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“Torch Relay - Run into the Future”
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La Salle College 90th Anniversary Torch Relay

Torch Relay Organizing Committee

A series of events were held to celebrate the La Salle College 90th Anniversary since September 2021. Coming up, the Torch Relay will take place on Saturday October 29 (Hong Kong time) from 1pm to 6pm at La Salle College track. Target participants include:

- Brothers of the Christian Schools
- Teachers and staff
- Old boys
- Parents and sons
- Sport teams
- Extra Curricula Activities / Service groups
- Other affiliated groups
- Oversea Old Boys/Chapters (by virtual relay on social media)

It is going to be a fun-filled, carnival type of sporting event to pull together greater Lasallian Family for a good day out.



How does it work?

Representing the Sponsoring Body, Br. Thomas Lavin, Br. Dennis Magbanua and fellow FSC Brothers will light up the primal flame in the opening ceremony, signifying the birth of La Salle College 90 years ago. The 90th Anniversary Torch carrying the flame will be used for the FSC Brothers Team to kick off the 1st Lap. Runners will pass on the Torch in the next 88 laps. The final 90th Lap will be covered by representatives of LSPS students and F6 graduates of LSC in this academic year.

Runners may sign up individually or on group basis. For instance, by graduation class, professional group, family, etc. Runners are encouraged to express your creativity in the runner gears. Group runners may choose to wear your uniform or professional dress that you represent in, or even special costume with elements of 90th Anniversary celebration.



Conditions of Entry

For a donation of HK\$10,000 or more to the La Salle Foundation Limited, you or your group will be invited to the run for a lap; a maximum of 10 runners is permitted in your assigned lap. Two complimentary sets of lucky bags (with event jersey, towel and draw string bag) and a commemorative certificate will be issued to the donor. Participants may choose one of the two session:

- Session 1 – 13:00 to 15:30 hrs.
- Session 2 – 15:30 to 18:00 hrs.

Competitions

To uphold the spirit of the run, the following titles will be awarded:

- Highest donation per lap
- Highest donation group
- Most iconic Lasallian individual / group
- Funniest costume individual / group

Remarks & disclaimers

- Runners are to comply with all requirements, safety rules, and the like, set by the Organizing Committee and the Vaccine Pass requirements issued by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) while joining the event.
- Runners shall assume all the risks of participating in Run into the Future – Torch Relay and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent total disability or death.
- No political implication on the team names or political printing on running apparel, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to reject any donation or the running gears.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right of final interpretation of the terms and conditions of the event.



The event is intended to raise no less than HK\$900,000 for the La Salle Foundation. You may sign up through https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14cBFdN-Y3i8VXvjAQxKe8ox79r7EHsRx_AoVPP6anP4/ on or before October 23, 2022.

If you or your group are unable to run but wish to make donation, the athletes of La Salle College Athletics Club will be delighted to run on your behalf. Please contact Mr. Willie WONG at williewong.pta@gmail.com. For any enquiries, please contact Mr. Willie WONG at williewong.pta@gmail.com or Mr. CHAN Tong at chan.t@lasalle.edu.hk.

Vancouver Chapter Annual Picnic

Victor Leung (77)

With the gradual easing of Covid-19, the world is slowly getting back to normalcy. Vancouver Chapter was no exception and was planning to resume hosting our annual BBQ typically held in August. But somewhat to our surprise, we were unable to reserve our usual BBQ location, or any outdoor gathering venue from Metro Vancouver, when trying to make reservation in June, almost two months in advance. The earliest available booking was in mid-September. It was then we realized many Vancouverites had also made plans to resume their post-Covid normal life!

The date of our annual summer gathering was set at September 18, 2022 at our usual favorite venue - Deas Island Regional Park in Delta, BC. But due to a consecutive year of wildfire threat and a city-wide outdoor fire ban, the original outdoor BBQ lunch plan was forced to substitute with outdoor picnic with Chinese take-out. But then, food is only secondary when comes to La Salle gathering!



With the event being pushed back into September, together with the fact that some members were still not fully comfortable for large size gathering, the party was not as big as normal. Nevertheless, we had a total of 31 attended the picnic. Amongst the attendants were two new members, Ryan Yeung (2006) and Patrick Lam (2002). Ryan, his wife and lovely 2-year-old daughter had only arrived in Vancouver for less than 6 months. But comparing to Patrick, Ryan is already like a veteran in Vancouver, for Patrick had landed in Vancouver in just less than 2 weeks. His wife and 2 young children were expected to reunite with him in the following week. Vancouver Chapter was very appreciative of the support from our two new members, who have obviously exemplified the essence of determined to meet as stated in our school song *"come whatever kind of weather, come the stormy day along..."*.



Left – Ryan Yeung, his wife Zoe and lovely daughter Callista



Right – Patrick Lam

The picnic was wrapped up with our traditional school song singing. Unlike the previous year after a long Covid lockdown, members were no longer rusty with the school song singing. Everyone was looking for our next group gathering!





