

The North American LaSallians

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Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Feb 1, 2013 (every first Friday)

Time

Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓

10604-101 Street

Super Bowl Party

Date Feb 3, 2012 Time 3:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue Finnagan's Bistro Bar & Billiards

Contact billshwong@shaw.ca

San Francisco Bay Area

Annual Spring Dinner

Date Saturday, February 23, 2013

Time 5pm to 10pm Mayflower Restaurant Venue

see Chapter News for more details

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date every first Sunday Time noon to 2 pm

Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant Venue

111 N. Atlantic Blvd.,3/F,Monterey Park

Toronto

HK Joint Schools Alumni Assn

CNY Gathering

Date: February 17th, 2013. (Sunday)

see Chapter News for more details

Mah Jong Tournament / Dinner

Date: March 3, 2012 (Sunday) noon - 10:00pm Time:

Venue: **Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine** Price: \$45.00, \$40.00 (Dinner only) see Chapter News for more details

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Chapter News

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

Annual (Year of the Snake) Spring Dinner

The LSCOBA San Francisco Bay Area Chapter will hold its Annual Spring Dinner on Saturday, February 23, 2013. All LaSallians are invited. If anyone happens to be in the San Francisco area, please join us for this festivity. We have a full program for that night, including games, luck draw, table prizes and of course, fine food. A limited number of Old Boys products are also available. Come and join our festive evening! Details are as follow:

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013

Time: 5pm to 10pm

Venue: Mayflower Restaurant

428 Barber Lane Milpitas, CA 95035

Costs: \$40/Adult, \$20/Student, \$20/Children from 5 to 14

RSVP: sf@Lscoba.com or ephremfung@yahoo.com

Toronto Chapter

Cost:

Hong Kong Joint Schools Alumni Association- Chinese New Year Gathering

Date: February 17th, 2013. (Sunday)

<u>Bowling</u> <u>Dinner</u>

Time: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Time: 6:30 PM (Reception 6:00 PM)

Venue: Club 300 Bowl, Venue: New Markham Villa Chinese Cuisine (富貴樓)

146 Old Kennedy Road, 146 Old Kennedy Road, Markham, ON L3R 0L5 Markham, ON L3R 0L5 \$15.00 (including shoe rental, 3 games) Cost: \$35.00 per person

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Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Spring Dinner 2013

Date: March 3, 2012 (Sunday)

Time: noon - 10:00pm

Venue: Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下高級粤菜

9019 Bayview Avenue, Unit 9 Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3M6

Price: \$45.00 (all included)

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Toronto Chapter

New Year's Eve Dinner 2012

Kevin Kwok (1988)







2012 could be the best year for Toronto Chapter. After enjoying record attendance from our members at every single chapter event, to no one's surprise, our New Year Eve Dinner at Regal Chinese cuisine and Banquet Hall was attended by 458 old boys, families and guests. This most happy event not only marked the final curtain for our successful year of 2012, but also gave us full confidence that our good spirit will be maintained through 2013.







For the past few years, we made lengthy reports on some of our guests at this event, the generous donors who contributed valuable gifts for the lucky draw, and the lucky parties who won the grand price and 50/50 draws. Let us have some brand new material to share with you this time.

As in previous years, the band Synergy provided live music for the entire evening, and the leaders of Synergy, Peter Chan (72) and Paul Wong (73), headed the Event Subcommittee. This year, Peter & Paul offered ample valuable opportunities for our junior members to participate, and those junior members enjoyed the hands-on experience in equipment set up, decoration and seating arrangement. We are confident that they will maintain the same level of service on their own in the near future. Good apprenticeship indeed!







Most of our guests were quite "naughty" as they were unwilling to sit down to pave the way for our 2nd round of lucky draw leading to the climax for the grand prize (42 inch TV and some audio equipment). They were anxious to use their own cameras to capture the precious moment transitioning from 2012 to 2013 and mingle with beloved friends. The commotion interrupted the live performance by Synergy for almost 20 minute, but the musicians really appreciated the zealous support from the guests through this



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7 hour event. Credit should be given to the Synergy for their well organized music arrangement without a single still moment. Action speaks louder than words - most of our guests have expressed determination to return to our 2013 NYED.

