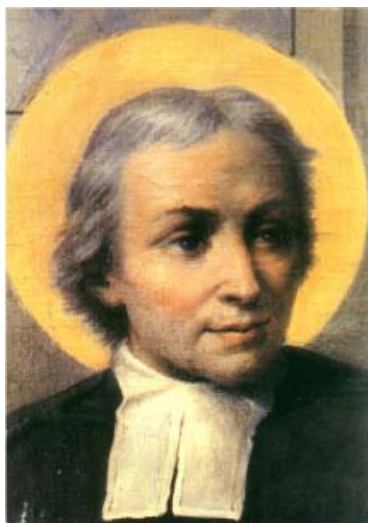




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In Memory



About Saint John Baptist de La Salle

Born	April 30, 1651 at Reims, France
Ordained	April 9, 1678 (priest)
Died	April 7, 1719
Beatified	February 19, 1888
Canonized	May 24, 1900
Proclaimed	May 15, 1950 (Patron of Christian Teachers)

Please celebrate La Salle Day on May 15

Reminders

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date May 3, 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 Jun 1, 2013 (1st Sat of every other month)
Time 12:00 pm- 2:00pm
Venue Koi Garden
4288 Dublin Blvd, Dublin, CA 94568.
Contact sf@lscobaedm.org

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

AGM & La Salle Day Dinner

Date: May 15, 2013 (Wednesday)
Time: Reception – 6:30 p.m.
AGM - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner – 8:00 p.m.
Venue: Mong Kok Chinese Restaurant
新旺角酒樓
8360 Kennedy Road, Unit B06
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W5
(inside 新旺角中心)

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Edmonton Calvin Chan (1971)



Chapter News

Toronto Chapter

Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Spring Dinner 2013

Kevin Kwok (1988)

The Toronto Chapter 2013 Louis Pomeroy Memorial Mah Jong Tournament and Spring Dinner was held on the 3rd of March 2013, at Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下高級粵菜, with more than 40 MJ players at 10 competing tables and a total of 70 old boys and guests for dinner.

At the end of some fierce battling, the Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy was presented by our chapter president, Jimmy Chang (66) and Tony Pomeroy (71), to the highest scoring old boy, Sam Cheung (71). Congratulation, Sam!

Besides presenting the overall title, it took us half an hour to finish presenting all the lucky draw prizes donated by Danny Au Yeung (67), Philip Wong (67) and Tony Pomeroy (71). Thank you, Danny, Philip & Tony.

We would like to also express our sincere appreciation to our organizer and referee, Danny Au Yeung (67), who secured the nice venue and menu, and spent the whole day to maintain the best atmosphere at the tournament. Credit should also be given to Paul Khoo (71) for coaching 2 English speaking participants the art of the Mah Jong game and to Paul Wong (73) for preparing the trophies.



Champion of 2013 Louis Pomeroy Mah Jong Tournament, Sam Cheung (1971)



Tournament finalists!



Danny Au Yeung (1967), our event organizer, presented the souvenir to Gregory Chan (1962) and his keeper who settled as 1st and 2nd runners-up of the Mah Jong Tournament



Jimmy Chang (1966), our president, and Robert Lee (1954) with the senior members Johnny Yung and Albert Ho (1952)



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Our youngest members Jensen Lee (2012) and Roland Chi (2012) with Kevin Kwok (1988) and Tony Pomeroy (1971)



Youth members setting up the meeting with Paul Khoo (1971) for our up-coming annual BBQ and thanking Paul his wine selection for our spring dinner



Youth members group photo!



Jimmy Chang (1966), our president, had a toss with the youth members.

The Hong Kong Joint Schools Alumni Association Chinese New Year Celebration

Kevin Kwok (1988)

On February 17th, 2013, The Hong Kong Joint Schools Alumni Association successfully held its 2nd annual Chinese New Year Celebration Day with bowling, karaoke singing, line dancing and a 17-table dinner banquet at a Chinese restaurant in Markham.

The Association invited LaSallians Joe Tang (71) and Chris Fong (94) to be the guest performers and Kevin Kwok (88) to be the event MC.

