



Dear Old Boys,

The OBA has had a busy few months. We have had two very well attended happy hour gatherings, one in October, 2010 in Club Lusitano with Brother Steve as the honourable guest, who shared with us his vision for the School in 2020, and another one with Maryknoll former students in February 2011, with over 100 boys and girls in attendance.

The New Year's Eve Ball with over 220 guests in Tsim Sha Tsui Hyatt was a lot

of fun and countdown partying, and we successfully raised funds for the OBA and for LSC. Several professional visits to factories and other facilities have taken place or have already been announced.

For our Young Old Boys, the mentorship program for the term kicked started with a well-attended dinner back at School.

The Soccer League is in full swing, and over half the season has passed for the 26 league teams.

Some new OBA souvenirs have been produced, so check them out at the next OBA functions. Proceeds as usual go to support the OBA's operations and also in support of our sponsorship of LSC student events and scholarships.

School News

On the School front, the boys have done exceptionally well in extra-curricular activities so far this term. On the music front, we won Gold at the 2010 HK Youth Music Interflows 2010, and also became the HK Youth Music Interflows 'Winners Final' among ten competing schools. The Chinese Orchestra also snatched the Gold Medal at the NHK Schools' Music Interflow Competition 2010.

These are amazing results for the School, which was, not so long ago, hardly musical. This year, we are among the top schools in HK for music. Congratulations to the boys and the teachers-in-charge and the conductors who have put in tremendous amount of hard work to earn these top honours.

We also captured several sports championships: Cross Country A, B grades and the Overall title, Overall in Fencing — sweeping up team titles in all disciplines, A Grade Champion in Soccer (an amazing 0:2 comeback to beat South Island in the finals 3:2), Table Tennis, A and B grade and Overall Champions, Squash Overall, among others. The effort gone into producing such results is immense. Likewise, the education the boys received through the hard training, and the sweet victory will be a life-long treasure to remember.

Brother Steve, the new principal, has also initiated occasional morning assemblies in the courtyard for the whole School, where outstanding teams are recognised for their efforts. The assembly is followed by the singing of the School Song and the SA leads a thunderous cheer, before classes start. This must be fostering a close esprit de corps and bonding among the boys and the School.

No class reduction in LSC

With regards to the government's Voluntary Class Reduction Scheme in response to the drastic drop in student numbers in HK due to reduced birth rate, the School's management has decided that LSC will not join the program.

More details of the Association's activities past and coming are in this newsletter. For more current news of the Association, please check the association's website, www.lscoba.com, or join our Facebook group "La Salle Old Boys' Ties", or our www.Linkedin.com group "La Salle College (Hong Kong) Old Boys".

I look forward to seeing you in our coming events, and also encourage you to contact me should you have any suggestions or comments on how your OBA can serve you and LSC better.

Yours in de La Salle,

Mark Huang (85)
LSCOPA President 2010-11



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.. Principal's Spring Message

Tiger Mum, Liberal Education, and La Salle College

In Hong Kong the days are finally getting longer and warmer, and as we move into the New Year of the Rabbit, the debate on education reform continues as it does elsewhere. Amy Chua, using all her abilities as a Yale law graduate and her experience in the court rooms and Board rooms of the USA, has successfully propelled her book into most middle class homes around the world.

Though her claim and style of parenting has been provocative, I am not sure it is a debate on Asian or Western parenting but rather a debate on traditional/conservative

education and liberal education. A debate I believe ought not be about either/or, for both models and their relative pedagogies are necessary today. Meanwhile a closer look at the running of the Chua household may not reflect the cold, hard approach portrayed in newspaper headlines but rather a home of straight talking and frank banter between mother and daughters as presented by Time magazine. Who knows?

As mentioned, the debate raised by Ms Chua may not really be a debate on parenting but a deeper, more philosophical debate on



traditional knowledge based schooling and the pursuit of excellence versus a broad and liberal education based on developing the creative intellect, that which is espoused to promote a more critical, analytical, and innovative population. Like Ms Chua, I am not so sure that a liberal education system is necessarily any better at developing a more critical, analytical and innovative population than a formal, traditional exam oriented education system. I find La Salle boys, more accustomed to standardised testing but still articulate, analytical, and critical – they are more than competitive with counterparts from liberal education systems in gaining entry into the top universities. Moreover, critical, analytical, and innovative thought requires knowledge, a disciplined mind, and a cultural context which supports critical, analytical, and innovative thought. This is the philosophical point I believe Ms Chua is expressing in her book, be it a little more colorfully and provocatively than I am here.