We thank the organizing committee and all those who helped for their hard work to make this such a successful event – Stephen Leung (63), Thomas Tam (63), Michael Ho (65), Peter Lau (70), Joe Tank (71), Francis Yeung (71), Peter Chan (72, Paul Wong (73), Felix Leung (85), Kevin Kwok (88), Chris Fong (94), Jonathan Chan (96), Jason Leung (98), Justin Lau (07) and Eugene Sun (12).











2012 Joint School Alumni Soccer Tournament

Kevin Kwok (1988)



The 2012 Joint School Alumni Soccer Tournament was held on 18th Sept 2012 and Toronto Chapter managed to capture the championship for the 2nd consecutive year. The soccer tournament would not have been possible without the hard work of our dedicated members. We were so fortunate of have a number of talented players and our soccer team would like to take this opportunity to thank the long time service of Danny Au Yeung (67), Paul Li (73), Gordon Tam (77) and Lawrence Ng (85).

In addition to the regular tournament games, we arranged an exhibition game for the 50+ players between HK Chinese University Alumni and Joint School teams (La Salle

College, St. Joseph College, Ramondi College and Salesian group).

A number of new members were recruited and we would like to thank our most senior Chapter Director, Albert Ho (53), who offered a ride to our youngest member, Roland Chi (2012) after our post game tea gathering.

Final Ranking of the tournament:

Champion: La Salle College (LSC)

1st runners up: Joint Salesian Group (JSS)

2nd runners up: St Joseph College, HK (SJCHK)

3rd runners up: Ramondi College (RC)

Best Sportsman ship award: Ramondi College







LaSallians' News

La Salle Study Center in China

Calvin Chan (1971)

Not known to many of us, there is a La Salle Study Center in operations in China in the past decade. This is the result of the good deed of Brother David Liao. Bernard Kong (1976) has written about Brother David Liao in his LaSallian Chatboard posting (http://www.lscoba.com/discuss/read.php?1,12662,12662#msg-12662)

Brother David has served widely in many schools in Malaysia, namely:

St. Francis' Institution, Malacca: 1968 - 1971 and in 1978

St. Anthony's School, Teluk Intan: 1972 - 1973

• La Salle School, PJ: 1976 - 1977

St. Andrew's School, Muar: 1980 - 1982 as the Principal

• La Salle School, Klang: 1983 - 1985

• St. Joseph's College, Penang: 1986 - 1989 as Director of Novices

He was elected Brother Visitor, Penang District and served for nine years from 1990 to 1999 in this capacity. He took a year sabbatical in 2001. The good Brother truly lives up to his religious commitment - to go wherever he may be sent and to do whatever is required of him.



Brother David has come a long way in his mission in Chiangjiao which is a remote and backward village in China by comparison. The village elders were initially skeptical of his commitment as those before him let them down. With sheer grit and determination, he managed to overcome all difficulties and now completely won over everyone.

The mission started on 21st September, 2001 when Brother David Liao (廖樂年修士) visited his ancestral home in Baijiang, a hamlet in the village of Changjiao (長教村), in the district of Dabu (大埔縣), of the state Meizhou (梅州市) and in the Province of Guangdong (廣東省), China. During his visit, he was invited by the political secretary of the village to teach English there.

As Bernard Kong has said, the task is not an easy one to start with. However,



with good support from the La Salle

Brothers, his old boys in Malaysia and a few LaSallians in Hong Kong, Brother David has overcome many adversities and is finally recognized for his relentless effort in April 2012.

A website has been created for the study center and is available at http://www.lasallechina.com. Brother David has recorded all his activities in a sequence of newsletters dating back to December 2001. They are all interesting reading materials and are available at the website. The following unedited paragraphs were taken from the newsletters for a few important incidents related to the development of the study center. These are important milestones of the study center.



