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We are the Champions!

La Salle College Makes History at the 2011/2012 Athletics Meet

On Friday 24th February La Salle College defended the Championship Title at the HKSSSF Wan Chai Division One Athletics Meet. LSC also won the grand slam, winning the A, B, and C Grade Champions for the first time in the College's 80 years. The three-day event was once again down to the final relay races of each Grade despite a good lead from field events in days one and two. This historic achievement was a combined result of the 12 months of hard work by the athletes and the cheering support from their fellow Lasallian brothers from the side line. The well deserved commendation firstly to all the athletes and their coaches. Commendation also goes to all students, staff, and old boys. Some of the significant results are listed below but with special note of the first ever triple high-jump victory in all A, B, and C grades.



	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade	Overall
LSC	200 Champion	185 Champion	132 Champion	517 Champion
DBS	170	185	130	485
HPCC	6	80	99	235
SJAC	73	80	67	220

Congratulations!

About this newsletter

This newsletter is aimed at providing an electronic platform for communication among La Salle College old boys residing in North America. However, it shall not be used as a tool to promote any personal agenda. The editorial board therefore reserves the right to review and edit all submissions to ensure that no inappropriate contents appear in any issue of this newsletter. The editorial board also reserves the right to reject any submission that is not in line with the objective of this newsletter. Please send all your communications to editors@lscobaedm.org.

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Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date March 2, 2012 (every first Friday)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

AGM / Spring Dinner

Date Saturday March 24, 2012
Time 6:00pm – 9:30pm
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street
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Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date every first Sunday
Time noon to 2 pm
Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F,
Monterey Park

Toronto

Louis Pomeroy Memorial

Mah Jong Tournament and Dinner 2012

Date: Sunday March 4, 2012
Time: noon – Mah-jong 7:30pm - Dinner
Venue: Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下
9019 Bayview Avenue, Unit 9
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3M6
Price: \$45.00 (all included)
\$40.00 (Dinner only)

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Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Dragon Spring Dinner



OUR Chapter had held a successful "Dragon Spring Dinner" on February 11 2012 (Sat). More than 70 LaSallians & families around the Bay had joined us to celebrate the Dragon year!!



Full of laughter, warmth and La Salle Spirit, the Dragon Dinner was held cheerfully in Fu Lam Moon Restaurant, Mountain View, CA. Before dinner commenced we sang our school song. Our Chapter President, Mr. Andrew Sien (63), then delivered his welcome speech and offered his New Year wishes to our fellow Old Boys. Dinner then continued jovially with games and prizes.

The highlight of the dinner was the speech from our honorable guest, our Senior-senior (大師兄) *Mr. Alphonse Chan, Class of 1947*. He shared his memory of the good old days at La Salle in the 40s which we could only read through our school history!!



At the gathering, the Chapter had available a limited number of our alma mater's 80th Anniversary Commemorative products for sale. These products were embraced by our Old Boys and particular items such as the 80th Anniversary Tie and Mug were sold out quickly.

The Chapter also reported the sad obituary of our late PE teacher, Mr. Chan Chau Mo, and the dire financial situation of his young family. The Bay Area LaSallians were united and rallied to help through direct donation, and/or through participating in the donation scheme with the San Jose Earthquake, the professional soccer team.





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On behalf of the Chapter, we would like to wish you a wonderful and prosperous year of Dragon!

Yours in LaSalle,

LSCOBA San Francisco (Bay Area) Chapter



Toronto Chapter

LSC Chinese Orchestra Concert in Toronto, 2012/01/28

Jimmy Chang (66)



Group after lunch



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40 members of the LSC Chinese Orchestra, led by their talented and energetic conductor, Mr. C. S. Ng, his spouse Mrs. Ng, and old boy teacher Alfred Lam (01), left HK on Chinese New Year's Eve

and arrived in Toronto on the first day of the Year of the Dragon. After resting and sightseeing for 2 days in and around Toronto, including the world famous Niagara Falls, the orchestra started their busy rehearsing and performances. They performed at two different community functions on Thursday and Friday evenings, and also at a free concert at York University on Friday at noon. Their main concert was on Saturday night at Cringan Hall, the auditorium at Earl Haig Secondary School in North York.