Brother Thomas Cup Golf Tournament- Toronto





Edmonton Chapter BBQ





LSCOBA Memorial Mass for the late PP Michael Sze Cho Cheung (施祖祥)

LSCOBA

A memorial mass for our Past President and old boy, the late Mr. Michael Sze Cho Cheung, was held by LSCOBA on August 27 in the School Chapel.

Mr. Michael Sze Cho Cheung was born on June 23, 1945, and passed away on May 19, 2022. He was an outstanding career civil servant between 1969 and 1996, having reached the rank of Secretary before his retirement. Thereafter, he worked as the Executive Director of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council from 1996 to 2004.

Michael studied in the School in the late 50's and the early 60's. He served as the President of LSCOBA in 1979-80 and the Founding Chairman of the La Salle Foundation from 1992 to 1997. His attachment and gratitude to his alma mater shaped Michael's lifelong service and support for La Salle, with his contribution to LSCOBA affairs and the overall old boy community. We are forever grateful of his services. May he rest in peace.



The Fourteen FIFA World Cup Since 1966 (part 5)

Danny Leung (71)

World Cup 1970 The Beautiful Game

The Disappointment: England, the reigning world cup champion, was blessed with the best defense in Banks and Moore but Charlton had aged and Hurst lost his scoring touch. The team lost to Brazil and won the two games in the first round with two goals, in which one was a penalty. They just could not find a reliable goal scorer. Ramsey's Wingless Wonder would wear out from their work rate in the heat of Mexico. The British media and fans have since debated about Ramsey's tactics after their quarter final exit. How could England surrender a two goal lead with only twenty minutes to go? Regardless of all the obstacles that the team had, England coped well and should hold its head high. They were the only team that challenged Brazil most on the field.

Other Shining Stars:

- Germany had a goal scoring machine in Gerd Mueller, a stocky centre forward who looked clumsy with average ball skills and pace. His biggest assets were his timing of the run, low center of gravity to make the turn, ability to out jump taller defenders and excellent anticipation. He was always a split second faster than his opponents in tight spaces. While none of his goals were artistic to watch, he would effectively score 10 with 2 hat tricks. He was the original king of the penalty box.
- Teofilo Cubillas, the El Nene from Peru with his 5 goals was entertaining to watch. His exquisite ball control, free kick and sudden change of pace best characterized Latin football. The Peruvians considered him the equivalent of King Pele in their own country.
- Uruguay claimed the 4th place in the final with young goalkeeper Mazurkiewicz at his very best. He blocked off saves after saves against stronger opponents in Italy, Soviet Union, Brazil and W. Germany and only conceded 5 goals in the tournament.
- Mazzola carried the Italian team with his ball control and dribbling skills to the final. He was the midfield general for the team, bringing the ball up from defense and spearheading the attack. Riva and

Rivera also shine with 3 and 2 goals respectively. The latter was brought in as a sub and scored to turn the two knockout games around.

Surprise Package:

Just two days before their first game against Bulgaria, Peru suffered an undersea earthquake which killed 70,000 and left a million people homeless. Despite of that, the team, coached by the famous Brazilian two times world cup winner Didi, displayed great spirits and skillful attacking soccer. Peru was soon down by two goals but the players kept on coming back with 3 goals. For the delight of the fans including the neutrals, they were truly sympathetic to the team. The team would beat Morocco but lost to W. Germany in the first round and eventually lost to Brazil in the quarter final. Peruvians ended their World Cup dream early but gave blood, sweat and tears over the tournament against such a tragic disaster in their own country.

Recommendations for a short visit to New York City

John Jean (76) and Andy Szeto (79)

This is designed for a short visit to New York City for two to three days. Another version will be developed for those that can stay in NYC for a week.

First Day – Midtown

My recommendation is to start your touring of NYC with Top of the Rock observation deck. This will give you a nice bird eye view of NYC, and get yourself oriented. Alternatively, you can go to Empire State Building or leave it for day 2 to go to World Trade Center.

After Top of the Rock, walk up 5th Ave towards north, where you'll find St. Patrick Cathedral on 50th St and 5th Ave (and there is a statue of St. John Baptist de La Salle in there).

Then backtrack on 5th Ave, you'll pass by the New York Central Library on 42nd St and 5th Ave. Go in and explore the building. Then walk West on 42nd St where you'll pass by Grand Central Station on 42nd St and Park Ave. Go in and explore the building. Afterwards, backtrack and walk east to United Nation, where you can join a guided tour there (prior reservation needed, and a fee applies).

End your day with a Broadway show of your choice. Even though there are same day tickets that are cheaper, but since you have limited time, don't waste your time waiting in line, just reserve your tickets prior.

After the show, tour Time Square at night, you'll feel it is just like Causeway Bay.



