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Global Reunion 2010

The LSCOBA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter is honored to host the next North American LSCOBA Global Reunion during the weekend of July 4, 2010.

While there is still plenty of time left before commencement of this reunion (13+ months from today), we earnestly want all LSC Old Boys to be aware of this happy occasion and <u>mark</u> their social calendar accordingly.

The S.F. Bay Area Chapter actually started this reunion in October, 2002 when the Southern California Chapter and the Vancouver Chapter were able to join us for a 3-Chapter soccer tournament. This reunion format then expanded and (in this order) Vancouver, Southern California, Toronto, Edmonton, New York East Coast Chapters followed as HOST on an annual basis. This function is now being held every two (2) years.

Your S.F. Chapter will send periodic updates on our planning activities to ALL Chapters. Your valuable input and suggestions will certainly be appreciated. We sincerely hope that many Old Boys will choose to come to our beautiful Bay Area to attend and share all the fun and camaraderie amongst fellow LaSallians.

Best wishes to all,

George Law (1966) I.P.P. on behalf of Organizing Committee San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date noon June 5, 2009 (every first Friday)
Venue Century Palace Restaurant

金漢龍廷大酒樓

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Luncheon

Date: June 7, 2009 Time: noon to 2 pm

Venue: Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant 111 N. Atlantic Blvd.,3/F, Monterey Park

Costs: \$15 for person (family/friends welcome)

Class 59

Golden Anniversary Reunion

Date: November 10 - 17, 2009

Venue: Please check inner page for details

Costs: to be announced Contact: Paul CHU 褚 明 晰

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To the Editors

Hi

Please pass on my greatest support and appreciation for the articles written by Francis Kan. The articles he wrote really touch our hearts especially we all had gone through something similar to his experiences.

Best regards

David Wong (1967) from Edmonton Alberta

I am happy to hear that someone is reading the gibberish I wrote. Let's hope more boys will share their memories with us in the newsletter. Keep up the good work with the newsletter.

Everly, KMF

Every La Sallian is welcome to write to us. Please send your comments or feedback to editors@lscobaedm.org. We respect your privacy that your letter will go public only upon your explicit permission.

Editorial Board



La Salle College Old Boys Global Alliance

Christopher Tse is the chairman of the La Salle College Old Boys Global Alliance preparation steering committee. This committee comprises of representatives from the following old boys chapters (by alphabetical order): East Coast USA, Edmonton, Hong Kong, San Francisco Bay Area, Singapore, Southern California, Toronto and Vancouver.

Editorial Board

I would like to provide a summary on status of the formation of the Global Alliance, from the output of the conference at the 2008 Global Reunion in New York.

Please feel free to post questions and comments in this newsletter through the editors at editors@lscobaedm.org.

Proposed Missions for the GA

- 1. Connect all old boys worldwide. It is hoped that with the publicity generated by a GA, old boys who have not been previously connected to any OBA chapter can be recruited and join in the OBA activities in different cities,
- 2. Serve the needs of the regional and worldwide old boys communities.
- 3. Support our alma mater collectively. With the large number of old boys connected via the GA, we can solicit support for our school not only in terms of money but also in talent and time.

New York 2008 - The world conference was designed to cover

The "Formation of GA Proposal" with 3 sub-topic sessions:

- Mission and objectives
- Organization structure
- Challenges and opportunities

The World Conference was well participated with representatives from by the HK chapter and all North American chapters. The discussions at the conference can be summarized as follows:

- Agree to the formation of the GA.
- A virtual organization is the best option for the GA to go forward.
- The current LSCOB GA website established for the GA work team will be used as the official platform for GA communication.
- The GA will promote and coordinate fund raising to support LSC upon the request of LSC and/or LSF.
- The GA will be a voluntary vehicle to coordinate global OB events; to start with, to support the organization of 2010 global reunion in San Francisco.
- The GA will be a voluntary vehicle to coordinate providing support towards LSC student counseling for overseas studies in providing school and local logistics support.
- The GA will be a voluntary vehicle to meet other soft-ware needs of LSC.