I think it is more useful to be more adaptive and flexible in using educational pedagogies that best achieve desired ends within the cultural context of the schooling. For example, the Pacific countries are still very tribal, village based societies, with very hierarchical authoritarian structures. Culturally, the students neither experience nor are permitted to think critically or independently. Therefore, the best schooling in terms of developing the competencies in these students for a 21st century global, technological, borderless society, is to have a very strict authoritative school context but develop the critical, analytical and articulate competencies via oratory, and hospitality which are a culturally appropriate and successful mode to do this as I discovered as Principal at De La Salle College, Mangere, Auckland. The boys' results lifted from well below to well above national averages and some even attained top national rates of achievement in 5th, 6th, and 7th Form qualifications.

As Mourshed, Chijioke and Barber in their work on trying to identify the common characteristics in how good schools become excellent schools state: *“Nothing is more emotive than education. The quality of our children’s schools affects every aspect of their life, shaping the child’s personal identity and society’s capacity for creativity*

and economic development”. Yet an adolescent on leaving school has only spent about 15% of this time actually at school. Given that the portion of one’s life in school is so short and what happens in school has such a profound influence on that life, it is important that schools are effective in their mission.

Hong Kong and Singapore are two of the world’s systems that over the past 10-20 years have undergone reform and have consistently moved from good, to better, to best in the world, according to research by Mourshed, Chijioke and Barber and endorsed by student performance in the OECD PISA research¹. The Hong Kong system of education in the last twenty years has been one of the most effective systems in the world with some of the highest levels of academic attainment second only to Singapore/Finland, and recently Shanghai. And La Salle College has the highest overall attainment in the CEE and ALE exams in Hong Kong. It is therefore paramount as we plan for 2020 through our 2020 Strategic Plan that we know what we do well and keep those aspects of the teaching and learning paradigm at La Salle College but enhance it only with those things that can add value to our boys’ learning outcomes.

Presently there is a movement in education reform that solicits liberal education as the answer to ensuring graduates of our education systems have a creative, innovative edge with the competencies and capacity to work competitively within a borderless global economy whilst ensuring human flourishing and responsible sustainable development.

In Hong Kong the NSS has made a new course, liberal studies, compulsory. The universities have made the first two years of the now 4 Year Degree Programme look distinctively like the IB Diploma. The Hong Kong universities now have varying elements of the following in their first two years: no exams, general compulsory studies, an extended essay/research, a study of the theory of knowledge/philosophy within a selected discipline, and service programmes.

What does all this mean for La Salle College?

La Salle College must aim to be a global leader in both the traditional sense of being a leader in academic excellence and a leader in terms of developing graduates with broader, more liberal competencies required by competitive borderless global economic societies, identified by an articulate, confident, creative, critical and innovative character. What the world does not need more of are graduates who are critical, analytical, articulate but ignorant. For boys, I believe it is important to focus on the traditional and retain the knowledge

base and alongside, in an appropriate Hong Kong context, enhance the critical, analytical, and innovative. The articulate we must build on at all times.

La Salle College knows how its boys learn best, and that is more often in a more traditional or didactic, more controlled classroom paradigm with clear rules, clear expectations, and a culture of learning within a competitive spirit.

La Salle College needs to maintain its independent SA programme encouraging freedom of thought and expression; encouraging creativity and innovation; developing leadership.

La Salle College needs to enhance all boys’ ability to articulate their thoughts, to form opinions, and to express them publicly in English as well as in Cantonese and Putonghua.

La Salle College needs to hold on to its spirit of brotherhood and continue to promote and proclaim values of honesty and integrity and address any weakening of good personal morality, decorum, and civility.

La Salle College needs to adopt more flexible learning modalities, engaging mobile technology to assist in the acquisition and use of knowledge whilst retaining value and respect for the irreplaceable human face to effective and meaningful communication and dialogue. That is, La Salle College needs to modernise without compromise.

I dream for the sons of La Salle College to attain the highest level that each can attain both as individuals and as teams. For La Salle College to be recognised around the world for being a school of excellence producing young men who tune their talents and attain their potential whilst being confident, and articulate; considered and informed in their opinion; leaders of people, and builders of a better world.

To do this I see the need to create within the College *Academies or Learning Hubs* based on key strategic partnerships with tertiary institutions and companies so that our gifted and extension students can be involved in cutting edge development and they and the College be recognised for it. We can concentrate on what we know best, getting boys through exams (hopefully with the necessary analytical skills of the NSS) and we can utilise what you as Old Boys/alumni know best, how to communicate and create in a competitive borderless world.

Kung hei fat choi!

Brother Steve Hogan
Principal, La Salle College

¹ Whilst PISA data is the most highly respected OECD benchmark indicating comparative trends in student attainment in reading, maths, and science across time and across countries, the candidates from country to country vary slightly. For example most Asian countries have streaming/selective entry schooling whereas other countries in the survey have predominately government comprehensive schooling systems. This may contribute to Shanghai and Singapore scoring highly as both systems have streaming/selective entry schooling and may have used proportionately more selective schools in their candidature.