President Jimmy Chang (66) & Sports Captain Kevin Kwok (88) with
Toronto Chinese Orchestra organizers
Mr. Raymond Ng & Ms. Susanna Lee

The Toronto Chapter hosted a lunch gathering with the orchestra members at their hotel on Saturday afternoon. About a dozen directors and advisors were in attendance to meet the young *si-dai's*, their conductor and the other 2 chaperons. The youngest member of the orchestra is in P5, and the oldest is in F6. We all had a good time over lunch. The gathering ended at 2:30 p.m. so the boys could go shopping for a bit before getting ready for the concert that evening.

Cringan Hall has a seating capacity of 400, and was more than 80% filled. Among the audience that evening were about 85 old boys and at least 2 representatives from the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The concert was a huge success and there was nothing but praises from everyone in the audience. For review and tit-bits, please read the piece by George Remedios (64) below.

We want to thank the Toronto Chinese Orchestra in organizing the tour and concerts. Without their tireless efforts and meticulous care for the boys, the concert tour would not have materialized.



Lunch – Toronto Chapter directors w/ conductor Mr. C.S. Ng, Mrs. Ng & chaperon teacher Alfred Lam (01)



Souvenir presentation





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Review & Tit-bits

George Remedios (1964)

LA SALLE COLLEGE CHINESE ORCHESTRA

Concert in Toronto, Jan 28, 2012 Cringan Hall (Earl Haig School)

Founded in 2001.

Conductor: Ng Chiu-Shing (listed in the Dictionary of Chinese Musicians, etc. etc.)

Almost full house.

La Salle old boys sold over 100 tickets. Organiser Toronto Chinese Orchestra sold over 300, I guess

Reviewed in local chinese newspaper.

Some in audience wore chinese clothing, sort of "meen nap".

Members of orchestra wore La Salle uniform but with black pants instead of grey.

About 30 [Editor: exact number was 40] of them came (orchestra has 60).

Youngest age 11; most look like Form 3 to 5.

Wide variety of music

All chinese instruments - erhu, pipa, trumpet (very basic compared to western trumpet), and several others I cannot identify.

With some western instruments to supplement - bass, cello

Program was esoteric and eclectic.

MC or emcee were two girls, one speaking Canadian English the other sounds like Canadian Mandarin.

I think most of audience spoke Cantonese.

Both the conductor and the President from Toronto Chinese Orchestra spoke Cantonese to audience, which was translated (not word for word) into English by the MC.

One La Salle boy spoke on behalf of the orchestra.

I said to my friend "In cantonese or manadarin??"

It was in heavy Cantonese-accent English.

PROGRAM

Started with Spring Dance and Flying Dragons and Jumping Tigers.

As the name suggests kind of Lion Dance kind of music, percussion instruments, cymbals, drums etc.

Then to quieter stuff.

Even "My heart will go on" from Titanic; must be recorded with Celine Dion - will be top of hit parade.

Some solo pieces with orchestra.

Trumpet - Chinese trumpet not as "advanced" as western, sort of high pitched sound, think back to Chinese funeral music in HK.

A funny instrument that sounded like a harmonica.

Orchestra broke into smaller groups of 4 or 5 for some pieces.

My favourite before intermission was The Terra Cotta Warriors Fantasia.

After intermission:

Birds pay tribute to the Phoenix.

Songs of the Wei river - Pipa solo by maiden from Toronto Chinese Orchestra, not La Salle student of course.

The Battle horse galloping - erhu ensemble.

I caught time as it fluttered by - WORLD PREMIERE, composer Tony K.T. Leung.

For this last piece they were joined by about 5 girls dressed in red silk and one boy from the Toronto Chinese Orchestra.

Standing ovation, Bravo etc.

ENCORE

several, one of which was Radetzky March - Johann Strauss Sr

Radetzky March, Op. 228, is a [march](#) composed by [Johann Strauss Sr.](#) in 1848. It was dedicated to the [Austrian Field Marshal Joseph Radetzky von Radetz](#), and became quite a popular march among [soldiers](#).

Not Chinese music.