At a subsequent meeting immediately after the New York Global Reunion, the Work Team agreed to provide a Formation Plan Proposal, based on the findings in the world conference, to the Steering Committee for implementation.

The key steps towards GA formation:

- Steering Committee to approve the Work Team proposal.
- Steering Committee to appoint a protocol sub-committee.

^{*} For clarity, the GA will not be involved with the local activities and matters of any chapter. The GA will be only a voluntary organization to support and coordinate global and intra chapter activities upon the request of local chapters.





- Sub-committee to draft an operation protocol for the GA.
- Upon approval of the draft protocol by the Steering Committee, a GA Board of Directors will be appointed, represented by all participating chapters.
- GA Board of Directors to appoint an executive team to initiate a) student counsel support and b) 2010 San Francisco global reunion coordination.

To Summarize:

The process thus far has taken 3 full years, just to reach where are now today. The next step, the formation of GA, will take more resources and hard work, which requires broader participation from OBs everywhere.

Charging on our La Salle spirit, let us strive (to achieve this goal) and something more.

Christopher Tse (1965)

Chapter News

Edmonton

New Executive Director

In March 2009, Victor Leung (77) resigned from the Board of Directors because he was re-locating back to Vancouver. At the time, the Chapter executives did not see a need to fill the vacated office before the next election at the AGM of 2010.

Recent development has necessitated the need of a new director because most of the other directors will be busy in the upcoming months. The board has decided at its meeting on May 6 to co-opt Nick Domingo (63) to be the replacement director until the next AGM according to Section 3.3 of the Chapter by-laws. Nick has participated actively in all Chapter activities and has attended most of the recent directors' meetings.

Activity Calendar Goes Online

The activity calendar, powered by Google Calendar, has been set up and is now accessible via the Chapter website http://www.lscobaedm.org. To access the calendar, please follow the steps outlined below:

- 1) Go to Chapter website located at http://www.lscobaedm.org.
- 2) Pull down the "events" drop down menu.
- 3) Select menu item "Calendar"
- 4) Details of each event can be viewed by double-clicking on the event.

All are welcome to check out details for the upcoming events.



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Vancouver

Report on Annual General Meeting of Members 2009

José Cardoso (1968)

The AGM for Vancouver Chapter was held last Friday (May 15, 2009) and a new Board of Directors as well as Executives were elected. During the meeting, the outgoing President Raymond Wong thanked the members for the support during his administration. The elections were uneventful and proceeded as scheduled after a nice meal at the Neptune Seafood Restaurant, 100 – 8171 Ackroyd Road, Richmond. After the meeting was adjourned, we proceeded to another venue for the serious business of 'spirits' to enforce the occasion; it was a very boisterous event and there were one or two rather surprising revelations, which is probably better left unsaid.

The new Board of Directors is:

Standing (L - R):

José Cardoso (68), Ed Chisham, Yip Kim Hung (62), Daniel Chung (70), Dennis Koo, Ronald Loui-Ying, Philip Chan, Albert Manson (67), Victor Leung (77), Dominic Lau, Humphrey Ho (69), Henry So, Raymond Wong (91), Paul Ng (70), Francis Kan (66), Frank Chow (66)

Sitting (L - R):

Vitus Lau, Harry Ching (68), Patrick Li, Patrick Ko (94), Ivan Mo (85), Joseph Ng, Tony Fung, Simon Chiu (94) (not in the photo).





Back (L – R): José Cardoso, Victor Leung, Dominic Lau Front (L – R): Harry Ching, Patrick Li, Patrick Ko, Ivan Mo, Joseph Ng

The new Board of Executives is:

Patrick Ko (1994) President,
Ivan Mo (1985) Vice President,
Patrick Li Vice President,
Harry Ching (1968) Treasurer,
Joseph Ng Secretary,
José Cardoso (1968) Web and Newsletter Liaison,
Victor Leung (1977) Web and Newsletter Co-ordinator,

Dominic Lau Membership Co-ordinator.