Happy Hour with the New School Principal

On 8 October 2010, it was an honour for the LSCOBA to have Brother Steve, the new School Principal of La Salle College, to attend the first Happy Hour gathering in this term. It was a BIG welcome to our new School Principal, and also the first time he attended LSCOBA function and met some of our fellow Old Boys. Brother Steve told us he was very excited and was delighted to offer the Old Boys some first-hand updates of affairs in the School, just as the new school year commenced.

The event was held at Club Lusitano, our “usual” venue, and well attended by an amazing number of over 120 Old Boys and former teachers. Brother Steve said hi to the Old Boys and briefly introduced himself, his background, how he joined the Brothers, some of his thoughts and visions in leading the School in the coming years. On the other hand, the Old Boys were also happy to meet the new Brother from New Zealand and of course, did learn more about Brother Steve by asking the School

Principal lots of questions, turning the Club into a large lecture theatre!

The LSCOBA Committee Members were also there to share with the Old Boys the year’s plans and activities of the Association. It was a great night with Brother Steve, former teachers and Old Boys. Around 60 of us stayed behind to continue chatting over some homey Portuguese dinner.

Eric Chow (00)
Recreation Subcommittee



Visit to Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Ltd

On the mildly overcast Saturday morning of 4 December 2010, 31 Old Boys with their families and friends gathered punctually at Kowloon Tong MTR station. We boarded a LSPS school bus to the Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Company Limited right at the end of the Chep Lap Kok Airport runway. Three Old Boys working there received the group. A brief introduction was made of the three hangars which came into operation in 1998, 2006 and 2010 respectively. We were then split into two groups and ventured into the hangars, up into the cargo hold in the belly of a 767, had close encounter with the landing gear of a 777, and finally posed for a group photo in front of a 747. The group presented souvenirs to thank the three Old Boys acting as guides and agreed that the tour was eye opening with respect to behind-the-scene knowledge about aircrafts that we fly in all the time.

Gordon Fong (76)
Professional Network Subcommittee



LSC MEDICINE CAREER HALF DAY

In the past several years, we have a significantly large number of La Salle graduates entering undergraduate medical programs. This not only represents spectacular results achieved in public examinations by our students, but also tremendous effort on the part of teachers and Old Boys in giving pertinent career advice for our budding doctors.

The LSC Medicine Career Half Day is one such example. On 25 October 2010 more than three hundred students from F.4–7 joined fifteen Old Boys from the medical profession at the school hall to discuss about medical careers. Professor Doctor Roger Wong (84) kick-started the afternoon with a lecture named “Things about Medicine that You Want to Know (but are Afraid to Ask)”. In his edifying talk, Professor Wong first gave an overview of the medical school curriculum in Hong Kong before outlining the work aspects of a doctor. He then demonstrated that a good doctor should not only be a medical expert, but also a scholar, communicator, collaborator, manager, professional and health advocate. Immediately following, Doctor Carlton Lai (00) supplemented practical information on the admissions requirements of local medical programs, particularly in relation to the New Secondary School (NSS) curriculum.

The lecture was met with much enthusiasm from students and they responded with multiple questions in the subsequent Forum with the

Dean. In this interactive session, Professor Wong (who is Assistant Dean in UBC Faculty of Medicine) led students to critically reflect on whether a career in Medicine is suitable for them based on their personal strengths and weaknesses, and provided opportunities for students to explore their interest in Medicine.

Students were then separated into small groups and paired with LSC doctors and medical students for an elaborate Medical School Interview Workshop. The small group discussions were followed by useful feedback and sharing. Students were trained to relate personal attributes and life experiences in the setting of medical school interviews, and discussed complex questions on healthcare policy and medical ethics, amongst other topics.

Due to the overwhelming interest and positive responses from the students, the event ended at 7pm, a whole hour later than the designated time! The organisers would like to thank Brother Steve Hogan, Ms Cecilia Tang and Ms Florence Chow, who attended and supported the event, as well as the Old Boys in Medicine who volunteered to help.

Li Yan Lin, Jubi (07)

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Professor Doctor Roger Wong (84) BMSc, MD, FRCPC, FACP is clinical professor, assistant dean, associate director of postgraduate medical education at the University of British Columbia. He is head of geriatric consultation program at Vancouver General Hospital, and vice president of the Canadian Geriatrics Society.

Roger spent 12 years in LSPS and LSC before relocating to Canada. During his time in La Salle, he was captain of the English Debating Team. Now a renowned geriatrician, medical educator, researcher and administrator, he remains tightly connected with LSC, giving annual medical career talks and mentoring LSC students.

Doctor Carlton Lai (00) MB BS is a medical officer at the Department of Accident and Emergency, United Christian Hospital, and East Kowloon Toxicology Centre. Carlton studied Medicine at HKU and has taught chemistry avidly at the LSC F.4 Summer Enhancement Program for many years, helping to produce many distinctions in the HKCE Examination.



