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Just In!

Inter-school Athletics Championship 2013

The Finals of the 2013 Inter-school Athletics Meet was held Friday, March 1st at the Wan Chai Stadium. Release of this newsletter was delayed to wait for the latest results from Hong Kong.

It was a very tight race. At the end of the day, points scored by La Salle and DBS were as follows:

	LSC	DBS
Grade A	154.5	191.0
Grade B	136.5	162.5
Grade C	147.5	87.5
Total	438.5	441.0
Overall Team Rank	2 nd	1 st

La Salle College Campus TV Team has set up a YouTube channel to broadcast the meet live at <http://lsc-ctv.com/ameet/>. There are still videos available for those who have missed the event and are interested to watch the video again.

Well done boys! We are all proud of your performances.

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Mar 1, 2013 (every first Friday)

Time noon

Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

San Francisco Bay Area

Bimonthly Lunch gathering

Date Mar 2, 2012 (1st Sat of every other month)

Time 12:30 pm- 2:30pm

Venue Fu Lam Mum
153 Castro St, Mountain View, CA 94041.

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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

Mah Jong Tournament / Dinner

Date: March 3, 2012 (Sunday)

Time: noon - 10:00pm

Venue: Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine

Price: \$45.00

\$40.00 (Dinner only)

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School News

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

2013-02-04

LAM Che Ho Wins New York International Artist Award

Congratulations to LAM Che Ho (2008) who has won 2nd prize (no 1st prize winner) in the NYIAA New York International Artists Violin Competition and will be giving his solo debut at Merkin Hall in NYC. The New York International Artists websites writes of Che Ho:

(Ref: <http://www.nyiaa.org/html/winners.html>;
<http://www.pressconnects.com/VideoNetwork/2108457289001/Eastman-String-Quartet-rehearsal>)

Praised as 'a young concert artist with flair and musical integrity' by The Audiotechnique, twenty-one year old violinist Che Ho Lam was chosen as first violinist of the Eastman String Quartet, by the Joint Congressional Committee and the Eastman School of Music to perform at the 2013 U.S. Presidential Inauguration Luncheon in Washington D.C. for President Obama. A native of Hong Kong, Che Ho started his performing career at the age of ten as a solo violinist and solo boy soprano, when he made his international debut with the Hong Kong Yip's Children's Choir and the Hong Kong Children's Symphony Orchestra touring in Helsinki, Frankfurt, Prague and St. Petersburg. Since then he has made appearances as both a soloist and a chamber musician in the United States, Asia and Europe. He has been heard in venues such as Tchaikovsky State House-Museum Concert Hall, the Rachmaninoff Hall of the Moscow Conservatory of Music, the National Centre for Performing Arts in Beijing and the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco.



2013-02-04

LSC 2nd in the Love Hong Kong Competition

In December 2012, about 43 F.1 to F.5 La Salle College students participated in the Chinese slogan competition 'Celebrate the Anniversary, Love Hong Kong, Love our Country' organized by the Kowloon City District Civic Education Campaign Organising Committee. The competition aimed to provide an opportunity for students to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of HKSAR. The results were:

School Award: La Salle College - 2nd Place in the Team Participation
Merit Award: CHAN Meng Chon (F.1B)
Merit Award: TANG Wai Fung (F.4G)





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2nd in First Aid Competition

On the 27th January La Salle College Red Cross Team came 2nd in the West Kowloon District First Aid Competition out of 41 teams. La Salle College now goes on to represent Kowloon West in the final of the Hong Kong First Aid Competition. Pictured is Ms LAU with the Red Cross Team.



2013-02-04

La Salle College Achieves Two Gold AYP Awards

On Thursday 31st January 2013 SIN Pok Fung and LEUNG Jason received the Gold AYP Award from the Hon. LEUNG Chun Ying. Formally known as the Duke of Edinburgh Award founded by His Royal Highness Prince Phillip in 1956, it has since 1988 been administered by the International Award Association (IAA) in over 140 countries. In Hong Kong the Award is now known as the *Hong Kong Award for Young People*. The Award involves a very challenging set of standards to attain in terms of many hours over a year in personal challenges and community service. Ms Tam Wai-Ling is teacher mentor and is pictured with SIN Pok Fung.