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Toronto

La Salle Day Dinner & Biennial General Meeting

Jimmy Chang (1966)

Despite the fact that La Salle Day this year fell on the Friday before the long Victoria Day weekend, 82 old boys gathered that evening to celebrate the traditional feast day of the patron saint of our Alma Mater and founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. John Baptist de La Salle. Not only did the old boys turn out in number, there were nearly 2 table of old boys from the 1940's and 1950's, and a handful from the 2000's.

In addition to celebrating La Salle Day, the Chapter Biennial General Meeting was also held that evening over dinner. After singing our school song, out-going President, Francis Yeung (71), gave a short report of the activities during his 2-year term, then Treasurer Sebastian Hon (87) went through the financial statements for the last 2 years. After thanking the out-going directors and officers, Honorary President, Peter Leung (52), presided over the election of the new directors for the next 2-year term. 15 new directors were elected from the 18 candidates nominated from the floor.

The 15 newly elected directors stayed behind after dinner and elected among themselves the new Officers. The Board of Directors of the Toronto Chapter for the 2009 – 2011 term consists of the following elected officers and directors:

President	Jimmy Chang (1966)	Director	Louis Pomeroy (1941)
1st Vice President	Peter Lau (1969)	Director	Peter Chan (1972)
2nd Vice President	Danny Au Yeung (1967)	Director	Paul Wong (1973)
Secretary	Chris Fong (1994)	Director	John Yeung (1973)
Treasurer	Sebastian Hon (1987)	Director	Gordon Tam (1977)
Editor	Felix Leung (1985)	Director	Robin Siu (2000)
Sports Captain	Kevin Kwok (1988)	Director	Victor Lee (2001)
		Director	Philip Chan (2004)

The honorary advisors to the Board of Directors are:

Honorary President Peter Leung (1952)
Immediate Past President Francis Yeung (1971)
Honorary Legal Advisor K. B. Ng (1976)

With the new Board spanning across more than 40 years, we hope we will be able to tailor our chapter activities to stimulate renewed interest from more old boys.



Old boys from the 40's



Old boys from the 1990's and 2000's



Toronto Chapter Board of Directors 2009-2011

Sitting (left to right): 2nd V.P. Danny Au Yeung (67), Advisor Philip Wong (67), Hon. President Peter Leung (52), I.P.P. Francis Yeung (71), President Jimmy Chang (66), Director Louis Pomeroy (41), 1s V.P. Peter Lau (67).

Standing (left to right): Director Robin Siu (2000), Editor Felix Leung (85), Director Philip Chan (2004), Director Victor Lee (2001), Sports Captain Kevin Kwok (88), Director Gordon Tam (77), Director John Yeung (73), Director Paul Wong (73), Secretary Chris Fong (94), Director Peter Chan (72), Treasurer Sebastian Hon (87).

Southern California

LA Regional Foodbank volunteering

Thomas Tsui (1995)

On April 25, 2009, 15 old boys and loved ones gathered at Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to help assembling food packages for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Our jobs were preparing and packing raw cabbages for transportation to their local food centers. Some of us put the cabbages into plastic crates after peeling off the bad leaves, while some others stacked up the loaded plastic crates for delivery. After a morning of volunteering work, the group enjoyed a dim sum lunch at the Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant in Monterey Park. More pictures can be found at http://www.lscobasc.org/gallery/.



Old Boys at work



Group picture

La Salle Day Thanksgiving Mass

Anthony Luk (1966)

After three months of planning, discussions at two Board meetings, a month of choir practice, several times of email broadcasts, weeks of calling Old Boys to spread the word and a rehearsal, LSCOBA Southern California Chapter inaugurated its first LSDTM on the afternoon of Sunday, May 17, 2009. The objective was threefold: to celebrate the Feast Day of St. John Baptist de La Salle (founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools), to pay tribute to our Brothers and teachers, and to foster friendship among Old Boys and their families.





Clip from Sing Tao Daily

Group picture: 2nd row at the left: Father Chua

The Church

In 1939, Father John Cowig, a Columbian priest who had been forced to leave China, was directed to pioneer a mission for the growing number of Chinese in Los Angeles. St. Bridget Catholic Chinese Center was built in the following year at the north end of Chinatown. Its missionary work began with a Chinese language school, church services and recreational activities. Soon the Immaculate Heart Sisters and volunteer teachers gathered local children for weekend, summer, and even primary school programs.