Not announced but I happened to know and whispered to friend "Radetzky March".

Clap along music and the audience did clap.

Nice and entertaining but not quite suitable for Chinese orchestra; needs more brass instruments.

Listen here if you wish

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHFf7NIwOHQ>

Concert ends with standing ovation and "Bravo".

A fine concert with wide selection from a group of "La Sah Jai" who, as one of the speakers said in his Cantonese speech and then switched to English, had "room to grow".

This was the [last of 4] concert[s] they gave in Toronto.

The [other public] one was in York University.

Gossip

The tour cost each boy HK\$20,000.

La Salle old boys treated them to lunch, \$35 each, "sai charn" not dim sum - well behaved and not "boys will be boys".

One member has a German name - Chinese mother, German father.

They went to Niagara Falls.

Stayed at Holiday Inn.

They don't smile on stage - a little smile to show they are having fun would be nice - "tres serieux".

They do respectful Chinese bow to audience

Prizes

This orchestra won these prizes:

four consecutive Gold prizes at HK Yourth Music Interflows

Gold prize at the 2011 Asia Pacific Chinese Music Exchange in Taiwan

second prize at the 2007 Young Folk Music Group Beijing Invitational

As you know La Salle is the number 2 school in inter-school athletics, first in soccer (in my days) etc.

One of Hong Kong's "jock schools"

Never strong in music (in my days).

Looks like now they are strong in sports and music, and of course academic stuff.

(Heard, no more French classes.)

Alas the concert did not end with school song, especially the lines "La Salle is something more".

Why state the obvious?



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Joint Schools Chinese New Year Celebration Day

Kevin Kwok (88)

The first Joint Schools Chinese New Year Celebration Day was successfully held on Sunday, Feb 5, 2012. The day's events include bowling, line dancing and karaoke, followed by a dinner gathering with 14 tables of guests. All activities were well planned and went smoothly, thanks to the hard working organizing committee and the helpers.

LSCOBAToronto Chapter had 12 representatives participating in the bowling tournament and Joe Tang (71) finished the game with an excellent performance by winning the 1st runner-up title.

Lastly, our chapter would like to thank Albert Ho (52) for the arrangement of the venue of the bowling tournament.

About HKJSAA

The Hong Kong Joint Schools Alumni Association (HKJSAA) was established shortly after the 25th anniversary of the Joint Schools Valentine Ball 2011, with the intent of maintaining our many years of friendship since the inception of the first HKJS Valentine Ball over 25 years ago.

The HKJSAA Organizing Committee meets several times a year and consists of representatives from 8 Alumni Associations here in Ontario, namely,

Paulinians
St. Francis Canossian College
La Salle College
St. Joseph's College

St. Joseph's A-C School
St. Francis' Xavier's College
Wah Yan College Hong Kong
Wah Yan College Kowloon



LSOBA Bowling Team:
L to R Vincent Ho (88), Lawrence Chan (00), Patrick Lee (07), Justin Lau (09), Kevin Kwok (88), Andrew Sin (SJOBA), Albert Ho (52), Joe Tang (71), Dominic Tang (89), Chris Fong (94), Alex Ng (09).



Waiting for the group singing!
L-R John Yeung (73), Chris Fong (94), Jason Leung (98), Patrick Lee (07), Dominic Tang (89), Lawrence Chan (00), Andrew Sin (SJOBA), Vincent Ho (88), Kevin Kwok (88)



Joe Tang - 1st runners up of the Bowling Tournament but the best in singing performance!



Our representatives with Wah Yan College OBA representatives



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Reunions

La Salle College Old Boys Global Reunion Vancouver 2012

Victor Leung (1977)



Convention rate for air travel

The GR2012 organizing committee is pleased to announce that convention rates have been arranged with Air Canada for attending old boys and families as follows:

Eligible period: July 25, 2012 - August 14, 2012 (Must travel within 7 days of initiating flight)

Promotion Code: 4QQC9R21

Discount Chart:

TRAVEL ZONE	FARE PRODUCT	DISCOUNT
Travel within Canada	Executive Class Flexible	10%
	Executive Class Lowest	0%
	Latitude	10%
	Tango Plus	10%
	Tango	0%
Travel between Canada and the U.S.	Executive Class Flexible	12%
	Executive Class Lowest	0%
	Latitude	10%
	Tango Plus	10%
	Tango	0%
Travel between North America and International destinations	Executive First Flexible	12%
	Executive First Lowest – C class fares*	12%
	Latitude	10%
	Tango Plus	10%
	Tango	10%

Note:

1. While allowed travel period is between July 25 through to Aug. 14, 2012, the travel window is only one week. For example, if the initiating flight (e.g. Edmonton-Vancouver) is on July 31 (Sun), the return flight (Vancouver-Edmonton) must be completed by Aug. 7, 2012 (the following Sunday).
2. To qualify for conventions special fare, GR2012 will need a minimum total of 10 delegates travelling from various origins to the GR location (Vancouver) with Air Canada's extensive North American and International network.

Other GR2012 details, including information on registration and hotel reservation, are expected to be available at GR2012 website located at <http://gr2012.lscob-global.net> in March 2012. Meanwhile, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Vancouver GR2012 between August 2 – August 5, 2012.



School News

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

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A Grade

1st Discuss (Yee Andy 6G)	2nd Discuss (Chan Chi Wai 6G)
1st Shot-Put (Yee Andy 6G)	2nd Shot-Put (Chan Alex 5F)
1st High-Jump	
1st Javelin (Li Victor 6G)	
1st 100m (Li Lut Yin 6E)	3rd 100m (Tsu Ka Chon 6D)
1st 5000m (Kwok Wing Kan 5A)	2nd 1500m (Kwok Wing Kan 5A)
2nd Long-Jump (Pang Ying Kit 6B)	3rd Long-Jump (Ngan Chun Yin 6F)
2nd 800m (Li Tsz Hei 5B)	3rd 800m (Chan Kai Pan 7D)
2nd 200m (Tsu Ka Chon 6D)	
3rd Triple-Jump (Pang Ying Kit 6B)	

3rd 1500m (Li Tsz Hei 5B)



B Grade

1st High-Jump (Yee Hon Ching 4G)	
1st Triple-Jump	
1st 1500m (Chan Alfred Hon Man 4A)	2nd 1500m (Chan Arthur Hok Man 4A)
1st 3000m (Chan Alfred Hon Man 4A)	
2nd 100m (Chan Hiu Nam 4B)	
2nd 200m (Chan Hiu Nam 4B)	
2nd 800m (Chan Arthur Hok Man 4A)	
3rd Discus (Chan Yin Chung 3D)	

C Grade

1st High-Jump (Mak Wai Kit 2B)	3rd High-Jump (Yee Hon Chung 2E)
1st 100mH (Mok Chi Kin 2C)	
2nd 400m (Chan Cheuk Lam 1F)	
3rd 1500m (Wong Hong Kit 2D)	





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"We are indeed champions! It is also history in the making. For the first time LSC made a clean sweep...the Grand Slam. We won A grade by a wide margin, piped "D B 仔"(DBS) by two points in C grade and, to leave them a modicum of pride, we shared B grade with them. We drubbed them in the overall!! Glorious.

I arrived in time to watch the 6 relays (A,B,C grades 4x100; A,B,C, grades 4x400). Both La Salle and D B 仔 qualified for all six events.

Once I stepped into the stadium, I felt an adrenalin rush. The atmosphere was electric, the multitude, commotion and clamour. It was reminiscent of the days when I was a participant; that woozy feeling in the legs and the churned up stomach. The realization that today I was only a spectator took a while to sink in.

All the stands were thronged with raucous students. Wisely the organizers separated us from D B 仔 by the length of the stands, with us occupying the northern end and them the southern, abutted by DGS! Where were Maryknoll? The inveterate rancour and sense of competition has hardly abated. LSC were preponderantly represented by students (where were you sods in our days?) and, pleasingly, a welter of old boys. Some of the students had the panache to have "喇沙" stamped on their left cheeks. We were probably only allotted section 7 but spilled over to half of sections 6 and 8. La Salle is indeed something more!

