



From the Acting Principal's Desk

We have now entered the season of Advent, which according to the church calendar, is a time for Christians all over the world to prepare themselves for the coming of the King. In our school hall, we have started the Christmas countdown by lighting the Advent candles. All five of them will be lit at the Carol service this Friday before we break up for the Christmas holiday. Christmas is much more than a time of partying and feasting. It is a time of giving and forgiving; I hope during Advent we can look beyond ourselves and spread the message of hope, love and peace as we minister to the needs of others.



We had our annual Speech Day on 4th December, 2014 and we were honoured to have invited as our Guest of Honour, the Hon. Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma, who addressed us on the importance of upholding the Rule of Law in Hong Kong. The Hon. Madam Justice Yuen was also there to present all the prizes and scholarships. Besides, it was an occasion to show our appreciation to long serving staff members as well as scout leaders for their contribution to the College.

Students in Form 6 had their joint school oral examination (both English and Chinese) on 17th and 18th December 2014. We hope that more exam practices with students from other schools can help to strengthen their discussion and presentation skills. With all the exam practices and mock tests, the Form 6 students are certainly in their overdrive, preparing for the DSE. The whole College is behind them and we will certainly remember them in our prayers as they are making their last-ditch effort during the Christmas holiday to sharpen their skills.



With the 10-foot Christmas tree decorated, the nativity scene displayed in the school hall and pots of red poinsettia placed around the campus, the whole College is in its festive mood. The Principal Cup, an annual and much awaited basketball match between the alumni and the staff, brought the joyous mood to new heights. It is a long tradition of "homecoming" in the history of St. Paul's College and we saw many old boys coming back either as spectators or players in the match. Many Form 6 students also come back after their oral examination to cheer for their teachers. It was a battle

of the Titans and everyone was mesmerized by the game. The humorous commentary from our OLE Master, Mr. Keith Wong, and the surprise visit from Santa Claus also added much colour to the game. The Cup was eventually won by the alumni team. Congratulations!



True to the spirit of Christmas, 31 of our students and staff took part in the Blood Donation Day on 9th December, 2014.

I was also reminded by the Students' Association (SA) to report that the Sponsored Walk which took place in November raised a total of \$19774 for our SA activities.

With Christmas approaching, on behalf of the College, I would like to wish you all a blessed and joyous Christmas with family and friends. For our students, every success in their upcoming mid year examination!

From the Chaplain

By the time this newsletter comes out, our "Gospel Week" will be over for this academic year. The Christian Union, along with the teacher advisors to the CU, have once again put on a full programme, based on the verse from Psalm 62 "He alone is my rock and my salvation."

It was good to have Father Desmond Cox from St John's Cathedral join us for the Eucharist during Gospel Week. He spoke about his own life as a young man, faced with the choice of chasing earthly prizes or following the call of God. It is a choice which will face every generation. One of the things a Church School, such as St Paul's, can do is to equip our boys with the skills they need in the future when they may need to make similar decisions.

A group of boys also went to see the new film "Exodus" by Ridley Scott. It recounts the famous story of Moses who led his people to freedom. One thing which is very striking about the film (which itself is well over two hours long) is how long it took Moses to make that decision! He was comfortable in his life within the palace of Pharaoh and did not want to listen to what was being said about his true heritage. It was a long time before he accepted his past and followed the call of God to lead his people from slavery to freedom.

The poster for Gospel Week was in the style of many of the "Keep Calm" posters which are popular at the moment. said "Keep calm and trust God." With all of the stresses of future life ahead and the decisions which need to be made, the boys of St Paul's are able to learn to put their trust in God and find in Him a refuge, then they will have a life skill which is more valuable than any other.

In this Advent season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, may you all know the love of God and know that he is our rock and our salvation.