In four decades, the Center grew steadily under the leadership of Father Anthony O'Doherty and Father Matthew Quinn. In 1980, Father Peter Tsang emigrated from Hong Kong to join the Centre and became the first bilingual pastor.

In the 1990's, the Salesian Fathers from Hong Kong took over the Center. Father Francisco Lau and Brother Paul Li led a project to renovate the Center with generous financial support from the Salesian organization and the parishioners. What you find today in this house of worship is the result of that Herculean effort.

Father Joseph Cheng led the Center from 1993 to 2007. Father John Lam, the current pastor, continued Father Cheng's ambition. As the number of parishioners grew along with the important pastoral work of the Center, the Los Angeles archdiocese recently promoted the Center to St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Church (SBCCC).

Adjacent to SBCCC is Cathedral High School founded by the Christian Brothers (or BCS) in 1925. It was recently renovated with modernized instructional classrooms for its 600 students. An Olympic standard track-and-field facility surrounds a soccer pitch of synthetic turf, the length of which extends along one side of SBCCC.

When Ronnie Cheng (92) inquired the possibility to hold our LSDTM at St. Bridget, Father Lam approved without questions. Earnest work began.

The Celebrant

In late March, Father Lam regrettably informed us that he would be away to attend a conference in San Jose and would not be able to celebrate Mass for us on May 17. Since the following weekend would coincide with the Memorial Day holiday and we preferred



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the date of our Mass to be closer to May 15, the traditional La Salle Feast Day, we inquired again and were allowed to search for a priest to celebrate our LSDTM.

Several years ago, Father Freddie Chua was the associate pastor at St. John Fisher Church at Rancho Palos Verdes. I remember that he graduated from De La Salle University in Manila, Philippines. I searched the Internet and found out that Father Chua had become the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes at Tujunga in the San Fernando Valley. I called and left a voice mail. Lo and behold, Father Chua returned my call and within ten minutes, he agreed to be the celebrant of our LSDTM with a minuscule change of the Mass starting time to 3:00 p.m. Excitement ensued.

The Arrival

The organizing committee members, Louise Cheng (our choir director and sister of Ronnie), the altar servers (Joseph Cheng (72) and Thomas Chow (89), choir members Tom Lee (69), Maureen Luk, and Stanley Ng (61), who was also our first reader, Chapter President Eddie Shek (85), Chapter Vice President Raymond Ho (72), ushers Henri Tran (84) and Thomas Tsui (95), Master of Ceremony George Hong (67), and photographer Danny Ho (66, photographer were among the first to arrive at SBCCC. Each began his/her assigned duties while I went over last minute instructions. Charles Tsang (83), also our second reader, directed car parking outside the church.

Eddie brought the Chapter banner (a gift from the NY Chapter), name tags, his laptop, projector, screen, and his family, particularly his darling four year-old daughter, Jocelyn. While someone set up the banner, Raymond arranged the name tags to welcome those who had responded to the LSDTM RSVP. Eddie and others set up the slide-show equipment at an obscure corner of the church. Michael Lau, the SBCCC administrator, double-checked the sound system including the mobile mike for Father Chua. George tested at the podium. The rest of the choir members consisting of Anthony (77) and Aileen Lee, Ronny Mok (05), Ronnie and Jennifer Cheng, Johnny (81) and Karen Tsang arrived. The choir started their warm up adjacent to the altar. Gradually the Mass attendee flowed in and the ushers guided them to their seats.

When Michael placed the Eucharist and Wine on a table near the entrance of the church, I displayed a number of Offertory gifts next to them.

Caesar Mak (79) came at the right moment with the 80 colored copies of our LSDTM liturgy when Brother James Meegan and Brother La Salle Bossong, our honored guests from Cathedral High, stepped in. They were dressed in their winter attire of full-length black habit and distinguished themselves with the BCS collar. They immediately reminded me of Brother Felix. Eddie received the Brothers and seated them at the front pew. As more people arrived, we got busier, and my heart pumped faster as I was waiting for the most important person – our celebrant.