On my return to Hong Kong, I related my story to the Brothers. Br. Patrick Tierney then called for a meeting to study this opportunity in the context of a possible future Lasallian education service to mainland China as a natural extension to our existing schools in Hong Kong. It was decided that I should accept this offer and give it a try. I was then asked to prepare a budget to Br. Visitor and Br. Bursar before the end of November for presentation and approval at the next DC meeting in December....

March 12, 2002. Thank God I have established myself at Changjiao. Yesterday, I went over to the school at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Yeung's son gave me a ride on his motorbike. The headmaster was surprised to see me. He had not been informed of my arrival!!! There was a communication problem. I telephoned the political secretary from Hong Kong two days earlier but he had not informed the headmaster as I expected. Anyway, I left my luggage in his office and went back at about 11.30 a.m. for Dabu. The headmaster promised that he would get the room ready in the afternoon. I returned on my bicycle which I bought for RMB240.00 (about US\$30) at 2.30 p.m. The timing was just perfect. I met the whole village leadership as they all just returned from a lunch function at a nearby village. I was invited to the political secretary's house for a cup of tea. The headmaster was informed and he came over to fetch me at about 3.30 p.m. By the time the school dismissed at 4.30 p.m. I was already installed in my room. It was a simple room indeed ... a hard wooden bed ... a desk ... two small tables ... a chair ... two stools and one small light! Thank God, I arrived prepared with my own quilt, mosquito net, water bucket, basin etc. There is no plumbing up there. The washroom and the kitchen are on the ground floor. I had sufficient for the first night....







Recently, I befriended a family in the town of Dabu. They own a photo studio. They have a cable internet connection in the shop that they allow me to use. Internet connection via the telephone line is available but is very unreliable as connections get disrupted very easily. Cable Internet is only available in town. I am fortunate that this family allows me to use their computer to do my emailing and browsing the net for world news. There are no English newspapers here and my reading of Chinese Characters is still at a very primary stage. In the past, I access the net in an Internet Centre. It was convenient but very noisy as most of the youngsters using the service play loud games ... the louder the better!!! As a service to the family, I teach English to their 11 years old son (Yang Tao) and 17 years old niece on Sundays after I am done with the internet. I get to eat lunch with them....

Summer 2003, my nephew, who transferred residence to Hebei in 1986, began building his house in 1984 but did not complete it. He offered to let me use it for as long as I want. I now have a newly renovated house. It has four rooms, a hall, a courtyard, bathroom cum toilet, running spring water, and electricity. Now I actually have an independent building where I can set up an English Language and Computer Literacy Centre. God willing, a small La Sallian foundation will be formally established in a small village in main land China in 2004....

Brother Patrick Tierney of Hong Kong was to visit Changjiao and officially open La Salle Study Centre in August 2004. Unfortunately, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the visit has been postponed. Anyway, I am sure a suitable date will be scheduled in the near future. In the main time, for easier reference I will refer to the house in Changjiao-Baijiang as La Salle Study Centre or LSSC....

In the summer of 2002, I had to travel from house to house teaching just 32 students. I was not allowed to use the school then. Last year, the summer of 2003, the situation improved and I was allowed to use the school but the headmaster was nowhere to be seen. I taught 122 students. Then I was in charge of everything in school and did almost everything myself but I did have the assistance of a pre-university student to assist me in teaching and a primary six boy to help me prepare lessons on the computer.

Thankfully this year, the local cavalry sprung into action. Mr. Zhong the new headmaster volunteered to assist me throughout the 4 weeks. He took charge of all student affairs, from checking on attendance, keeping discipline and cleanliness to dealing with parents and visitors. He also saw to it that my assistance and I had drinks and a proper

lunch at the end of our lessons. Mr. Kian Pang, the caretaker and cook of the school also volunteered his service and together with Ms Liao the village kindergarten teacher, prepared lunch for us. Thus my work was simplified and I could concentrate on teaching. Three undergraduates and one post-graduate volunteered to assist me in teaching and I enlisted one secondary school boy to help handle computer related matters....