2013-02-05

La Salle College Community Service for Chinese New Year

On Monday 4th February the La Salle College Outreach Service Team (OST) visited the Helping Hand Elderly Centre in Chuk Yuen Estate to decorate the Centre for the coming Chinese New Year. Through this service project the students wanted to share the joy of the Chinese New Year with the elderly and also to develop a commitment to a particular service centre and thus a habit of caring. The College thanks Mr Sin, teacher in charge, and the staff of Chuk Yeun Estate Helping Hand Elderly Centre for organizing the event and giving the OST members an invaluable chance to learn to serve.





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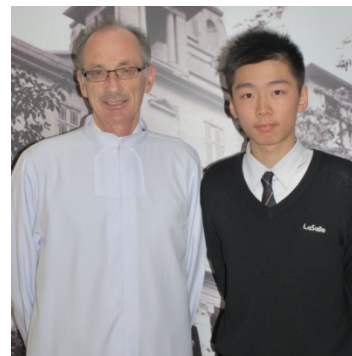
Harvest Time at La Salle College

Tuesday afternoon February 5th, the Green & Health Promoting Team harvested produce from their organic garden to take home to their families for Chinese New Year. The vegetables harvested included radish, tomatoes, basil & mint, and a variety of salad greens. Pictured with Ms LAU, teacher in charge, are: **LEUNG Alvin (4C)**, **WOO Ryan (4C)**, **TAM Ernest (4C)**, **WONG Ping Kin Christopher (4D)**, **WU Raymond (4G)**, **CHOI Anson (3E)**.

2013-02-05

Kowloon City Outstanding Student Award

KO Lun Jason (6E) has been awarded the Kowloon City Outstanding Student Award 2012-2013. Jason, SA President 2012-2013, has today, also been awarded the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prize 2012-2013 along with PANG Chak-fung Adrian (5G).



2013-02-06

The 28th China Mathematical Olympiad (CMO)



The 28th China Mathematical Olympiad (CMO) was held in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China, from the 10th to 14th of January 2013. There were 317 participants who came from all Provinces in China, including Hong Kong and Macau, and from Russia. Eight students from Hong Kong were selected to participate in this competition. The exam consisted of two papers of four and a half hours each. **HUI Pak Nam Jeffery (5F)** was awarded Second Class Honours. The Math Team would like to congratulate his excellent achievement in such high level and challenging competition!

2013-02-09

Chinese New Year Community Service Project

On Saturday the 9th February the La Salle College Outreach Service Team visited the Helping Hand Elderly Centre in Chuk Yuen Estate to distribute New Year presents to the elderly. The students also provided entertainment such as singing, Chinese Opera, and an erhu (二胡) musical performance. Through this service project students learnt to share the joy of Chinese New Year with the less fortunate and the lonely, and also develop a sense of caring about others. Thank you to Mr. Sin, Teacher in Charge, and the staff of Chuk Yeun Estate Helping Hand Elderly Centre for organizing the event, and the performers for giving the elderly a happy New Year.





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2nd and 3rd in the Hong Kong Secondary Schools Dance Competition

Congratulations to our Dance Team for achieving two Awards at the Hong Kong Secondary School Dance competitions on Friday night. Our Jazz Trio were awarded the Highly Commended Award (2nd Place) for their dance 'Friend, I'll be there', as well as the Choreography Prize for attaining a high standard as first time choreographers. CHAU Frankie was awarded the Commended Prize (3rd Place) for his Jazz Solo 'Young Love'. The judges commended our boys for their choice of music and their theme and how effectively they used music and dance to communicate a wonderful theme. Thank you to Coach, Mr. Bon Kwong, and to Teachers, Ms. Poon and Mr. Mak.