St. John Baptist De LaSalle



World Trade Centre PATH Station

Second Day – Wall St and Statue of Liberty (this actually is better to break down into two separate days so you don't have to walk as much and can spend more time on each location)

Re-adjust the schedule or swap with the first day when needed, so you can feel the vibes of Wall St on a weekday. It is more or less a dead area on weekends, except with tourist. But you don't get the real NY feel.

Start the day early with a tour of Ground Zero memorial. Check the requirements on reservation. I believe now is just walk in. You may want to visit the 9-11 museum should that suit you. Prior reservation is needed (with a fee)

After finished with the tour, then walk up Vesey St (the North side of the memorial), where you'll find St. Paul Chapel. Venture in and enjoy its architecture. Also, you'll find the layout of the church is backward, its "main entrance" on Broadway is actually its back entrance. (And useless fact: you'll see a cemetery in its "front yard". No one can be buried legally in New York City, all cemeteries in NYC were grandfathered when the law was enacted)

When done, walk down Broadway and you'll find Trinity Church. The parent parish of St. Paul Chapel, very good stained glass.

Then cross the street and backtrack to Broadway and Liberty St, where you'll find an orange rectangular shape structure at Broadway; it is what used to be Marine Midland Bank HQ, but renamed after merging with HSBC. There are a lot of food trucks there, and pretty good eat. Buy your lunch there and eat later at the ferry.

Then walk down Broadway, and across from Trinity Church is Wall St (a very small alley actually). You can see the outside of the New York Stock Exchange. Then diagonally from NYSE is Federal Hall, where the first US Congress met. Go in to see the architecture.



New York Stock Exchange



Statue of Liberty

After finished with the Federal Hall, walk down Broad St. (where the NYSE is). On your left at Broad and William St, is Francis Tavern, the most favorite inn where George Washington stayed and dined whenever he visited NY, and the building still kept the same. It has a museum on the top floor (admission fee applies).

After you finished with Francis Tavern, walk up Beaver St back to Broadway, where you'll find the famous Wall St bronze bull there. (The bull used to be on Broad St in front of the NYSE, but due to being obstructive to traffic, it was moved to the current location, at Bowling Green.

To the right of bronze bull, is Battery Park, the location where the Dutch purchased New York City from the Native Americans for merchandises slightly over \$20 back then. The former name of New York is actually called New Amsterdam, because of the Dutch occupation.

Behind the bronze bull is the original Custom House, it is a museum for Native Americans. I believe there is no admission fee needed.

Walk down on Whitehall St (the left side of the bull), you'll get to Staten Island Ferry terminal (be careful, there are a few ferry terminals in that area). The ride is free. If you stay on the right side of the ferry, you'll get a close-up view of the Statue of Liberty. The best way to see the Statue without taking the Statue of Liberty ferry. Eat your lunch while on the ferry.

You should take the round trip, but you must exit once its reaches Staten Island and reboard, if you walk fast, you should be able to board the same ferry, or it will be a half hour wait.

After the round-trip ferry, turn right after you exit the ferry terminal, and walk along the waterfront. A very leisure walk. Turn left when you pass the South Street Seaport (under renovation now), and come across Beekman St. Ask people for the entrance to Brooklyn Bridge, it is not easy to be found.

Walk up Brooklyn Bridge to the second bridge front tower (approx. half way), where you can enjoy the view, then return backward and walk all the way down. Another alternative is walking all the way down to Brooklyn, and see the NYC skyline across the river. You can take the #2 and 3 train to Brooklyn Bridge (three stops), so you don't have to walk back.

You'll see City Hall (where the NYC mayor office is) on the left, and to the right is the court district area. Walk past the court district area, you'll be at Chinatown. Walk down Mott St. Mott St and Bayard St corner is where Chinatown first started.

Continue on Mott until to come to Canal St (a main roadway), cross the street and turn left, one block down is Mulberry St, where Little Italy is. There are a lot of Italian restaurants there, but you may not find a lot of Italians living there, it is mostly occupied by Chinese now.

Tips for Touring New York City

- New York City is best explored by foot, so make sure you have comfortable shoes and dress according
- In the Winter, NY can be as cold as -10C to -20C, but there are heat in all public transportation and indoor, so dress in layer where you can peel off; summer can be as warm as 40C, bring a light jacket or extra t-shirt, that you can put on an extra layer at night
- Don't be afraid to take the subway, it is fun to explore and the easiest way to get to places, and unlike to meth, it is quite safe
 - However, it is one of the more complicated train systems like London Metro
 - Make sure you board the correct direction and New Yorkers usually refer directions as "uptown" (i.e., Northbound regardless where you are, even you are in "uptown" area"), "downtown" (South Bound), or Brooklyn bound or Queens bound
- Even though New Yorkers are always in a rush and seems to be insensitive, but should you need directions, just ask, people are always willing to help out
- If you have more time, explore some of the museums, like Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum, Museum of Natural History; most of these are free on Wednesday or Friday (check the website); other days, there is a recommended donation, but you don't necessary give the full amount, it is a donation up to your choice



Grand Central Station



New York Public Library



Times Square



Brooklyn Bridge

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