Standing (L to R): Jubi Li (07), Dr Poemen Chan (98), Justin Choi (08), Manson Kuok (07), Daren Ching (07), Winson Lee (05), Joseph Yuen (04), Jason Chiu (08), Eric Chan (09), Rayvel Tang (08)

Sitting (L to R): Fergus Wong (04), Dr Carlton Lai (00), Ms Cecilia Tang, Prof Roger Wong (84), Ms Florence Chow, Dr Jacob Wong (03), Gilbert Chua (05)

Fourteen doctors and medical students from HKU/ CUHK joined the function as facilitators



Students in small groups discuss interview skills



Roger giving his opening talk to attending students



The 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1970

The two-day event of this unequalled reunion took place on 26-27 November 2010, culminating in the finale of a total of 70 old pals (some with spouses) and 18 old teachers and Brothers at the Kowloon Tong Club dinner gathering.

Since 1990, the Class of 1970 has convened a grand reunion event every five years. This is the fifth grand reunion and the fanfare it has achieved will definitely keep this group of old pals united as ever, and longing for an everlasting cordial friendship in the ensuing senior years of our life journey.

The 2-day event began with sports activity in a private club in the afternoon, followed by seafood dinner at Lei Yue Moon. All dinner attendees were then transferred by coach to a private music studio in one of industrial buildings at Fo Tan (Shatin), where several of our savvy band players entertained the crowd till past midnight. Needless to say, oldies were the mainstay of music. Intoxicated with liquid as well as mental spirits, we found ourselves in a difficult situation when we tried to leave. A police road block was just outside the car park. Armed with our La Salle Spirit (or rather the liquid spirit we drank all night), two classmates naively talked to the policemen for clemency, but amazingly just minutes later, the police pulled out and luckily we were all able to leave without a hitch. This is an example of positive non-interventionism at play! Maybe the Lord is with the Class.

The second day of the event saw scores of classmates touring the school campus. The facilities impressed us all, but none comparable to the majestic campus we once enjoyed roaming aimlessly and leisurely – especially the football field (a.k.a. the “desert”), the lawn and the columned corridors. However, this nostalgia was soon undermined as we played soccer on the all-weather state-of-the-art football field. Much as we enjoyed the exercise, it also reminded us of the reality of being seniors now. Attending a 6pm service at the nearby St Teresa’s Church was therefore more apt than anything else to rejoice everything we managed to accomplish.

The finale of the event was at the Kowloon Tong Club. The weather, people, venue and ambience were all perfect and we just have to thank God for such a memorable evening. We would like to thank the four Brothers and eighteen old teachers gracing the event. Our next grand reunion will be in 2015 and a mini reunion is scheduled for 2012 in Vancouver. We wish us pals all the best in the years ahead and more importantly, to stay healthy till we meet again!

Henry Chan (70)





LSCOBA New Year's Eve Ball 2010 "2011" @ Hyatt Regency Hong Kong (K-11)

10 ... 9 ... 8 ... 7 ... 6 ... 5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1 ... HAPPY 2011 !!!

31 December 2010 ...

@ the Grand Ball Room in Hyatt Regency ...

in our special Lasallian casino-themed night ...

more than 190 Lasallians, families and friends were toasting glasses of champagne at the stroke of midnight ...

and more importantly – to farewell 2010 in style!

The LSCOBA was proud to present the New Year's Eve Ball 2010 on 31 December 2010 (Friday) at Hyatt Regency Hong Kong.

This year's annual ball was held on the most special night of every year, but unlike any other ordinary stranger-filled New Year's ball, our LSCOBA New Year's Eve Ball was jam-packed with Lasallian spirit and comrades who share familiar experiences and memories for an evening filled with entertainment, free flow of wine and whiskey, fine dining and excellent company.

We were honoured to have a record breaking number of Brothers to join our annual ball. Brother Thomas, Brother Patrick, Brother Steve and Brother Jeff, accompanied by more than 190 Old Boys, families and friends, were all extremely excited to ring in the New Year and proud to share the new beginning of 2011 with fellow Lasallians!

The night started at 7pm with a pre-dinner cocktail reception exclusively for participants of our Ball. Sponsored jointly by the three watch brands of Girard-Perregaux (<http://www.girard-perregaux.ch/home-en.aspx>), Glashutte Original Watches (<http://www.glashutte-original.com>) and Tiffany & Co. Watches, the cocktail was held in their shops near the ball venue and closed to outside patrons, allowing our guests to browse around in privacy and at their own pace.

There were also four "casino-tables" set up in the pre-ball area for our guests to have a little fun of Blackjack, Barcarat as well as Roulette with Lady Luck. Johnny Chow and Samson Tan were the "King of Gamblers" and won a Plasma TV that night! Congratulations!

The guests were seated at 8pm and the VIPs of the night marched in with the very well known 賭神 'God of Gamblers' tune. Our MCs for the night, Miss Ursule Wong and Willie Wong (84) started the night and the guests all enjoyed the lovely dinner and the excellent performances on stage.