In addition to being an excellent performer, Joe Tang also won the bowling tournament with 616 points in 3 games (Tournament record) and brought home another victory for our OBA.



Kevin Kwok, 1988 (right) and Albert Ho, 1952 (middle) Joe Tang (1971), champion of the bowling tournament during lucky draw



Chris Fong (1994), guest performer of the event



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School News

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

2013-04-03

Old Boy wins POYi

Congratulations to Justin JIN (Justin King) who has recently won the Award for Excellence by Picture of the Year International (POYi) for his work *'Zone of Absolute Discomfort'*. Justin graduated from La Salle College around 1989 and completed an Honours degree from Cambridge University in Social and Political Sciences. Before embarking on an independent career in photography Justin worked as a Reuters correspondent in Beijing. Today Justin is a renowned photographer working with the world's leading publications and organizations to photograph themes in Europe, China, and Russian-speaking countries. He is the recipient of a Magnum Foundation award, the Picture of the Year International (POYi) prize, and a World Press Photo Masterclass scholarship, among other prizes. A special edition of his work has been exhibited and collected by the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam. Justin is currently based in Brussels. The photographs below of Justin and his works have been used with permission and can be located on his website www.justinjin.com.



2013-04-10

LSC Scholarship to the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

Congratulations to WU Wai Man (4G) who has been awarded a fully funded scholarship to attend the Weizmann Institute of Science summer programme. The Summer Programme runs for 4 weeks in July. Successful scholars from around the world will work alongside renown Professors in the laboratories and on global research projects. For further information on the Weizmann Institute of Science please refer to www.weizmann.ac.il

2013-04-17

La Salle College student attends the Secondary Students Parliament

HUI Pak Nam Jeffrey(5F) applied and was successfully appointed to the Secondary Students Parliament. The Secondary Students Parliament is set up and organized by Hong Kong United Commission of Secondary Students to discuss important issues which are related to secondary students in Hong Kong. The students parliament also organizes forums for secondary students.





2013-04-11

La Salle College Fencing Champions

Congratulations to the La Salle College Fencing Team members who took part in the 2013 Shenzhen Fencing Open (2013 年深圳首屆擊劍公開賽). The Foil Team won the Championship with a number of individual medal winners. The results were:

Foil (Team) Junior Section Group A	CHEUNG King Ho (1B), CHIU Man To (1E), TANG Yi Lam (1A), WONG Kwun Pok (1D)	Champion
兒童 A 組男子花劍團體賽	張景昊、招文韜、鄧伊霖、黃冠博	冠軍
Foil (Individual) Youth Section	YUEN Chun Hei James (3B)	Champion
少年組男子花劍個人賽	袁晉禧	冠軍
Foil (Individual) Junior Section Group A	CHIU Man To (1E)	Third
兒童 A 組男子花劍個人賽	招文韜	季軍



Fencing Team



Mathematics Team

2013-04-23

La Salle College Champions at HKMO 2013

On Saturday 20th April La Salle College won the Champions Title at the 30th Hong Kong Mathematics Olympiad hosted by HKIEd. La Salle College has now won the Olympiad 8 times since 2000. In addition, achievements were:

- Winner of the Kowloon Region No 2
- All 4 members of the team achieved First Class Honours
- The only school out of 254 participating schools to achieve a Perfect Score in the Group Event
- First Class Honours in the Geometric Construction Section
- Best Performing School Award

Congratulations to the members:

- HUI Pak Nam Jeffery (5F)
- TSE Shun Chung Trevor (5G)
- TUNG Kam Chuen Alex (4G)
- TANG Dik Man Damian (4G)
- WONG Chun Hei Gabriel (3B)
- YU Hoi Wai Harry (2E)

Thank you to the teachers, Miss LUK Mee Lin, Mr LAW Pui Keung, Mr KWAN Keith, Mr WONG Chi Shing Robert, Mr LAO Colin, and Mr MAK John.



