



St. Paul's College



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Issue 1

From the Acting Principal's Desk

We welcome the month of October, particularly after a somewhat tumultuous September of student protests and suspension of school. We hope that the cooler month will bring back some sanity and that students' learning will not be adversely affected. Disruptive as they were to the normal operation of the school, the recent events have prompted the College to be more proactive in strengthening our communication with parents and students. The recent e-notice about SMS is an attempt to ensure that a direct and efficient channel of communication with parents is established in case of any emergency. We sincerely hope that parents can allow us to send short messages to them via any mobile devices. We also want to see a wider use of the Intranet both as a platform for online learning as well as a regular channel of teacher-student and teacher-parent communication. This bi-weekly newsletter is another of our response to strengthen the home-school relationship. Its purpose is to keep parents in touch with the goings-on at school so that they can also share the fun and enjoyment of our school life. We also hope that it can offer more common topics for parents to talk with their children over the dinner table.

From the Chaplain

Of the eight 'Goals' of St Paul's College (which can be found on the College website on the page "Motto, Mission and Goals") the very first Goal is "to expose students to the Christian message." It is a privilege to be able to be a part of that work, especially in the Christian message which is shared in our daily Assembly as well as in the regular worship of the Chapel. (Not to mention through our RS Classes, Christian Union and in many other ways). For some boys, that exposure may lead to a desire to learn more about the Christian faith and even to become a Christian.

In a recent Assembly I spoke about **Baptism**, the rite of admission into the Church. I also invited any boy (and member of staff) who is interested in exploring the possibility of Baptism to speak to me, as I hope to start a Baptism preparation class soon. Even if a student attends such classes and then decides not to go ahead with Baptism, I hope that there will have been a process of learning, thinking and reasoning which will have taken place (all skills which are vital in our world today). I also hope that it will be part of the process of instilling in the boys of St Paul's a sense of respect for all people, regardless of faith. In fact there is nothing at all to be ashamed about in attending such classes and then not being baptised. It shows that the person has thought seriously about what is involved.

From the Music Office

Choral singing has been a great tradition in St. Paul's College. In order to carry on with this good tradition, the Music Department has never stopped providing platforms to foster our students in choral singing.

At the beginning of this new term, the Music Department introduced a concert program to our students to arouse their interests. On 11th September, Mr. Felix Yeung and a renowned counter-tenor from England, Mr. Iestyn Davies came to our school to give a pre-concert talk to our Form 1 students. Felix is one of our alumni with outstanding musical achievement. He is now the Provincial Music Director of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and also the Music Director of the well-known choir, Die Konzertisten. About 190 Form 1 students attended their concert at the Grand Hall in the University of Hong Kong on 14th September, where



they played

Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Faure's Requiem and Bernstein's Chister Psalms. This programme helped to broaden their horizon in music appreciation.

The Music Department also invited another alumnus, Mr. Stephen Lam and his choir- the Pointe Singers, to perform in two music assemblies on 19th September. Mr. Stephen Lam is now studying conducting in Vienna and has been a very active young musician in Hong Kong. Under the baton of

Stephen, his choir per-

formed two pieces of music, a folk song and an Indian song rearranged for A cappella singing at the assemblies. Their performance was well received by the students and teachers.



From the OLE Master

It is high time that we kept the OLE programmes on track again after days of class suspension. As usual, an array of service-learning and leadership development programmes are being offered to Form 4 and Form 5 students, varying from wheelchair workshops to using photography to make difference in the lives of underprivileged children. Other programmes include:

- YWCA joint schools volunteer leaders training project
- Sowers action young ambassador programme
- Caritas Mok Cheung Shui kun community centre service projects
- UNICEF young envoys programme
- Hong Kong outstanding students award
- Young friends of the HK Arts Festival
- “say yes” children rights summit



Chain of Charity Movement 1st Workshop on 10 Oct, 2014

For parents and students who puzzle over the OLE choices, browsing our OLE website will clear your mind for sure. Our website is also relatively popular among students and parents of other schools in HK. The latest rank is 1246th in the world amongst the 30 million domains.