In line with the Lasallian Casino theme, we also had a "Guess the Mah-jong" game to test our guests' ability to "touch and feel" the mah-jong. It was great fun and very much to our amazement, the game was won by a relatively young Old Boy from the Class of 2003 as opposed to those Mah-jong veterans, some of whom with over 30 years of experience! Well done!

After dinner, the guests continued to enjoy the games in the "casino" area. A whisky booth was also set up by the renowned wine and whisky company Pernod Ricard (<http://www.pernod-ricard.com>) for a wine and whisky tasting session which showcased their most prized collections. A light super buffet was served for those who wanted a bite, or bored after losing all the chips!

I have decided not to report on the "count-down" party because the fun, the laughter and the great atmosphere can all be seen in the photos! It was truly a LaSallian night that shouldn't have been missed!

It is also worth mentioning that we had altogether 6 tables of wonderful young Lasallians who made the smart decision to drop all other choices to join us on NYE. A very warm welcome to you all and we all look forward to seeing you more often at our functions!

Sincerest thank you goes to all the Lasallians who were there to support the New Year's Eve Ball. I hope you and your guests had fun on the very last night of 2010. I would also like to extend my warmest gratitude to our respected sponsors for being so supportive.

Finally, I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to my organising committee, Mark Huang (85), Leon Roy (85), my brother Ricky Chow (03), my best classmates Dickson Ma (00), Anthony Lam (00) and Terence Mak (97), whose support and encouragement I could not have done without.

Once again, I hope all of you had fun at the NYE Ball 2010 and wish all of you a very happy and prosperous 2011!

See you all at the next Annual Ball!

Eric Chow (00)

Ball Chairman

LSCOBA New Year's Eve Ball 2010







Elden offering a story



The group gathering around a pillbox

Heritage Walk – Wong Nai Chung Gap Trail

It was a chilly morning but the sun broke out just as we started the walk and it turned out to be a perfect day for hiking. A total of 22 Old Boys and guests showed up for the event on 15 January 2011. Most of us, including our special guest Brother Steve, gathered in front of the HSBC bank on the concourse level of the Exchange Square. By 9:15am, we all headed down to the bus terminal to grab the No.6 bus. Roger Wong (75) and his wife, Margaret, performed a 50M dash to board our bus at one of the bus stops in the Wanchai area.

Upon arrival at the trail entrance across from HK Parkview 陽明山莊, our guide and leader, Elden Lai (82), gave us an overview of the 2 hour walk. We covered several important and memorable landmarks along the trail, then presented flowers and observed a moment of silence for the Old Boys killed there during WWII. The walk ended with a closing prayer led by Brother Steve and 13 of us stayed for dim sum lunch at the Hopewell Centre.

I would like to thank Elden for giving us a detailed illustration of the history throughout the walk, so vivid that we felt like we were there with our fellow Lasallians during the war 70 years ago. For all the Old Boys and guests who came, we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing even more of you next time.

Leonard Chu (83)



Music Interflows – Grand Slam!

During the first half of the school year 2010/2011, our music teams obtained brilliant results. In the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows 2010 organised by the Music Office, all our four orchestras – the String Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra, the Chinese Orchestra, and the Wind Orchestra – swept Gold Awards in their respective contests and the Wind Orchestra emerged as the Grand Champion in the Winners' Final.

On 20 November, our String orchestra and Symphony orchestra delivered great performances of Mozart's *Divertimento* and *Overture to the Marriage of Figaro* respectively. They both came first in their contests. Right on the next day, 21 November, our Wind Orchestra (previously known as Wind Band) won the symphonic band contest (senior class). They performed two masterpieces, namely Glinka's *Overture to Ruslan and Ludmilla* and David R. Gillingham's *With Heart and Voice*. The Wind Orchestra would subsequently compete in the Winner's Final for symphonic bands.

Our Chinese Orchestra competed on 20 December. They performed *難忘的潑水節* by 劉文金 and were declared victorious. The Chinese orchestra contest is our traditional stronghold and we have won this Gold Award for several years in a row.

There was one last event - the Winners' Final on 26 December. With the support of Brother Steve, teachers and Old Boys, the members displayed great skills and remarkable ensembles. The Wind Orchestra emerged as the Grand Champion, defeating Diocesan Boys' School and eight other very keen competitors.

This unprecedented Grand Slam and Grand Champion sealed a new page in La Salle Music history!

Brother Steve congratulated all the teachers, conductors and orchestra members for their determination and hard work to overcome a very competitive field and to play truly with heart and soul. As for the second half of the school year, our music teams will be back in action for the 63rd Hong Kong Schools Music Festival 2011. We hope that we will scale new heights in this major competition.