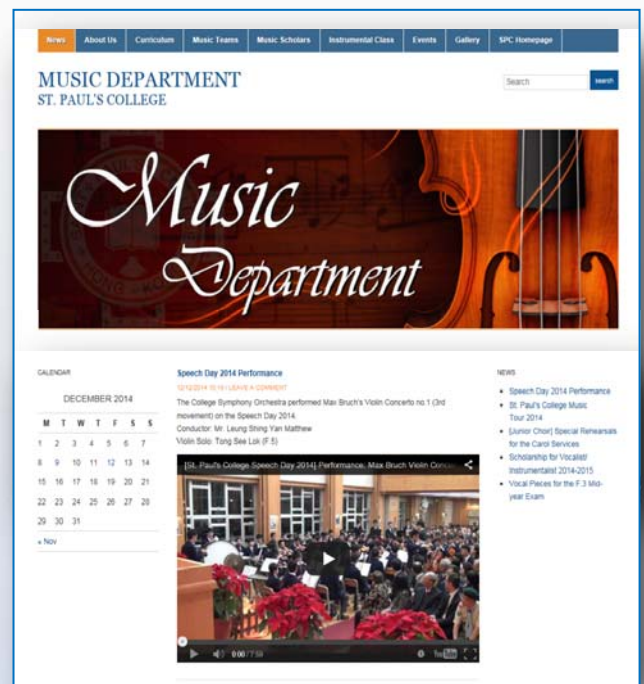
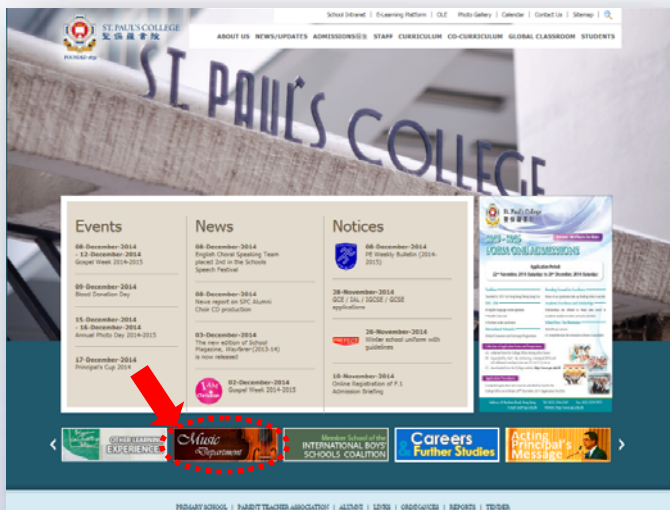
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From the Music Office

It was with great pleasure that the Music Department launched its dedicated web site on 28th November, 2014. The web site can now be accessed by students and their parents via the St. Paul's College home page (www.spc.edu.hk), by clicking the 'Music Department' button at the bottom of the home page.

The web site provides students and parents direct and easy access to much useful information related to the department. For example, you can enjoy the performance by the school orchestra on the Speech Day, 2014 or you can view the video of the highlight of the Music Tour in Vienna, Austria last summer. Information of the DSE Music (F.4-6) as well as assessment methods of all forms can also be found in the web site. To keep students up to date on the news and upcoming music events, students may browse the 'News' sections where they can find, for example, the awardees of the music scholarship, rehearsal schedules for all music teams and details of the 67th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival.

Seeing the great potential of the web site, the department is also planning further expansion of the web site. Your feedback will be valuable to us, which shall be addressed to the Head of Music Department, Mrs. Sandy Ng at pmn@spc.edu.hk.



2014 Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows – String Orchestra Contest

The String Orchestra won the Silver Award in the String Orchestra Contest of the 2014 Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows held in November. The String Orchestra performed Vivaldi's Concerto Grosso Op.3, No.11 in the competition, with Jaden Tong See Lok (5C) and Tan Dacheng (3E) playing the solo parts. We congratulate the students who participated in the competition.

From the OLE Master

Our Annual Speech Day ended blissfully last Thursday in the presence of hundreds of graduates, parents and well-wishers. Congratulations to all the graduates and prize winners. This year, The Mrs. Phillis Wong Shield for Community Service was awarded to Ho Shing Kit (F.5C) and The Most Reverend Dr. Peter Kwong Kong Kit Scholarship for Community Service and Integrity went to Leung Ho Sing (F.6F). Yu Tze Wai (F.6C) was awarded The Mrs. Peggy Lok Scholarship for Leadership. Hope that they can set an exemplary model for others to follow suit.

The day following the Speech Day, over 30 devoted student volunteers visited Cartias Mok Cheung Shui Kun's Kindergarten and enjoyed a hilarious but meaningful afternoon with kids of 4 to 6 years old. The lovely faces and sweet smiles the kids possessed were reminiscences of our joyful childhood. The kids also reminded us of the treasure of naiveté. Our students learnt a lot from the service and promised to do even better during the upcoming services for the elderly including soup delivery and kitchen cleansing. Special thanks to Miss Kam Wai Ling for accompanying our students.