Although SBCCC is a stone's throw from Dodger Stadium, drivers can easily miss an exit turn on Hill Street and are forced to continue northward on Pasadena Freeway. Even a GPS would be too slow to react at moderate driving speed. As long as my cell phone did not ring, I knew Father Chua was on his way. George took advantage of the extra minutes to introduce SBCCC and the Brothers to the audience.

Father Chua and I met at the pavement of SBCCC. Since April, we have spoken twice on the phone and mostly exchanged emails to coordinate the Mass activities. He might recognize my voice. We shook hands and as a relief, hugged, but immediately attended to the task at hand.

The Processional

George gave the nod for the choir to start the traditional entrance hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy. Charles led the procession with the cross, Eddie and Raymond followed with the pair of lighted candles, Thomas the Bible, and Joseph the liturgy pamphlet. Father Chua in his beautiful priestly garment stepped assuredly into the center aisle.

With a warm greeting and opening prayer, Fr. Chua introduced himself and talked about his lineage with the La Salle institution. He immediately connected with the LSDTM attendees.

The Readings and the Gospel

Stanley read the First Reading from Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 and the choir joined in the Responsorial Psalm. Charles followed with the Second Reading from John 4:7-10. Our pamphlets containing the liturgy of the entire service including the





prayers and hymns greatly helped people to familiarize themselves with the order of the Mass. When Father Chua read the Gospel from John 15:9-17, the audience was definitely attentive. All the holy passages relate to the theme of God's love.

The Homily

Father Chua came down from the altar and started his sermon near the front of the church. Using the name tags, he asked a handful of Old Boys what was love. He continued saying that nowadays people used the word "love" trivially. You would often hear people say "I love my cell phone or my ipod." He talked about the movie "Life is Beautiful" in which the father used all kinds to tricks or humor to protect his son from the horror of holocaust.

Father Chua said, "Love is more about caring, protecting and not simply sentiments." This is the kind of love that our Heavenly Father had shown in sending His only Son for our redemption.

Father Chua recited St. Paul's Corinthians 13: "Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Father Chua said that the Christian Brothers gave us an education so that we had a leg up to advance in society. He told us not to hold back and not to limit but expand our ways of giving back for the benefits that we had received. His message rings true in this trying time of our economy.

Prayer of the Faithful

George put the right emphasis and paced the Mass with his instructions. He enhanced the clarity of the Mass for those who might have attended a Catholic Mass for the first time. From the pamphlet, we read together the Nicene Creed and George began to read the Prayer of the Faithful as follows:

Lord, we thank you for St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Brothers of Christian Schools. May you continue to guide this institution and her loyal staff for the education of hundreds of thousands of young students across the globe.

Lord, we humbly ask you to bless our beloved alma mater, La Salle College and La Salle Primary School in Hong Kong. Help them grow to meet their many challenges for continual success in academics and moral teachings.

Lord, we pray that you show your grace to the community of La Salle Old Boys Associations in different parts of the world. Open the hearts of our teachers, schoolmates, friends and relatives to follow your teachings and to love one another.

Lord, we pray for the youths in our families. Grant them intelligence. Guide those who are graduating from high schools and universities. Direct them to be sincere citizens and to joyful career paths.

Lord, we seek your help to those who are sick. Grant them smooth recoveries and strength. Brighten their journeys on earth.

Lord, we pray for those who have gone before us especially Rev. Brothers, teachers, parents and schoolmates who accomplished so much for our schools. Look favorably upon their souls and grant them eternal peace.

Lord, we now pray in silence for our own intentions. Listen to the petitions of your children. Daily grant us: faith, hope and charity.

The Offertory

The choir sang The Summons, an ethereal song with touching lyrics that we chose for the Offertory. (This is the URL to John Bell's song: http://www.spiritandsong.com/musicondemand/songs/30338). Four Offertory gifts were brought up to the altar and presented to Father Chua and the altar servers placed them under the altar.

Thomas Tsui (95) presented the Gift of Knowledge consisting of three text books we used in Form 6.

Reynold Cheong-leen (40) presented the Gift of Memories consisting of the LSC 75th Anniversary Publication (Sons of La Salle Everyone) and La Salle Primary School 50th Anniversary Commemorative Publication (The Golden Years).