The Symphony Orchestra will be playing Stravinsky's *Firebird Suite* and Dvorak's *Symphony No. 9 "From the New World"* (4th movement) on 7 March at Sha Tin Town Hall. On 9 March, the Chinese Orchestra will play 音詩 - 沙迪爾傳奇 at Kwai Tsing Theatre. The Wind Orchestra will compete on 17 March, playing Ralph Hultgren's *Masada* and Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* (4th & 5th movements) at Tuen Mun Town Hall. The String Orchestra will play Warlock's *Capriol Suite* on 23 March at Tsuen Wan Town Hall. Of course, there will also be other events like choirs, chamber groups, individual events. Do come along as we need your support!

Martin So (04)
Marco Leung (12)



classmates greeting Mr Lawrence Chan



Dr Rodney Chu glad to meet Mr Woo Ho Wai



Dr Vitus Wong and Mr TP Cheung cheering

CLASS OF 1980 25TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

The Class of 1980 held their 25th anniversary reunion on 10 July 2010. The day started with a soccer match in the newly resurfaced LSC soccer pitch. Thanks to our sports icon, Mr TP Cheung presented prizes to the winning team members. This was followed by a School tour organised by Mr Victor So, the school bursar. Brother Patrick was very kind and showed us around the "Forbidden City" of the 5/F Brothers Quarters and the roof. All of us felt very honoured to be able to meet Brother Patrick and Brother Alphonsus during the visit.

More than ten teachers and sixty classmates, some returning from overseas, had a reunion dinner in the Oasis Room, Renaissance Harbour View Hotel. Uncountable number of bottles of wine and whisky were consumed. After a few drinks, our talk show hosts interviewed the teachers on the spot. We were all amused and amazed by the sharings of our respected and beloved teachers. There was also an impromptu sharing by our classmate Stephen Lui – he answered God's calling and decided to devote his life to serve God full time. Finally a small souvenir was presented to the retiring Principal, Mr Wong Yen Kit.

The event ended but nobody was willing to leave. We lingered around the Oasis Room until the staff forced us to leave..... La Salle is always something more.

KF Chan (80)



group photo with the brothers



Mr Joseph Chung
Mr John Au and students



soccer match in the morning



still Young



Samuel presenting retirement souvenir to Principal Wong Yen Kit



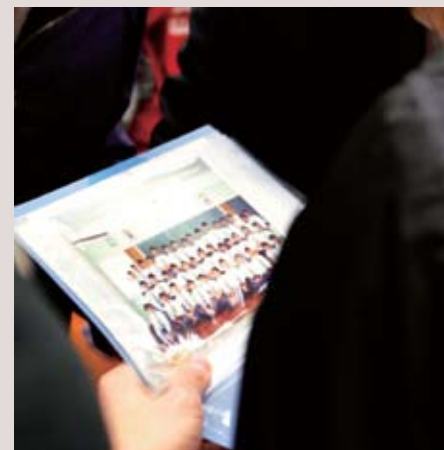
Mr Yik Kwan and classmates



CLASS OF 1995 REUNION

On 4 December 2010, Class of 1995 celebrated the 15th Anniversary of our HKCEE graduation, with a reunion dinner at the school hall of our beautiful mother school. Brother Steve, Mr Stanley Shum, Mr Joseph Hui, Mr JW Shum, Ms Tammy Fung, Ms WL Tam joined over 50 of us, including a few who came all the way back from Australia and USA for this special occasion. We started the afternoon with a friendly football match followed by visits to the magnificent campus of the Primary School and the corners of the College where we used to spend our best moments. Even more fun was seeing the old pictures and school magazines that Ms Fung and Ms Tam brought along. Not only did they jogged many good memories but looking at ourselves back then also gave us lots of big laughs. With this meaningful reunion, we not only got to meet good old and long lost friends, but also raised HK\$3,000 as a little gift to LSCOPA. Good friends of Class 1995, please contact us at lasalle95@gmail.com so that we can re-connect with you for future reunions.

Nicky Lee (95)
John Baptist Chan (95)
Andrew Leung (95)



Class of 1961 Golden Anniversary Reunion

The Class of 1961 will be celebrating our Golden Anniversary on 5-19 November 2011 in Hong Kong.

An organising committee, "the LSCOB61 Committee", has been formed to plan for a programme of festive activities marking this momentous occasion for the 1961 Form 5 LSC graduates. The committee is chaired by Joe Y.K. Chiu, with James K.C. Ho as secretary, and comprises both local and overseas members.

While the details are being worked out, the programme consists of reunion dinners, school and local visits, as well as sightseeing trips and cruises.

A website has been created by our classmate, Francis Siu, for this reunion: <http://www.lscob61.com>. Inside are the latest developments of the reunion programme, the 61ers class list, class photos, updates of 61ers after leaving LSC, and nostalgic materials such as pictures of the then LSC campuses, world and entertainment events in 1961, and bios of our esteemed teachers and Brothers.