Some resourceful students brought a Chinese kettle drum which resounded throughout the stadium. Boom, boom, boom and more boom. The stentorian cheerleaders led the boys to a mélange of Cantonese and English incantations. Amidst the razzmatazz I could not make out most of the words except the reprise ... "LSC, LSC, LSC". I watched their countenances as they chanted. Unadulterated zealousness, intensity and most of all, pride, beamed through as they whooped "LSC, LSC, LSC". The refrain of one incantation that I could make out was "不求外援", "不求外援", a mordant barb directed unmistakably at D B 仔. LSC, LSC, LSC.

I ran into Brother Steve. His excitement and anxiety was palpable. He told me that it was all down to the relays. By then the overall as well as the A grade championships were in the bag. We were ahead by the thinnest of margin in B but slightly behind in C. I am sure he spent two excruciating hours awaiting the denouement.

Annoyingly we played second fiddle to D B 仔 in the 4x100's. I was standing by the marshalling area and saw the interchange of the third baton to the fourth. D B 仔 interchanged seamlessly, neither runner missed a beat, whereas ours was a tad clumsy, certainly room for improvement. The setback pared our margin in B grade to 4 points and we were behind in C grade by 2 points. It was down to the wire to attain the clean sweep.

The point difference between first and second is 4 and the interstice thereafter is 2 points. One can imagine the hubbub during the C and B (the races were ran in that order) grade races. The kettle drum bellowed rigourously and incessantly throughout as were chants of LSC, LSC. The "young" old boys standing by my side roared "過佢,過佢". The drumbeat, the hubbub crescendoed to a deafening thunder by the end of each race. My ears hurt. In the end, we finished two positions ahead in C grade eclipsing D B 仔 by 2 points and frustratingly two behind in B grade to share the title.

Immediately after the last race the boys adorned with aplomb a new red coloured T shirt, strikingly with the broadside "Champions / LA SALLE / made of home grown athletes" emblazoned in gold across the chest. D B 仔 eat your hearts out! Brother Patrick told me that these were only delivered two days ago, courtesy of one or a few devoted old boys, prevising the victory. LSC, LSC, LSC. I told Brother Patrick that in our days we would be asking for a school holiday. His retort was that it is a tall order nowadays. Sad.

How can any, in particular such a momentous, event end without a rendition of the school song. Some boys broke into it and were without ado joined jauntily by all the others as well as the old boys. Boys of courage, boys of daring.....LSC, LSC, LSC. Hip, hip hurray; hip, hip, hurray; hip, hip, hurray.

We defended the championship successfully this year. Hopefully this presages a meaningful run after those seven (or was it eight) years in the wilderness.

Gosh, was I glad and proud to be present. LSC, LSC, LSC."

Yours Ever,

An LSCOB from class 1966





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拔萃多年來多方面都是母校一個可敬，強勁的對手，與他們競爭，可以激勵我們更臻完美。

強者的對手應該要夠強或更強，否則山中無老虎，馬騮也稱王！（有鬼用？）

calling them names won't make anyone more superior,

Another LSCOB from class 1966

A little side story

At the end of the meet, we were level on points for B grade and are co-champions with DBS for this grade but there is only one trophy shield which was presented by HKU Vice Chancellor this year, so who get to keep the Shield?

Of course, we want all 4 Shields (A, B, C + Overall) to show off in school and DBS wanted to deny us that rare honour; it was then decided that it will be down to one single game of "paper-scissor-rock(包剪揼)"...

...so my fellow Lasallians, remember this 24th day of Feb in 2012 when 喇沙一手搵低 DBS!!!

While the previous side story was meant to be on the light and humorous side, we should be reminded to be equally sensitive to the feelings of our rivals. True LaSallian will never leap from pride to arrogant and would never ever disrespect our rivals.

Based on the smiles from both our boys and DBS, we should all be very pleased to know that our boys have mastered the fine sportsmanship well and have realized that it's our rivalry and friendly competition that help to achieve our personal bests.

(Even the boys from both LSC and DBS had found it funny to having to resort to 包剪揼 for a very significant and historic final decision.)

The boys have done well both on the field and off the field.... La Salle is truly something more.

