveer Ahmed, X

On the second afternoon of the Summer Fest, the students were shown a movie in the Williamson Magor Hall. The crowd eagerly settled down to watch 'The Adam Project' which was organized by the AVS Rotary Club. The movie starring Ryan Reynolds was based on time travel and was a riot. It was a great show and the audience enjoyed it thoroughly.



Day 3

Book Fair

-Rianna Irom, IX

The Summerfest Scholastic Book Fair took place on the 11th of June in the Art Hall. There was a long queue as both parents and students crowded around the doors, eagerly waiting to enter the venue. There were several genres on display, ranging from non-fiction and educational workbooks to popular manga like Jojo's Bizarre Adventures. The event included authors like Ruskin Bond, John Green, Rick Riordan, Dan Brown, etc. The Book Fair included biographies and graphic novels and other such books of various vibrant covers and popular titles like Geronimo Stilton, Maze Runner, Harry Potter, Paper Towns, etc. Along with the shelves, there was even a long table where books were stacked one upon another. Students had to dig through these books to hunt for their desired purchase. While most hunted for a good book, others chose to wander through the crowded lands, watching with casual interest as a crowd formed around the counter. Students waited eagerly for the opportunity to pay for their purchases and escape from the repressive heat. Hopefully, next year we shall see a more vibrant bookfair where one can browse the books at leisure and pay for them with ease.

Food Court

-Siddhi Priyadarshini, IX

The food stalls' preparations did not go to waste because as soon as they opened their doors, pupils and teachers alike rushed in. The next three days were a food-delight with delicacies from outlets such as The Naga Kitchen, KF, and Saffron. The queues at the stands offering icy specialties were always long, with everyone waiting for the iced treats to cool them down and bring respite from the scorching summer heat. Naga Kitchen, which provided a rare pork speciality, was a hit with the students. People flocked to the food courts in between the many events throughout Summer Fest, indicating that it was undoubtedly a popular feature of the event.

Business Idea

-Tanveer Ahmed, X



The third day of the summer fest, which was also the parents visiting day, saw teams of budding entrepreneurs put up stalls with a variety of products that had been conceptualized, produced and marketed by students. Under the aegis of the Commerce Department, the teams sold brownies, handmade soaps, mocktails and biodegradable flower pots. The stalls saw substantial footfall and most of the products were sold off in record time.

DAY 3

Two Adorable Losers

-Ruhi Kalita, XI



The Assam Valley School was thrilled and privileged to see the play 'Two Adorable Losers', starring National Awardee Darsheel Safari and 'Best Of Luck Nikki' star Abhishek Pattnaik who is also the playwright. The plot centers around Jolly Mohapatra, a 52-year-old statistics professor, and Akshay, a third-year psychology student who struggles with statistics. In an attempt to get tutored by the professor, Akshay finds himself getting into an understanding with the him. They both suffered from poor self-esteem. The two men clumsy in nature were thrown together by chance. It was agreed that the professor would assist the struggling student to better his grades in statistics, while the student would assist the professor in delivering a speech at a college function despite the impediment of his thick Odiya accent. As the play unfolded, the two men developed a bond as they each helped one another and set out on their

separate journeys to overcome their obstacles. There were many amusing aspects to the play, such as the students referring to Professor Jolly as "Baldy," the constant mention of "Maa Mangla," to whom Professor Jolly was devoted, referring to the psychology professor as a 'drunkard', and a dynamic scene in which Akshay misconstrued his teacher of having feelings for him. The play's popularity originated from its straightforward premise and outstanding performance by the two protagonists. The play's tone is satirical and tragic at the same time. It did, however, have a predictable but pleasant conclusion in which both characters achieved their goals. By the end of the play, the bond that developed between the two key characters was no longer that of a teacher and a student, but of friends who had grown and evolved together.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Mention how AVS made you feel so far!

-Siddhi Priyadarshini, IX



“I really miss procrastinating.” - Sotile Seb



“The food here is just like its people, unpredictable”
-Jigme Tamang



“I’m having a great time making new friends, and my history teacher is amazing.” - Nuntluanga



“It’s just how I expected to be, overwhelmed by the amount of opportunities but the inability to grab them” -Lochan Rana



The atmosphere here is very warm”- Yeasel Lamtha



“Mr. Jha’s food reminds me of home.” -Niyoor Naryana Kashyap



“I don’t have to go to the gym cause I have to keep up with the school schedule” -Ginmuanlal Nunthuk



“I’m officially sleep deprived” -Pahal Bajaj



“AVS is like a new family” -Pura Donya



“I really like the discipline of this school”- Abhinav Roy Sarkar

Ripple #207

-Deubale Meru, XII, Deputy Editor

He was reminiscing of the times,
He was among the crowd.
All the times he'd screamed and
been euphoric.
Now, onstage,
There was only the mic between
him and the crowd,
And the promise of making a
memory like his.