Jazz Dance (Trio) - YUEN Jun Wei Ethan (1G), ARCILIA Jose Antonio Delfin (2A), NAIR Ashwin Rafeev (2A)

Jazz Dance (Solo) - CHAU Frankie Chun Yin (5E)



2013-02-24

Standard Chartered & Lions Club Speech Competition Champions

On Saturday morning the 23rd February La Salle College were awarded Champions at both the Standard Chartered Public Speaking Competition and the Lions Club English Speech Competitions. In 2011/2012 La Salle College won both the Senior and Junior Divisions of the Standard Chartered competition and this year in a highly competitive environment La Salle won both Divisions again. The Standard Chartered competition is in English.

Senior Division Champion - WONG Wai Yin Alexander (4E)

Junior Division Champion - WONG Gannen Gregory (2A)

On Saturday afternoon the 23rd February La Salle College had 4 boys in the final 11 of the Lions Club Speech Competition and were awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place.

1st HEUNG Lon Chi Daneel (4G)

2nd AU Chak Sum Anselm (4E)

5th ANTO Keith (4E)

3rd WANG Chenxi Cody (4D)

Merit WONG Wai Yin Alexander (4E)

Congratulations to the team and Ms Chan their coach. An extraordinary achievement of which we are all very proud and of which we all benefit.





Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Spring Dinner 2013

Date: March 3, 2012 (Sunday)
Time: noon - 10:00pm
Venue: Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下高級粵菜
9019 Bayview Avenue, Unit 9
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3M6
Price: \$45.00 (all included)
\$40.00 (Dinner only)
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Life Update

Olympic Dream

William Lai (1961)

Warm-up

People from Hong Kong can claim to have grown up in soccer, or football, country, much like our Canadian children who consider themselves to have grown up in hockey, and should I also mention, ringette, country. My late father belonged to the South China Football Club as a fan and I remember him bringing me to many football matches.

The most hotly contested football matches in those days were between the South China and Kowloon Bus teams. But the most memorable football moment for me was watching Stanley Matthews play on an English team in a friendly match with a local team. Matthews, for younger folks, was the Wayne Gretzky, or should I say David Beckham, of his day. We had very good seats at that game. I can still remember clearly Matthews, wearing Number 7, curving a centring pass right in front of our bleachers. In our generation, we would have said "Bend it like Matthews", rather than "Bend it like Beckham".

A gawky kid at La Salle, I always admired classmates and friends who were on school soccer teams and those who excelled in sports, spreading the reputation of LSC being "something more" than an extraordinary academic institution. I think one classmate actually made it to the Hong Kong Olympics team. Here we were, in the same class and just about the same age, and he was an Olympian and I was an athletically challenged teenager. I dreamt of attending an Olympic games somehow someday. But that thought was more like extreme wishful-thinking.



By the Olympic-ringed Tower Bridge



Front of Wembley Stadium



Inside Wembley Stadium



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Luck of the draw

Fast forward half a century and the Games of the XXX Olympiad are held in London in 2012. Through our relatives in England, we were very fortunate to obtain some tickets for some of the Olympic soccer games – a men's semi-final, the Gold Medal matches for both the Women's and Men's. We were very surprised to be able to acquire these tickets. It was incredible luck to have my uncle's order for all these tickets completely filled, even for an UK resident. Some dreams do come true. So off we went to London early August 2012.

London during the Games

We have been to London many times before; so visiting London was nothing new. What we weren't sure of was what London would be like during the Games. The City seems to have quite an experience hosting Olympics games. These 2012 Games was the third Olympiad held in London. (A fourth, the 1944 Games, was cancelled due to the Second World War). News had been circulating that there would be serious security and traffic problems during these 2012 Games.

We arrived in London only the last week of the Games to catch the soccer matches. We did not see the city at the beginning of the Games period. But we were very impressed with what we saw for the time we were there. We did not see the traffic problems as reported in the news earlier in the Games. Make no mistake, there was much congestion in some parts of London but we didn't see any disorder. There were wall-to-wall people in many of the venues and in some of the stations in the Tube. But crowd control (actually more like guidance than control) was very effective and the volunteers lining the routes were very friendly and helpful.

