



Class of 61 Golden Anniversary

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

An organizing 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 Mr. Joe Y.K. Chiu, with Mr. James K.C. Ho as secretary, and is comprised of local and overseas members.

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

A website has been created by our classmate, Francis Siu, for this reunion: <http://www.lscob61.com/>. In this site 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 up by contacting the committee at reunion@lscob61.com. If you know of 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

Reminders

Edmonton

AGM / Annual Spring Dinner

Date Saturday March 26, 2011
Time AGM - 6:00 pm
Dinner - 7:00pm
Venue Urban China Restaurant
潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date Mar 4, 2011 (every first Friday)
Time noon
Venue Urban China Restaurant
潮樓大酒樓
10604-101 Street

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

Spring Dinner / MJ Tournament

Date Sunday Mar 6, 2011
Time tournament - 12 noon,
dinner - 7:30pm
Venue Seafood Delight Chinese Restaurant
8425 Woodbine Ave (just south of Hwy 7)
Cost \$45 per person (dinner and tournament)
\$39 per person (dinner only)
Reservation Danny Au Yeung at 647-388-2020,
Kevin Kwok at 647-928-5880, or
Chris Fong at 416-838-3664

About this newsletter

This newsletter is aimed at providing an electronic platform for communication among La Salle College old boys residing in North America. However, it shall not be used as a tool to promote any personal agenda. The editorial board therefore reserves the right to review and edit all submissions to ensure that no inappropriate contents appear in any issue of this newsletter. The editorial board also reserves the right to reject any submission that is not in line with the objective of this newsletter. Please send all your communications to editors@lscobaedm.org.

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Vancouver	Victor Leung (1977), José Antonio Yeung-Cardoso (1968)	Southern California	Eddie Shek (1985)
Toronto	Felix Leung (1985), Jimmy Chang (1966)	San Francisco Bay Area	Ephrem Fung (1976)
East Coast (USA)	Christopher Tse (1965), Peter Lai (1967)	Edmonton	Calvin Chan (1971)



Principal's Corner (Spring Reflection)

Tiger Mum, Liberal Education, and La Salle College

Brother Steve

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 standardized 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



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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, 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 Chinese 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 utilize what you as old boys/alumni know best, how to communicate and create in a competitive borderless world.

Kung hei fat choi!

Notes:
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.

Many thanks to Brother Steve for his Spring Reflection.

We welcome comments and feedbacks from our readers. They can be sent directly to Brother Steve at principal@lasalle.edu.hk or via editors@lscobaedm.org.

Our readers are also encouraged to express their views here in the newsletter any time. Please send your contributions to editors@lscobaedm.org. The editors of this newsletter reserve the right to edit to ensure quality and the right to make final decision whether to publish any article or not to protect the integrity of this newsletter

Editors



Chapter News

Toronto

2011 Joint School Valentine Ball

Philip Wong (1967)



25th Anniversary Celebration Cake Cutting Ceremony

The 2011 Joint School Valentine Ball was the 25th anniversary of this annual event, and was held in the Grand Ball room of Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Richmond Hill on Saturday, February 12. Over 450 participated in this gala event - one of the longest running social functions in the Toronto Area Chinese Community.

Hong Kong La Salle Old Boys' Association - Toronto was one of the founders of this event and headed the organization committee for the first Valentine Ball in 1987. For many years, different schools took turn to lead in its organizing, and the event grew to attendances of over 1,700. The venue was moved to Toronto Metro Convention Centre to accommodate the festive crowd.

The Toronto Chapter pulled out from the event many years ago but this year, on the occasion of its 25th anniversary, we decided to participate as one of the eight organizing alumni associations – La Salle College, Paulinians, Sacred Heart Canossian College, St. Francis' Canossian College, St. Francis Xavier's College, St. Joseph's A-C School, St. Joseph's College, and Wah Yan College, Hong Kong. Out of the 45 tables, La Salle contributed to 5 tables with old boys and their spouses and guests.

