

“Thirteen Thirty”

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I can't believe it's been 30 years since we graduated. So many things have changed. Yet when I stepped into the party, there we were - all familiar faces. Something there has never changed. The “Energetic Kids” are still energetic, dashing from one table to another, coming out with crazy ideas and cracking jokes. Of course, it is a bit displaced to still call them “kids” but hey, the new youth starts at 40 so we are all still “young.” Our teachers also hadn't changed. Ms Winnie Chiu still had the enviable girlish look and it took us a while before we realized she's not our classmate but our teacher. Ms Tsui is still agile and nimble, doing her splits and sprints to ensure she had the best photo taking positions. Mrs. Lee continued to impress us with her calm but “I know what you are up to” allure. We were having such fun and so proud that we can recall all the nick names amongst ourselves. But no, Fanny, who organized the event, as in her typical self, would not let us off that easily. We were challenged to group ourselves according to which class we were in Form 1 for photo sessions. The confusion and the earnest to pull the last remembering cell to figure out whether one was in 1A, 1B, 1C or 1D was epic. There were a couple of us like me, who could not for the life of us, remember. So we became the deserted pair and were the outcasts. But kind Fanny decided to let us redeem ourselves. We were asked group ourselves for photos according to our houses - Dragon, Lion, Phoenix and Unicorn. We found ourselves again. Of course, the curtain does not draw until the fat lady sings. In our case, we actually had all fat gents and ladies sang the school song. Resourceful Fanny impressed us by producing a Karaoke music track of our



school song. As if that was not enough, she also tried to convince us to sing the China National Anthem. Whilst we love her, we stood up to her this time and insisted that we'd rather sing our school song a second time. I learnt two things. One, SGSS is still dear to all of our hearts and two, there can be no party without Fanny and Winnie. I wonder how we'll all be in another 30 years. Hopefully we don't have to wait that long before we gather again!