Life Update

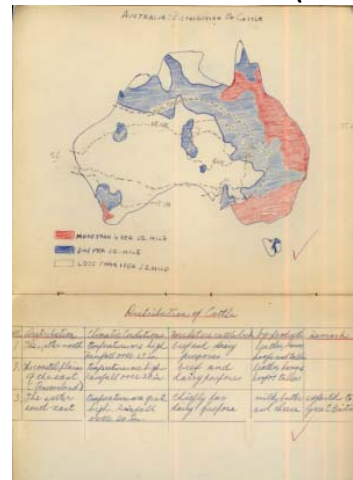
Down Under

From Perth Street to Perth

It was circa 1958, Form 2 in La Salle, still housed in the shanty-town campus not-so-affectionately known as the “Huts” on Perth Street. But in contrast to the buildings, the education being conducted within them was superb. I remember in one geography class, we were given the assignment of making a thorough study of Australia. For this project, I researched everything there was to know about the continent – geology, climate, demographics, communication, transportation, and political system etc. That’s when we learnt about Artesian wells, continental climate, gold mining, etc. I drew very nice maps illustrating the various facets of the country. It was such a detailed study that I even had maps showing the distribution of cattle and sheep throughout Australia. I still have the report I wrote for that assignment.

I had always wanted to visit Australia ever since. But for me the opportunity never seemed to arise until last December. It took me over half a century to go from Perth Street to Perth.

William Lai (1961)



A page from Form 2 assignment on Australia

Perth, Australia



La Salle College, Perth

Perth is not very well known as a tourist destination, though some cruise ships do stop by at the nearby port of Fremantle. My main reason for going to Perth was to visit family and much time was spent with relatives whom I had not seen for years.

Quite by accident, I discovered an interesting site in Perth. While driving between family visits, we came upon, lo and behold, La Salle College. It bore exactly the same name as our alma mater though with a different badge or crest. It was an eerie déjà vu moment. The urge to stop by and go see the school could not be resisted. Unfortunately, it was on a weekend and all the buildings were closed to visitors. There were some students milling about, just coming out of some weekend gathering.

I struck up a conversation with some of these students and found out that the school was co-ed, which was kind of neat and convenient. Their La Salle boys do not have to go standing on the street corner to watch girls go by like what we used to do. They could do it right on campus. I didn’t see anything resembling a Maryknoll school in the neighbourhood. There’s no need - those lucky and enviable La Salle “Tsais”.



LSC Perth Administration Building



Main street on Perth LSC campus



No Maryknoll outside perimeter of LSC Perth



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Cairns

The Great Barrier Reef was the main objective for going to Cairns. We took two catamaran tours, one to the Inner (Green Island) and one to the Outer Reefs (Agincourt Reef). Snorkelling, watching the reefs from a glass-bottom boat, swimming with the fishes are the things to do in these excursions, and we had fun doing a fair share of that. We felt we had done one of the most famous must-do-before-you-die things in the world.

One thing we found out was that, while the fishes were colourful, the reefs themselves were not, at least not as advertised in the tourism brochures. Apparently, many first-time tourists do become disappointed once they saw that the reefs were mostly gray and muddy and not bursting with shiny bright colours as seen in the promotional literature. The glass-bottom boat driver foresaw these complaints and without prompting explained that the advertising pictures were usually taken with special professional cameras in areas of the Reefs not accessible to tourists. So be forewarned and adjust your expectations if you go there for the first time. Mind you, we saw only a tiny bit of the Great Barrier Reef. Other parts of the undersea structure may well provide more exciting exploration.

We also took a couple of land tours to the rainforest and beach areas which were not that exciting, apart from some signs that warned hikers of biting crocodiles prowling in the neighbourhood.



Swimming with colourful fish - underwater camera worked



Giant clam seen from glass bottom boat



Snorkelling from a pontoon at the Outer Reef



Grayish reef



On Green Island



Back on land with new Aussie friend

Ayers Rock

This geological feature in the middle of Australia was named after the Chief Secretary of South Australia in the late 1800s. The more politically correct name these days is Uluru, apparently an aboriginal word with no specific meaning. Nevertheless, the aborigines consider Uluru to be a very sacred place rich with folklore and mysticism. However, Ayers Rock and Uluru are often used together for the benefit of tourists who may only know of the place as Ayers Rock. The mighty tourism dollar helps to perpetuate this foreigner's label.