The event MC was Ms. Leslie Yip, a local multi-media artiste. Music was provided by the perennial Carry On Band and a wonderful music group, The Britles. The Britles are an authentic Beatles tribute band, using time period instruments and vocals. All the familiar Beatles songs took us back to the nostalgic high school years of the 60's and had everyone singing and dancing along with their performance.

The highlight of the evening was the lucky draw. Lady Luck indeed was smiling on La Salle old boys and their guests. Out of the 19 prizes for the evening, 6 went to the La Salle tables with one of them winning the single return ticket to Hong Kong, sponsored by Cathay Pacific. By the time the grand prize was won (again, from the La Salle table), Leslie Yip, the MC would not allow the price to be given out without us singing our School Song. We obliged willingly and sang the first stanza and the chorus of our alma mater song, to the applause of all present.

In closing, I would like to thank Kevin Kwok (88) who worked with me on the Joint School Valentine Ball Organizing Committee as well as Chris Fong (94) who helped out with ticket organization and finances. I also want to thank all the program book advertising sponsors for their support.



Grand prize winner, Eve Yeung (keeper of John Yeung, 73)



Presidents and Organizing Committee members



LSOBA representatives: (Left to Right) Chris Fong 94, Philip Wong 67, Jimmy Chang 66 (President), Kevin Kwok 88



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A toast between our Chapter President, Jimmy Chang (66), and JSVB Chairman, Dominic Sim



MC: Ms Leslie Yip and Chapter President: Jimmy Chang (66)



Class of 69 mini reunion



Old boys singing our school song on winning the Grand Prize.



Table of Class of 70's and guests



Table of Class of 80's and guests

Important Notes:

1. AGM / La Salle Dinner will be held 6pm Sunday May 15, 2011 at 紫京盛宴 (Crown Prince Fine Dining & Banquet) - 3600 Victoria Park (north of McNicoll)
2. At the last meeting, the Directors voted unanimously to name the Toronto Chapter spring mahjong tournament as the Louis Pomeroy Memorial Trophy Mahjong Tournament based on a proposal from Tony Pomeroy (71), in honour and memory of Tony's father, our late 師兄, Louis Pomeroy (41), who left us peacefully on February 1, 2011. For further information and/or reservation, please call Danny Au Yeung at 647-388-2020, Kevin Kwok at 647-928-5880, or Chris Fong at 416-838-3664.



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New Board of Directors

The following members were elected during the Annual General Meeting held on February 12, 2011.

President:	Beltrao Baptista (77)
Vice President :	John Ng (65)
Treasurer:	Frank Hon (67)
Secretary:	Chris Tse (65)
Directors:	John Chiu (64), Kevin Kan (69), Peter Yu (66), David Lee (60), Albert Lo (68)
Immediate Past President:	Peter Lai (67)

A separate report will appear in the April 2011 issue of this newsletter to cover the AGM and Spring Dinner.

Edmonton

AGM / Annual Spring Dinner

Date	Saturday March 26, 2011
Time	AGM – 6:00pm Dinner – 7:00pm
Venue	Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓 10604-101 Street
RSVP	Bill Wong billshwong@shaw.ca



LSC Campus TV Team



About the Production Team

LSC CTV Team

Since the establishment of the La Salle College Campus TV Production Team in 2004, the team has been serving as an official reporting media covering the past and upcoming school events. For years we have aimed at providing high-quality visual entertainment services to our fellow students, and we have been developing new and improved techniques to further enhance our broadcasts.

This year, our team is proud to announce the fabulous addition of an innovative technology into our bag of tricks. In order to catch up with the fast moving world of information technology, we have successfully incorporated 3D animation and visual effects into our video production. The development and application of the two new traits blended seamlessly into the team's broadcasts, and now students of La Salle can enjoy this unique experience of learning the latest news and happenings of our school.