I am happy to announce that I am now able to email directly from La Salle Study Center in Baijiang. Baijiang is a little sector in the village of Changjiao. After waiting for more than two years, I decided to buy into a wireless internet service. It is a little more expensive than fixed line broadband and not as fast. I requested for broadband internet service two years ago but it was not available then. Early this year the service is made available in the next village of Qicun. In Changjiao the telephone lines are old so broadband signals are very weak. Not wanting to delay any longer, I decided to test the wireless service. Two sales representatives came and demonstrated the wireless system on my laptop. It worked well. The communication station is on a little hill right behind LSSC so the signals are very good. On 21st April, 2005 I finally got connected to the internet directly. Thank God for this convenience. I do not have to go to Huliao (湖寮鎭) twice a week to receive and send emails as I have done so for the last four years. Anyone who likes to spend time here to teach English will not be cut off from friends and family. Emailing is now available at LSSC....

Easter Monday, 17th April 2006, will always be remembered by all in Changjiao as the day Liao Laoshi's (廖老師) mysterious La Salle Hui Guan Tong Shi (喇沙會館同事)(roughly translated as Lasallian Family members) finally turned up. I always remind them that I can do what I do for the children of the village because of support from La Salle Hui Guan. I want to thank Dr. Bernard Kong and Mr. Charles Chan, President and Deputy President of La Salle College Old Boys Association for organizing the visit. Brother Visitor Peter Foo also joined the group of 16 students, teachers and old boys for this historic visit. Of course, LSCOBA came bearing gifts of computers, projector, photocopying machine, books and a whole variety of very useful materials for LSSC but the impact was not what they bring. That they would make a day's journey all the way from Hongkong, visit the centre for 2 hours, have dinner and then return to Meixian for the night before returning to Hongkong the next day, was and still is incomprehensible to the villagers. My position in the village and even among government officials in the district capital of Dabu-Huliao is greatly enhanced. I want to record my heartfelt thanks to everyone who made the visit possible, all who contributed support and services and those who provided materials and money. I look forward to your continued support. Who knows where the Good Lord will lead us in main land China through LSSC Changjiao....







This year (2012) we had two teams of overseas volunteers. As usual, La Salle College, Kowloon sent 9 students volunteers and there was a lone volunteer from St. Joseph's College, Hongkong. They arrived on 14th July and left on 28th July. I want to express my thanks to the teachers of LSC Kowloon who accompanied them. The next team of volunteers was a couple from Kuala Lumpur, Lee Voon and K.C. Wan (former students of St. Michael's Inst. Ipoh) and a three generations group of grandma and grandpa, Margaret Kam and Billy Oo of Penang, son-in-law Paul Goldsbrough of Winsor and his daughter Althea Yulin 15 who was born in Beijing and son little Johnathan who was only 5 years old. This second team joined us for the 3rd and 4th week. I want to thank all our overseas volunteers for their many contributions to the success of our summer programme 2012.

This is the first time in the history of our Summer Programme that we had volunteers from one family stretching three generations. We also made history locally as all three team leaders of the small groups programme were Chinese university students who had been studying and working with us for 10 years. Their leadership of their respective teaching teams and the small group learning activities was remarkable. They were efficient as well as creative and as a result I could concentrate fully on my own teaching programme, leaving the group activities entirely in their capable hands.



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This writeup is meant to draw the attention of our readers to the existence of the La Salle Study Center and the good deed of Brother David. This newsletter will keep its best effort to bring the latest update to the readers in the hope that a bigger resource pool can be established to lend a hand to give support to the La Salle Study Center when there is a call from Brother David. Meanwhile, our readers are urged to visit the website at http://www.lasallechina.com to learn more about the La Salle Study Center.