The matches

Men's Semi-final – Mexico versus Japan

Japan dominated the offence for much of the game, but grabbed the short end of the stick. The Mexicans played opportunists and scored a couple of timely, or untimely for the opposition, goals to steal the game, 3-1. It looked like not so much Mexico winning the game as Japan losing it. It was the first time Mexican soccer had reached the Olympic Final.

Men's Final – Mexico versus Brazil

Despite Brazil's soccer fame on the World Cup stage, they actually had never won Olympic gold. Neither had Mexico. Thus, theoretically, the set-up was perfect for these two highly motivated teams to make a showing of a life-time. Based on prior reputation, Brazil was the golden favourite. But their Olympic dream soon became unravelled when Mexico stunned them with a goal within the first minute of the game. The Brazilians spent the rest of the game trying to recover from this surprise ambush, but to no avail. The Mexicans adopted a fairly defensive, and sometimes boring, strategy that thwarted the much-touted Brazilian attack. Though Brazil got one back, they lost 2-1. The Mexicans became the first-timer golden boys of these 2012 Games.



Women's Gold Medal game - US vs Japan

Women's Final – USA versus Japan

We watched this match with a bit of ambivalence. We saw the semi-final between Canada and the US on television. Canada lost in a heart-breaker, 4-3. It was the best game that I had seen the Canadian Women's Team play and the match was a thriller. But Canada was defeated, not so much by a superior USA team, but by questionable refereeing. That reminded me of the judging controversy afflicting the Figure Skating World Championship some years ago. The Americans did not deserve to win that game. I am saying so even though half of my family is now American.

The actual gold medal game was an encore of the 2011 World Cup encounter between these two ladies' teams. That was a fairly thrilling game which was tied 2-2 after extra



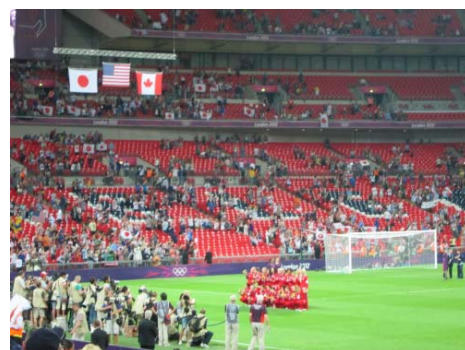
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time. Japan won that match on penalty shots. This Olympic final game, however, was a much tamer affair. While there were flashes of inspired play, the game overall was not that exciting to watch. After their superb showing at the World Cup, the Japanese seemed to have lost their touch and constantly failed to gain or maintain ground, often losing possession of the ball without much contest from the opposition. The US took gold with a 2-1 win.

The medals ceremony

The emotional experience of this Women's Gold Medal Game actually came after the match when the medals were presented. The Canadian Women's Team showed up to collect their Bronze Medal. As the Canadian flag was raised below the gold and silver winners, it was a bitter-sweet moment for both the team members as well as the Canadian spectators present. While a Bronze Medal is nothing to sneer at, I think we all knew, based on the observed performances of the respective teams, had the ref not botched up the Canada-US game, the Canadians could have handily won gold. The Canadian Women's Team showed tremendous graciousness in congratulating the Americans and accepting a disappointing Bronze Medal.



Flags raised during medal ceremony



Canadian Women's Soccer Team entering stadium



Canadian Team receiving Bronze Medal



Canadian Women's Team doing lap thanking fans

Overall impression of the soccer games

Massive humanity leaving for the Tube after the game



One of the concerns we had before going to the games was that fans might become rowdy erupting into chaotic disorder which seemed to be common with important soccer games in Europe. As it turned out, fans at the Olympic soccer games were very well-behaved. Of course, there was much loud cheering and chanting for the respective teams, but there was no improper conduct in the stands or outside the stadium, which was a relief.

To be quite honest, the football matches that we attended were not very exciting. The calibre of play did not seem to be on same level as the World Cup. I think that's partly because there are restrictions on which players can qualify for the Olympics thus eliminating many premier players from the competition. Well, more dreaming - I'll make it to the World Cup someday.