And, speaking of tourism dollars, the nearby Ayers Rock resort consists of a number of



Dinner party celebrating a piece of rock



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hotels with exorbitant prices which do not seem to have any deterrent effect. We stayed in a relatively modest motel-like accommodation some distance from the expensive hotels. A free shuttle bus circulating the resort stops at all the hotels and points of interest within the resort. Temperature ranged from +38° to +40° C.

The recommended ways of appreciating the Rock was to see it at sunrise, at sunset and around its base (climbing was not allowed on the days of our visit). We did all three, in separate tours. It was a sight to behold with the changing colours on the rock face as the sunrises change angles hitting it. The morning colours are arguably different from the evening colours. The varying colour schemes of the same rock face were interesting and impressive in a way. At every stop on these tours, there were hordes and hordes of people jostling for positions in order to secure the most desirable viewpoints. Stepping back from these front-row views, I kind of wondered why people, including us, mind you, would spend all this money coming here just to stare at a piece of rock in the middle of nowhere. The fact that the tour price included all-you-can-drink champagne might have helped to relieve some of this doubt.



Sun about to rise



About 6 a.m.



12 min after 6 a.m.



Quarter after 6 a.m.



At the base of the Rock



Beginning of sunset about half past 7 p.m.



Yes we were there



Rock's colour can change in minutes



Rock darkens as sun disappears



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Sydney

As in Perth, family reunion was the theme of our visit to Sydney. Vivien's sister and family are Sydneyites. Much of our time was spent in family visits and rekindling relations. Our hosts were kind enough to bring us to all the famous Sydney landmarks, such as the Opera House, Blue Mountains, Bondi Beach etc. We spent Christmas and New Year's with our Sydney family, in balmy weather, with our hearts going out to our compatriots back in freezing Canada.

A world renowned Sydney phenomenon is the New Year's Eve fireworks in Sydney Harbour. It is supposed to be the biggest and the most spectacular New Year's pyrotechnics show on earth. We were not going to miss it now that we were in Sydney. Practically millions would descend on the harbour front to witness this extravaganza. We started to trek down to the harbour in the morning, and seized a very strategic spot under the Harbour Bridge whence some of the fireworks would be emitted. We basically camped there for more than 12 hours before the shows started, one at 9 p.m. and one at the stroke of midnight. The fireworks, stretching the full length of the harbour, were huge and colourful and dazzling. We were so close to the firing line under the bridge that we could actually feel some of the residue sparks falling on our faces. That would be a chance-of-a-life-time experience. But if we were to see it again, I would now pick a spot further from the waterfront to get a more panoramic view of the show.

There was another reunion in Sydney. We met up with former LSC classmate Joseph Wong (1961) and fellow 17er Peter Tang (1963). Coincidentally, Joseph's wife, Shirley was a classmate of Vivien's at Belilious Public School. Shirley also gathered two other BPS classmates living in Sydney for the meeting. So we had a double reunion of La Salle OBs and BPS OGs. Joseph, Peter, Shirley and the others played gracious hosts to us bringing us to several sites around the harbour as well as some delectable Chinese restaurants. Thanks to them, we had a most wonderful day in Sydney.



Mini LSC BPS reunion



Three LSC amigos in Sydney - me, Peter and Joseph



Vivien and sister under the umbrella on Bondi Beach



Camping out under the Harbour Bridge
awaiting fireworks



Fireworks shooting from the Bridge
right above-head



Vivien took this post-card-like photo
of the Sydney NY fireworks

Deep bucket

With this Australia trip, besides fulfilling a wish from Form 2, a few bucket list items have been checked off – The Great Barrier Reef, Ayers Rock, the Sydney Opera House, New Year's Eve fireworks in Sydney Harbour, Bondi Beach.

Now, if I can find that Girl from Ipanema.....