School News

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

2013-01-11

La Salle College wins the Hong Kong Informatics Olympiad

On Friday 11th January La Salle College received the Informatics Olympiad Championship Award at the Prize Presentation Ceremony organized by the Hong Kong Association for Computer Education. Congratulations to the students, and the teachers (Mr WONG, Mr MA, Mr HO) and old boys who spent many long hours coaching the team. The individual prize recipients were:



	Senior Group	Junior Group
Gold Medallists	TUNG Kam Chuen, HUI Pak Nam	YU Hoi Wai, LO Chun Hei
Silver Medallists	TANG Justin Wang Lap	LEE Kwan Yuen, CHEUNG Ka Long
Bronze Medallists	TANG Dik Man, LEE Cheuk Him	WONG Alvis, WONG Tsz Him, KWAN Ernest Kun Chi

2013-01-16

Update on Media Statement

Today, the media has published an article based on a media statement from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner listing La Salle College as one of several schools and suggesting the College was not compliant with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance.

Next Magazine in April 2012 published results of a powerful Google search which found a La Salle College Glist.pdf file from November 2006 relating to seat and ticket allocation for our Speech Day. A few names had emails inadvertently on the list. We attempted to contact several on the list and found they were not active.

The College has done a thorough search of the website and has found no other such document.

Please be assured that the College staff are familiar with and have been reminded of the Ordinance and legislation in regard to personal data and privacy details and the use of electronic communication. We have policies accordingly and procedures in our Staff Handbook.

All postings on the College website come through me. I check, edit and pass to the webmaster. He, and only he, posts the approved postings on the College website.

The posting identified by Next Magazine was removed in April 2012. For those few alumni whose emails were in that posting in 2006 we sincerely regret this inclusion. The Office of the Privacy Commissioner has already written to us and is satisfied with our response and with our present procedures. They state that no further action needs to be taken and the case is closed.

2013-01-20

La Salle College Old Boys Association Music Board

On Sunday 20th January the La Salle College Old Boys Association Music Board held their Inauguration Ceremony and 1st Annual Meeting. With the strength of the Colleges Wind Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, and Chinese Orchestra, and now being recognised as one of the strongest music Departments in Hong Kong a number of old boys felt a need to form a Music Board for interested, passionate musicians now graduating from the College. The objects of the Board regulations state that the Boards purpose is to provide both support for the College and a means for alumni to continue to play and develop their talent and passion for music. Planning has begun for an 'Alumni Concert' in August 2013. Old Boy's interested in becoming members please contact the LSCOBA.



2013-01-20

La Salle College 3rd in Organic Farming Competition

La Salle College is a Health Promoting School (HPS) following the international guidelines for promoting healthy lifestyles and sustainable habits. The College Health Promotion Team has a garden in the College growing edible foods and are about to launch an e-survey on eating habits. They are also evaluating the Tuck-shop and Canteen in terms of international guidelines for schools, and have purchased a food waste recycle machine for the College. Earlier in the year they launched a paper recycle system in the classrooms. On Saturday 19th January the Health Promoting Team came 3rd in the Hong Kong Organic Farming Competition. Well done to the team for their initiatives around the College and to Ms LAU and teacher advisors.





2013-01-23

La Salle College Students Gain University Credits - HKUST Dual Programme (L2)

Thirteen Form 3 to Form 5 students have been awarded 3-4 university credits by HKUST having successfully completed a gifted education programme, the 'Dual Programme' (Level 2), in Chemistry, Life Science, Physics or Mathematics. Level One of the Dual Programme provides exposure to university courses while Level Two provides students with the opportunity to gain credits. Level Three allows for a dual entry programme completing HKDSE and beginning a full tertiary programme. Congratulations to the boys and to LSC staff of the Learning Support Services Team - Gifted Education.



2013-01-30

Speech Festival Prize Winner Recital

On Friday 25th January LEE Sze Chit Eugene (1D) was invited to present his competition piece at the 64th Hong Kong Schools Music and Speech Festivals Prize-winners Recital, as he won the top performance in the Solo Verse Speaking (Form 1 Boys). Eugene recited Midnight Meeting by Mike Judd. The adjudicator commented that this was a very clear, most enjoyable recital where Eugene used his voice and face to capture the mood and detail of the score. Pictured are Eugene with his family and also with his teachers Ms Poon, Mr Mak and Mr NG Siu Wing.