Online Live Broadcast

La Salle College is among one of the first schools to introduce Online Live Broadcast service. Since the commencement of online broadcasting two years ago, we have provided live broadcast services covering major school events. One of the most important event of all is, of course, the annual Interschool Athletic Meets, and our online live broadcast provide the valuable opportunity for enthusiastic old boys, especially those overseas, to be able to support our alma mater.



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Our team has managed to surprise our supporters with a thoroughly upgraded version of the online broadcast system. Last year the Interschool Athletic Meets was able to be broadcasted live online with 4 different sets of cameras, providing 4 different angles of viewing. With this improvement, the events could be viewed from all over the globe down to every single detail meticulously before the eyes of over five thousand people.



This epic achievement was highly recognized, even by the local newspapers. On the day of broadcast, our team had drawn the attention of reporters from the Apple Daily (蘋果日報), Oriental Daily (東方日報) and The Sun (太陽報).

In addition to the Interschool Athletic Meets, we also cover other major school functions, including the Talent Quest Finals, the Founders' Week, the Sports Prize Giving Ceremony and the Swimming Gala.

(Editors: The upcoming Athletic Meets will be held Mar 2, 8 and 11)

Major Productions

Other than the notable live broadcasts, the Campus TV team has also joined the prestigious Hong Kong Interschool Film Festival in collaboration with the Maryknoll Convent School's Audio Visual Service Team last year. This collaboration is the very first joint-school production ever. Members from both teams are responsible for the entire production, including script-writing, editing, shooting, and directing, and casting. The title of the film was *Sunken Dream*, which was a surreally dark and poignant thriller. It leads the audience to explore the terrifying effects of social isolation and the lack of awareness towards bullying. It was a story of love and desperation, depicting the macabre mental condition of a love-sick young woman. The film had conveyed the important message of anti-bullying and demonstrates how scary the deprivation of love can be.



Apart from the Hong Kong Interschool Film Festival, members of the Campus TV also actively participated in various video making-competitions. One of the most prominent ones was the Think Again Documentary Competition. Team members adopted a daring approach to capture the reality into tidbits of knowledgeable video. One of the participating groups was very honored to be awarded "The Best Video Award".

The Lasallian Album

Last year, the Campus TV team continued on the production of *The Lasallian Album*, a complete deluxe box set composed of two separate DVDs. Once again, we've improved our production after getting feedback from our students, and review videos of various school functions were included so students could have a review of the funs and thrills of the school year.



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Regular Broadcasts

The most recognizable work of the Campus TV team must go to its cascade of broadcasts. There were a total of 9 broadcasts last year, each and every one fused with sparkling visual effects. In addition, the Campus TV also cooperated with the Students Association and an assortment of school teams to produce various advertisements and promotion videos, all of which were spectacularly informative and entertaining. These included promotion videos for interschool Athletic Meets, Talent Quest, Christmas ball. All these tantalize our students and teachers.

Training Members

Training fresh bloods and giving opportunities for the talented and devoted members are always part of our mission. Our training provides an opportunity for working members to experience the process of video production and assist in productions. Compulsory training courses, which cover the basics of video shooting and editing techniques were offered to all members. After that there was another enhancement course on visual effects, in which members were taught the basics of using the cutting edge software – *Adobe After Effects*. Finally there were the Film Art courses and members learnt the advanced techniques of filming and video-shooting angles. All these valuable lessons help to build up the skills and team spirit among members, and help to ensure a sustainable future for our team.

Conclusion

La Salle College Campus TV team will continue to strive for excellence and provide top quality productions for our students and teachers. With strong support from our school, we can certainly achieve our goals and live up to our expectations to become the top secondary school Campus TV team in Hong Kong.

Notes: Entries to this year's Think Again competition are as follows. Results of this competition have not been announced.