Besides the service for the elderly, about 20 students participated in the Barriers-free City Orienteering Competition (無障礙城市定向 2014) on 30th November. Teaming up with the disabled competitors, we formed 7 groups in total. Each group was required to set off at different locations to complete different assigned tasks before heading back to the HK Society for Rehabilitation Centre in Wang Tau Hom Estate. The whole journey took them a few hours to complete as it is still not easy for disabled people to negotiate their way in Hong Kong. Some of our students did quite well and they came second in the race. Whatever the prize, it is, in essence, a great learning experience for our students to understand the difficulties faced by the disabled. Special thanks to Mr. Ken Wong for organizing such a meaningful event.



Latest OLE News – Please visit the OLE web-



Retina Hong Kong - Flag Selling Day on 22nd November



Lions Club of Central – Elderly Camp on 8th & 9th November



From the Careers Master

Education Fairs and Visits

The visit to Savannah College was held on Friday, 28th November 2014. 18 students attended an illustration workshop conducted by Professor Xavier Pick to have a taste of university life. More information and the great work of students can be found on the St. Paul's College Careers programmes Facebook page.



The “Study in Germany” seminar, conducted by the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters Limited, will be run on Friday, 12th December 2014. Interested students are welcome to attend.

JUPAS Application

Students have submitted their JUPAS applications through the online system but they are still reminded to keep abreast of the updates. Please see Mr. Wong if you need assistance.

UCAS Application

Thursday, 15th January 2015 at 18:00 UK time is the deadline for application of the majority of undergraduate courses. Students are reminded not to miss the deadline. SPC deadline for application is 15th December. Please see Mr. Ryan if you need assistance.

Scholarships

Details of the Scholarship for Prospective English Teachers (2015/2016) will be announced in June 2015. Those who aspire to pursue an English education degree or English language related degree (including linguistics with English as the main language of study) followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Education are reminded to watch

for a further announcement later.

The press release of the Hong Kong Scholarship for Excellence Scheme was recently received. Students who intend to pursue undergraduate studies at world renowned universities outside Hong Kong starting from the 2015/16 academic year may submit their applications for scholarship from today until 31st January 2015. Details can be found at <http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/201411/25/P201411250678.htm>.

The British Council IELTS Scholarship 2015 is now open for application. Students can access <http://www.britishcouncil.hk/en/exam/ielts/scholarships/2015> for more information.

The “Japan Society of Hong Kong Scholarship” is now open for application until Wednesday, 18th February 2015. Interested students may access www.japansociety-hk.org for further information.

Careers Talks at SPC

Students can access the St. Paul's College Careers Programmes Facebook page for the video recording of the HKU Faculty of Business Admission Talk on Friday, 30th October 2014.

The HKUST talk on its Global Business Programme was successfully held on Tuesday, 25th November, 2014. Students can access the St. Paul's College Careers programmes Facebook for more information about this event.

Finland provides free education for both local and selected international students. The University of Helsinki and a couple of other universities there rank quite high in various university rankings. We are grateful to have Ms. Sukie Tsang, a recent graduate of a Finnish university to come on Tuesday, 9th December 2014 to share her studying and living experience in Finland.

Mr. Yu Kin Keung, Edward, The Principal Assistant Secretary for Commerce & Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) will host a sharing session on Thursday, 11th December 2014 on the career life as a government official. We are looking forward to his homecoming day.

Suggestions from students are welcome for interest in any areas. We will arrange accordingly if the schedule allows.

Christmas Highlights

Wednesday, 17th December 2014 will be our St. Paul's College Alumni Association annual Christmas Mentorship drinks night. We are delighted to have the Acting Principal Mr. Yuen, Father Philip, and our Alumni Choir coming to support the function.##

From the Sports Master

News from our athletes:

Inter-school Life-saving Competition :

- 18 secondary schools participated in the competition and the B grade team came 4th in overall.
- Lam Pak Lai (F.6C) and Wong Yik Yin (F.6C) came second in grade Line Throw.



Congratulations

Christmas card design competition



Winner: Tsang Hui Fai 4C



Winner: Chau Yan Ching Clarence 5A



Merit:

Lo Chung Hei (1E), Wong Chun Ting (1E), Chow Yan Jing (1E), Lo Chung Hin (1E), Chan Yong Yang Luis (1E), Chan Ming Sum (1E), Leung King Sum (1F) and Wong Su Pol Stefan (4B)



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