While the committee has a list of 61ers, there are still many whose whereabouts are not known to the committee. All 61ers, and those who attended (since 1954-55 in P5) and left LSC but would have graduated in 1961, are cordially invited to participate in this Golden Anniversary event. Those 61ers not already on the mailing list are invited to join us by contacting the committee at reunion@lscob61.com. If you know any LSC 61ers who may not be aware of this event, it will be appreciated if you can pass the word along to them.

The LSCOB61 Committee for the Golden Anniversary Reunion



Mentorship Program 2010 – 2011 Opening Gathering

“Poon Choi” (盆菜) @ La Salle College

It was a freezing Friday night..... but it did not stop us Lasallians from going back to the School!

On 7 January 2011 (Friday), we organised an opening dinner back at La Salle College. From 6:30pm onwards, Eric Chow (00), myself and a few Young Old Boy helpers were already there to set up the tables and chairs, as well as the “heaters” to keep the “Poon Choi” (盆菜) warm throughout the night. About 65 mentors and mentees started to arrive at around 7:15pm, and then the official welcome from Eric Chow (00), followed by our Honorary Secretary, Patrick Ho (87), greeted all the mentors who made time to attend the opening and meet with the mentees. In total, we had around 15 mentors and 50 mentees turning up and their enthusiasm warmed everyone up in the freezing weather.

Following the welcome speeches and a brief introduction of each mentor, we began our dinner outside LG101, where four big "Poon Choi" with warm rice were already set up for everyone. Groups and groups of mentors mixing with mentees were enjoying the hot boiling food in the cold weather for about 3 hours with a few group pictures taken in between. The mentors and mentees exchanged contacts and endless questions and answers later, the night concluded at around 11:15pm when the security guard of LSC came to lock up. It was indeed a happy event on a cold Friday night at LSC!

Ricky Chow (03)
Young Members Subcommittee



LSCOPA LIMITED EDITION T-SHIRTS AND POLOS

The Souvenirs Subcommittee introduced the white “LA SALLE” printed T-shirt in 2007, and it has since been one of the Association’s best selling items. We are happy to announce that a limited quantity of T-shirts and a new polo-shirt are now available for sale. The T-shirts are printed with the red and purple “LA SALLE” or “LASALLIAN” words, while the polo-shirts are with a small “LASALLIAN” logo.

Old Boys who are interested please refer to the souvenirs section for product and ordering details at <http://www.lscoba.com/lscoba/souvenirs.html>. This limited version white Dri-fit T-shirt/ polo-shirt are selling for HK\$200 each (sizes available are: M, L, XL). A box set with these three items is offered at a discounted price of HK\$500 with free local delivery. We also introduced a purple sweat shirt with our old school logo, and it was well received and more stocks will be produced.

For any questions, please feel free to contact Terence Mak (97) at terencemak1997@lscoba.com.



Florence and Roger Lee (85) are deliriously happy to announce the birth of our beautiful daughter Pearl Lee, born on 12 January 2011 weighing 2.75 kg and 48 cm in height.

HERITAGE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

War Time Research and Publication

The OBA Heritage Subcommittee, which has grown to over ten members, is busily researching into the 1941 war time history of the School and the stories of Old Boys impacted by the Japanese attacks, either in direct combat, or whose lives were hit by the attacks. We plan to publish a book on this subject in December 2011.

Any Old Boy who has a story to share, or knows Old Boys who studied in LSC before 1941, please get in touch with the subcommittee by email at heritage@lscoba.com or call our administrator at 23362985. We would love to include your story into the book.

We would also like to invite any Old Boy who is interested to assist please come forward.

REQUIEM MASS TO PRAY FOR DECEASED LASALLIAN

Date: 9 April 2011 Saturday
Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Venue: LSC School Chapel

The OBA will organise a Requiem Mass on 9 April, Saturday for all Old Boys, teachers and Brothers, to meet as a Lasallian community and offer our prayers to deceased Lasallians, right after the traditional Ching Ming Festival.

The Mass will be held in the LSC School Chapel at 4pm, followed by a simple tea reception. All teachers former and present, Old Boys, students, as well as the family of deceased Lasallians are warmly welcome to join this Mass and pray for those who faithfully departed us. We will pray for our deceased Brothers and teachers who served LSC, and also for Old Boys, especially those who passed away recently and those who died in the defense of HK in 1941. Attendees will be invited to offer names that they wish the community prays together for.

SOCCER PITCH BOOKING

In view of the recent good responses for the booking of the soccer pitch during the New Year and Lunar New Year, the Sports Subcommittee is extending the reservation of the pitch again for the Easter Holiday slot, which will be on 24 April 2011, to non-league teams until 10 April. Thereafter, any available time slots would be open for booking by league teams until 24 April .

You are more than welcome to ask your old schoolmates whom you haven't played soccer with for ages to join for a kick around. This would be a good chance for a class reunion soccer day and the offer is open to all Old Boys. If you can't get 2 full teams, we can try to help pair your team up with other Old Boy teams of similar age. Please spread this message to the Old Boys around you who wish to play on our new pitch but have not yet had the chance to.