Stanley Wong (68) presented the Gift of Reunion consisting of three different LSCOBA ties and badge on a tray.

Jocelyn accompanied by Eddie Shek (85) presented the Gift of La Salle Brothers Christian Schools Unity consisting of an elegant globe.



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Sampson Chan (75) and Joanne, his wife, brought the Eucharistic Bread and Wine, the supreme offering that holds the Catholic faith.

Holy Communion

The most important part of the Mass is to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. This explains why we perform the Penitential Rite in the beginning of the Mass to reconcile with God our shortcomings so that we are worthy of the blessed Eucharist. Nevertheless, George welcomed people who were not ready to receive Holy Communion to go forward with their arms placed across their chest so that Father Chua would bless them individually. To me, the highlight of our LSDTM was when a majority of the attendees participated in either receiving the Eucharist or the blessing from Father Chua.

The choir was the first group to receive the Eucharistic ritual and then they led the singing of the Communion song of On Eagle's Wings.

The Concluding Rite

Father said the Prayer after Communion and instructed us to bow our heads to receive his blessings. Like the previous songs, the audience joined the choir and gave a heartfelt rendition of Holy God, We Praise Thy Name.

After the recessional, Eddie gave a speech thanking Father Chua, the Brothers, the choir director, the people who helped in the Mass and especially those who made an extra effort to join us at our LSDTM. He also mentioned the recent blood drive to help one of our own. The response is great as within two weeks, more than 30 friends have either given blood or platelets, or are waiting for their turn to make their precious donation – a gift of life.

Eddie projected a ten-minute slide show. It showed pictures of the Brothers who served La Salle College, Hong Kong in a chronological order of their arrival to the LSC campus. Both the pictures of the erstwhile majestic-dome compound and the present day Quad structure were included. A handsome collection of pictures of the history of La Salle Primary School was shown. The slide show ended with pictures of our well-respected teachers. Cheerful remarks were audible among the audience and you would definitely know who left the most impression on their students.

The choir again led the congregation in singing our School song. A round of applause erupted inside SBCCC. You could feel the sense of pride and jubilation. Indeed, everyone who attended our first LSDTM will long seal that moment of pure satisfaction because each had contributed to its success.

People were so joyful that they seemed to want to stay inside the church and to share their boyhood stories at LSC. It took the ushers and organizers minutes to get everybody assembled for a group picture on the steps of SBCCC. Refreshments were served but not before Brother James and Brother La Salle cut the cake. Father Chua stayed behind and conversed with some Old Boys. The friendship grows stronger. Schoolmates were already looking forward to next year's LSDTM.

Postscript

I thoroughly enjoyed the experience in organizing our LSDTM. No matter whether you were among the early planners or joined forces in the later stages, or whether you are my senior schoolmates or of the younger generations, each of you left on me an indelible impression of the La Salle Spirit. Decades passed since my Scouting days with the Seventeeners; you have rekindled in me our unique La Salle heritage of service and participation.

Eddie told me that 80 people attended our LSDTM, and half of them were Old Boys.

SBCCC is a humble church. Its size not only brings the parishioners closer together but also provides the right ambiance for newcomers to concentrate on the liturgy. It has sustained and grown through the years and continued fervently its original mission to serve the Chinese community. SBCCC will celebrate its 70th Anniversary in December. With the neighboring Cathedral High which was founded seven years before our beloved La Salle College, and with the hospitality of Father Lam and his capable staff, shall we say that we have found a home for our LSDTM?

St. John Baptist de La Salle – pray for us.

More pictures can be found at http://www.lscobasc.org/gallery/.



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School News

Excerpts from http://www.lasalle.edu.hk/

2009-05-29

School Dance Team

The School Dance Team is pleased to announce that they have captured the Highly Commended Prize (甲級獎) in both Jazz Dance and Modern Dance in the 45th Schools Dance Festival.

The Team would like to thank their teacher advisors, Mr. Marco Mak, Ms. Zhang Juan, Ms. Amy Poon and their coach, Mr. Andy Wong, for their invaluable guidance and advice.