To facilitate students applying for various OLE programmes and submitting the SLP to school, a new website designed by Mr. Alpha Mak is in place. In the previous years, we offered programmes solely for senior form students. Now, we aim at growing the service-learning culture at

St. Paul's, especially for the lower form students. In early November, students will be given a service record book which can facilitate them to chart their service learning journey. Any student fulfilling the service hours' requirement can apply for a certificate of appreciation. Hang on to your hats – the best is yet to come.

Reminders: Deadlines of open awards for outstanding students:

- Hong Kong Outstanding Students Award (24th October, 2014)
- Hok Yau Club Outstanding Student Leaders Award (24th October, 2014)
- Student of the Year Awards (31st October, 2014)



From the Careers Master

University Information Days

Saturdays in October and November are packed with university information days. Parents and students who would like to find out more about tertiary institutions in Hong Kong are strongly encouraged to attend them. Some of the dates can be found on the JUPAS website.

<http://www.jupas.edu.hk/en/j4/calendar/important-dates>

JUPAS Registration and Fee

Most Form 6 students have registered for a JUPAS account. What they need to do now is pay the registration fee and choose 20 study programmes. The deadline is 2nd December.

Upcoming Education Fairs

Education UK Schools and Colleges Exhibition (19th Oct)

<http://www.educationuk.org/hongkong/articles/schoolsexhibition/>

American & Canadian Boarding Schools Fair

<http://www.tabs.org/asia/2014/Hongkong.pdf>

Taiwan Higher Education Fair 2014

<http://www.pca.edu.hk/download/course/taiwan/2014TaiwanExpoPoster.jpg>

Career Talks at SPC

Friday, 17th October, the College welcomes representatives from the University of California, Davis. This will be a lunchtime talk especially aimed at Form 6 students, though Form 5 students are also welcome to attend. Students who wish to attend should sign up in the College library.

Announcement

The College is happy to announce the appointment of Bryan Ho (5A) to be the new President of the Students' Association (SA) and the formation of the new Executive Committee. The College would also like to show our appreciation to the outgoing SA President, Jason Wong (6C), for his hard work and dedication in leading the Students' Association.



Congratulations!!

The College would like to congratulate the following students for their achievements in sports:

1. The 2014 FISAC World Youth and International Open Rope Skipping Tournament

Lui Cheuk Him (F.2F)

- Male Team Double Dutch Single Freestyle (Champion)
- Male Team Single Rope Team Freestyle (Second)
- Male Team Double Dutch Pair Freestyle (Second)
- Male Team Double Dutch Speed Relay (Second)
- Male Team Overall (Second)
- Male Team Single Rope Speed Relay (Third)
- Male Team Double Dutch Pair Speed (Third)



2. The Asia Youth Interport Indoor Archery Invitation Tournament (Second)

Team members: Chu Chun Yat (F.5C), Lam Yue Seng Sam (F.4F), Tsang Hui Fai (F.4C), Ngai Sean Gracias (F.2F), Li Hoi Him (F.2D) and Tsui Wai Kiu Omar (F.2E)

3. Chu Yau Man (F.2D) was selected as a member of the Hong Kong National Team to take part in the **Asian Orienteering Championship** 2014 in Kazakhstan.
4. Ho Chun Ting (F.5A) was selected as a member of the Hong Kong U-16 Football Team to take part in the **Asian U-16 Championship** in Thailand.

Upcoming Events

1. The Heritage Service for Form One, originally scheduled on 21st October, 2014 (Tuesday) will be postponed due to uncertainties about the traffic conditions in Central.
2. 24th October, 2014 is Staff Development Day and there is no school on that day.
3. The inter-school swimming competitions will take place on 24th October, 2014 at Kowloon Park Swimming Pool. We need your support. Please go and cheer for your schoolmates.
4. Breakthrough Camp for 1C and 1D will take place from 29th October, 2014 to 31st October, 2014.



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