The time slots available for booking are as follows:

09:00 - 10:20	10:20 - 11:40	11:40 - 13:00	13:20 - 14:40	14:40 - 16:00	16:00 - 17:20
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The cost of the booking is HK\$800 per slot (to be settled by cash/cheque/Visa/MasterCard/American Express) when both teams are Old Boy teams, while a discounted rate of HK\$750 is offered for payment by LSCOPA Visa card.

Proceeds are passed back to the School directly. For reservations, please contact soccerbooking@lscoba.com or refer to <http://www.lscoba.com/sports/booking/soccer.html>.

James Yu (92)
Soccer Subcommittee

Obituaries



Lawrence Tse Ming Chung (85)

Lawrence Tse Ming Chung from the class of 85, passed away peacefully on 2 January 2011.

Lawrence found out in April 2008 that he had fourth stage cancer and the cancer cells had already spread to many parts of his body. Nevertheless, Lawrence faced his illness with utmost faith and optimism. A course of treatments ensued but unfortunately without much effect. In fact, Lawrence endured significant pain and discomfort,

but he kept his faith strong, and continued to update his friends from his hospital bed on his feelings and experience via his iPad.

Besides fighting his illness, he also became a volunteer for supporting fellow cancer patients. He completed an online volunteer certification course while nursing his illness at home, and shared his positive experience through writings and videos (a sample is available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWvuUftb2jY>) to help fellow cancer patients and their families.

Lawrence had been a keen footballer since his primary school days (he was proficient with both legs since his LSPS days), and was the captain of the Old Boys' league team Synergy, with mainly 84ers and 85ers who have been playing with him for decades. On recalling his last visit to Lawrence, a few weeks before his passing, Mark Huang remembered being extremely touched by how upbeat and happy Lawrence was, in

spite of his illness and condition. Lawrence married his long-time lover several months after discovering his illness, and introduced God to her, who also became a faithful Catholic.

Mark recalled: *"We chatted about the good old days, and Lawrence shared his and his wife's experience with God's many blessings through his illness. We even talked openly about the coming of his death and his afterlife. With our Catholic faith, it was in fact very comforting. Although I knew the earthly life of Lawrence was near the end, when I said good bye to him, and left his hospital bed, I felt immense peace and joy. I trust God is taking good care of him in heaven now."*

Farewell Lawrence, and we'll see you later in heaven! May God also bless his mother and his wife, and all those who were close to Lawrence.



Alton Tran (84)

Alton Tran (陳傳家) [bottom row, 2nd from the left] belongs to Class of 1984 and was a good friend of mine. He passed away on 18 January 2011, after a two-year battle against cancer.

I have always known Alton as a great athlete. He had shown great talent and interest in sports at a very young age. Many La Salle boys would remember him as a core member of many of our school teams, including track and field, swimming, volley ball, cross country, soccer, just to name a few. He won numerous medals both for himself and for La Salle, and was, not once nor twice, but three times crowned "Sports Boy of the year" in La Salle.

What I remember most vividly about Alton was that he was always on a "changing mode," i.e., changing from soccer boots

to running shoes, from running shoes to studded training boots again...jumping from one pitch to another. While most of us would be eating during lunch break, he would rush down to the track and run two to three 400 meters lapses and then quickly change to his volley ball uniform to join the team for training. With maybe just 10 minutes left before classes resume, he would waste no time and still jumped into the pool. Indeed, a true self-challenger and record breaker.

Off the pitch, he also lived his life like a true sportsman. Not only did he encounter many ups and downs, he went through each of them with his head held high with maximum dignity. During the Asian financial crisis, he was under much financial stress. While most people would call it quit and declare bankruptcy, he worked hard and insisted to clear his debt and shouldered all relevant responsibilities. He once told a mutual friend that it was important for him to set good examples and be a good role model for his kids.

At home, he was a very dedicated and caring father. After an unsuccessful first marriage, he spent as much time as possible with his elder daughter, Melanie, to make sure she had all the care and attention needed. He remarried in 2006 and had another 2

boys, Matthew who is 4 and Marcus who just turned 2. Accompanying his children everywhere and doing sports became his favourite weekend routine.

Two years ago, Alton was diagnosed with a very rare type of cancer. In his battle against it, he had to undergo several kinds of treatment which weakened his strong body. Despite all the physical pain he had to endure, he insisted on spending no less time with his entire family. He continued spending quality time with his children by attending family parties, going out to restaurants whenever he was physically up to it and even visited the Ocean Park and Disneyland with his children during the last few months of his life. When friends visited him, he would always show his big smiling face and never once complained about the physical pain his failing health was bringing him. As a devoted Christian, he always thanked God for giving him his lovely family and he was grateful for every day that he spent with them.

Albeit a bit short, Alton lived his life to the fullest. He left us with many good memories and his "never give-up" attitude upheld the true "La Salle Spirit."

Eric Mak (84)

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