The 11th Hong Kong Schools Putonghua Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Leung King-hei (3E) who has captured a Gold Award from the captioned event in which more than 1000 students from over 300 schools participated.

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The 14th National Hua Luo-geng Cup Mathematics Competition Hong Kong Region

The Math Team is pleased to announce that we captured the Overall champion in the 14th National Hua Luo-geng Cup Mathematics Competition Hong Kong Region.

For individual results: Hui Pak Nam (1D) Overall Second Tse Shun Chung (1E) 1st Class Merit Wong Hing Shing (1E) 2nd Class Merit

All of them are selected to join a training class and might be representing Hong Kong in the final of the All China Hua Luo Geng Cup 2009.

Congratulations to the team members and thanks to the teacher advisor Mr Lai Cheong.



Inter-School Mathematics Quiz 2009

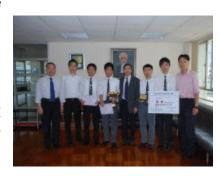
The Math Team would like to annouce that the team captured the 1st Runner-up in the Inter-School Mathematics Quiz 2009 organized by Chong Gene Hang College Congratulations to the team members Kwok Hoi Kit (4C), Lo Jing Hoi (4C) and Wo Bar Wai (4C) and thanks to the teacher advisor Mr Law Pui Keung.



Chinese Literature Achievements

Congratulations to Chan James Vincent Chun Yen (6D), who has captured the Merit Prize in the Chinese Writing Competition of the National Education Centre(國民教育中心 全港中文作文比賽 高中組 優異獎). Nearly 1000 students joined the competition and only 11 winners were selected. The awarding ceremony will be held on 2009-7-4.





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Competition on System Modeling & Optimization

The Computer Team is pleased to announce that Wong Yiu Nam and Yu Tak Hei from 4C has successfully captured the Championship Award in the COSMO'09. They have also captured the Best Presentation Award.

The team would like to thank the teacher advisers for their invaluable guidance and support.

2009-05-14

Feast Day Mass

The Feast Day Mass was held in our school hall today, we were glad to have Father Lok and Father Alex be the Celebrants.

Hong Kong Young Mathematical High Achievers Selection Contest



Math Team is pleased to announce that the team captured the 2nd Runner-up in the Hong Kong Young Mathematical High Achievers Selection Contest organized by Po Leung Kok.

The results in the Individual Event are as follows.

First Class Award Leung Hoi Kiu, Arnold (3G), Wan Cheuk Pong (3B) Wan Hong Yin (3B), Wong Poon Choi (3B) Second Class Award

Congratulation to the team members and thanks to the teacher advisor Miss Luk Mee Lin.

The International Music and Arts Competition

Congratulations to Law Shing Fung Jevon (2E) who captured two Gold Awards in both Teenage Group A - Piano and Gu Zheng Grade 10 in the International Music and Arts Competition.

The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music International Young Composers' Competition

Leung Yue Hong, Brian (3B)

Congratulations to Johnson Leung (4C) who was awarded a special prize and a scholarship of 250 pounds by the ABRSM International Young Composers' Competition for his work, "Colour 2nds". Over 274 entries from all over the world competed in this competition.

Sing Tao Inter-School Debating Championships

The English Debating Team of La Salle College made history when it defeated Diocesan Girls' School to win the championship in the 24th Grand Finals of Sing Tao Inter-School Debating Championships held on 8th of May 2009. Benjamin Frederic Allen (4C) won the Best Debater Award for his outstanding performance in the debate. Jeffrey Chiu (6D), Benjamin Allen (4C), Raphael Leung (4C), Arthur Chan (5C) and Griffith Cheng (3D) led the team to victory.



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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY REUNION

CLASS OF 1959





A reunion will be held in Hong Kong to celebrate the golden anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1959. Classmates and their better halves are cordially invited to attend. We look forward to a nostalgic and fun-filled reunion.

Please note the slight changes in dates from those in the announcement placed in the May issue. The first two activities in Hong Kong are moved up one day, while the remaining activities remain as per previous schedule. This is now confirmed as the final schedule. Overseas classmates can make travel plans accordingly.