How was Summer Fest??

1. "I enjoyed the play the most. The Rockfest too, it felt like something right out of a movie"
-Raisha Hazarika, IX
2. "For me, Summerfest was extremely romantic. Rockfest was something I loved." -Spriha Kashyap, IX
3. "I was happy that the Friday prep was canceled."
- Benjamin Macdonald, VIII
4. "It was really fun and it was my first time attending a concert."- Urja Jain, VII
5. "This festival brought a sense of togetherness which helped germinate the childhood of many." - Mr. Anubhav Sarkar

Keep It Reel!

Feels like summer

-Rudrayan Haloi, IX



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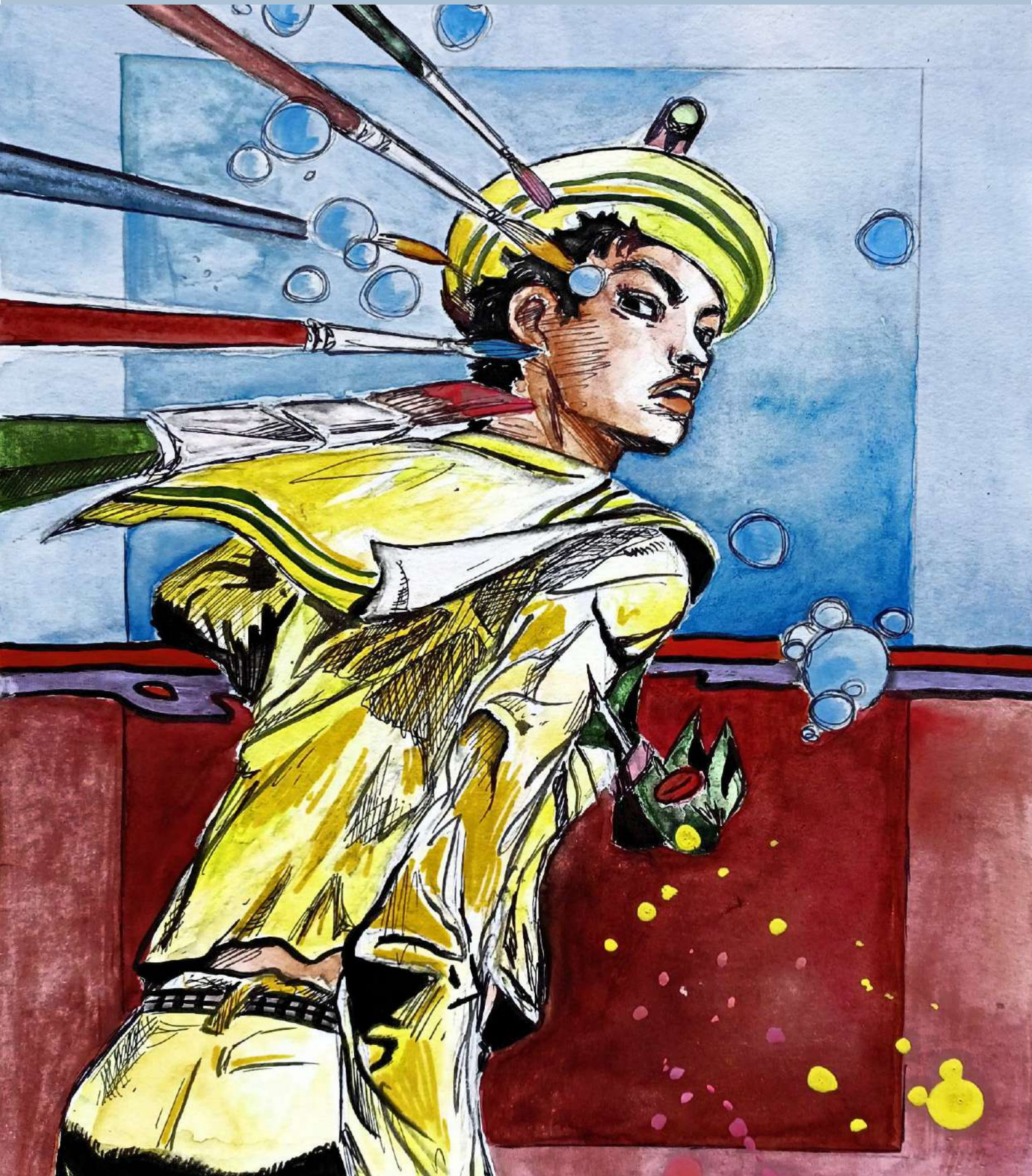
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