Tuesday November 10	Icebreaker Dim Sum lunch, followed by Mahjong for those so inclined	
Wednesday November 11	Walk up and over Kadoorie Hill to LSC campus;	
	Meeting with the current principal; campus tour;	
	Reunion banquet, former teachers who still live in HK, as well as the current principal, will be our guests of honour	
Friday November 13	4-day tour to Xiamen, Fukien Province and	
to	visit to the Hakka Roundhouses	
Monday November 16		
Tuesday November 17	Farewell Dim Sum lunch	

Those who have not already done so are invited to pre-register for the event.

Classmates in Hong Kong will please contact

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The program will be firmed up by August 31, with announcement on requisite fees to cover the functions and the Xiamen tour. All applicable fees are payable by August 31, with announcement on requisite fees to cover the functions and the Xiamen tour. All applicable fees are payable by September 30, or earlier should function venue and tour organizers so demand.

We welcome special announcements from every LaSallian to be placed in this newsletter. Please send your announcement and instructions, if any, to editors@lscobaedm.org. We reserve the right to withhold any announcement with inappropriate content.

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Life Update

Excellence in Research

Congratulations to Dr. Jonathan R. Lai, second son of Old Boy Dr. William Lai (1961) and Vivien Lai from Edmonton, for winning a prestigious research award

On May 13, 2009, Jonathan R. Lai, Ph.D., assistant professor of biochemistry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, was awarded the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation's 2009 Young Investigator Award. The \$300,000 award will allow Dr. Lai to continue his innovative research on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and antibody-mediated immunity over a three-year period.

Those who attended the New York Global Reunion 2008 might have met Jonathan because he and his lovely wife, Terra, also attended the Reunion with his parents.



Please visit http://www.aecom.yu.edu/home/news.asp?id=352 for more details.

Chris Tse (1965) in Toronto

Chris Tse from the East Coast USA Chapter was in Toronto the last week of May and had lunch with some old boys on May 24, 2009.



L - R: William Chan (69), Michael Ho (65), Arthur Ho (65), John Keung (65), Jack Lo (65), Vincent Koo (74), Chris Tse (65), Chris Fong (94), Danny Au Yeung (67), Kevin Kwok (88), Michael Mau (65), Gordon Tam (77)



Back row (L - R): Danny Au Yeung (69), Philip Chan (04), Gordon Tam (77), Vincent Koo (74),

Middle row (L – R): Kevin Kwok (88), Arthur Ho (65), John Keung (65), Louis Pomeroy (41), Michael Mau (65).

Front row (L – R): Edward Kwong (65), Michael Ho (65), Jack Lo (65), Chris Tse (65)

Every LaSallian is welcome to send in recent pictures to update fellow classmates or historical pictures to share with our readers.

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Jimmy Chang (1966) in Vancouver

Jimmy Chang (1966), newly elected President of Toronto Chapter, visited Vancouver to attend the convocation of her second daughter, and took the opportunity to meet up with some classmates and schoolmates in the area over dinner on the evening of Thursday, 2009/05/22 at the South Ocean Seafood Restaurant in Richmond (南海魚村). As it turned out, another bunch of old boys were having dinner with Francis Siu (61) from San Francisco at another restaurant close by. After dinner, a couple of the old boys came by to say hello to Jimmy.



Sitting:

Frank Chow (66), Francis Kan (66), Peter Law (66), Edward Lee (66); Standing:

Victor Leung (77), Jimmy Chang (66), Peter Yeung (66), Peter Choy (73), Peter Tong (66), Paul Ng (70)



Peter Law (66, Vancouver), Peter Choy (73, Vancouver), Frank Chow (66, Vancouver Chapter Past President), Dominic Lau (61, Vancouver Chapter Past President), Jimmy Chang (66, Toronto Chapter President), Victor Leung (77, Vancouver), Ralph Yip (61, Vancouver and Edmonton Chapter Honorary President), Paul Ng (70, Vancouver Chapter Past President), Peter Tong (66, Vancouver), Francis Kan (66, Vancouver), Edward Lee (66, Vancouver)

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