<p>Entry: Sing out the Dream</p> <p>Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTldV4ol-sk</p> <p>Members: Ryan Chu, Tang Kar Kiu, Trevor Yu, Bruce Tang, Lai Hei Ming</p>	<p>Entry: D.R.E.A.M.</p> <p>Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F4px-vhyYc0</p> <p>Members: Jacky Lam, Anderson Chan, Nicholas Lam, Lam Chak Long, Timothy Nip, Wong Tsz Him</p>	<p>Entry: Dream it. Seek it</p> <p>Link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCLwM3Zi-0</p> <p>Members: Ng Ho Man, Ip Cheuk Kiu, Leung Kwan Chee, Chung Chak Hang</p>
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Another entry from La Salle boys (non CTV members) can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tiYLHzsVrk>

Current members of the Team Committee:

Chairman:	Ryan Chu Dick Hei	6D
Vice Chairman:	Tang Kar kiu	5D
Committee Members:	Trevor Yu Tak Hei	6B
	Bruce Tang Siu Kwan	6C
	Matthew Chow Tsz Fung	6D
	Thomas Lam Chi Ho	6D
	Lai Hei Ming	5A
	Timothy Cheung Chi Tim	5B

Latest addition to 'Focus on Sports':

Focus on Sports February Part 1 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNcvfcgiwsl>



School News

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

2011-02-25

La Salle College 80th Jubilee Logo is Launched at the Family Fun Day

La Salle College celebrates 80 years during the 2011-2012 academic year with the first classes being taught at La Salle College in December 1931 and with the full school moving up from Chetenham Road to Boundary Street in January 1932.

The logo competition was won by LAU Siu Fung, George, from Form 5A, out of 34 amazing entries. The logo has been launched so that the 80th Jubilee Folder on the College web page can be set up for Jubilee news and updates. Keep a look out for this on the web page banner as it will have the calendar of events.

George explains the logo:

- The logo is shaped by curves which means that Lasallians are all-rounded.
- The number "8" in the logo looks like the sign of infinity, which means that Lasallians have unlimited potential.
- The letters L, S, C are touching each other to form the logo, which means that Lasallians all over the world are linked together by the Lasallian spirit.
- The chevrons inside the letter C shows that Lasallians have the capability to deal with difficulties and never give up.



2011-02-17

La Salle College Rugby

Last night La Salle College launched Rugby (and their new strip) playing the first ever game of school boy rugby as La Salle College Rugby Team. In practice games with DBS La Salle lost the 10's but won the 7's.



2011-02-17



International Science & Engineering Competition

So Chun Nicholas (5A) placed as a finalist in the Intel International Science & Engineering Competition 2011 and has been selected to represent Hong Kong at the World Finals in Los Angeles, USA, in May, with his invention the 'Nitranalyzer'. The Nitranalyzer is a nitrite and nitrate test kit for the home for testing food safety with respect to these additives.

2011-02-17

47th Hong Kong Schools Dance Competition

La Salle College Modern Dance Trio and the La Salle College Modern Dance Team both won Commendation Awards at the 47th Hong Kong Schools Dance Festival on Wednesday.





Obituary: Louis Pomeroy (1925-2011)



Louis Pomeroy (1941)

1925/10/30 – 2011/02/01

The Toronto Chapter suffered its first loss of a serving director. Louis was gentle, sincere and kind, a true gentleman and a true LaSallian who deeply loved his Alma Mater. He served as Vice President of LSCOB(AHK) in the 60s along side his classmates Maximo Cheng, Hilton Cheong-leen, O'Sales, and Albert Cheung, and started serving as a director of the Toronto Chapter in May, 2009.

Louis was a devout Catholic and was an avid volunteer at his parish with St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, rosary prayer group, and the hospital spiritual care givers group. He was also a Spiritual Care Volunteer and Eucharistic Minister at the York Central Hospital. The Chaplain at York Central declared Louis as "a legend at the hospital."

True to his altruistic character to the end, Louis donated his body to the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto and his eyes to the local Eye Bank. He continues to do good even after his last breath!

Louis has not been well since last summer. His last public appearance was at the Toronto Chapter Annual Picnic at the end of last August. He is sadly missed.

賴學長 Louis Pomeroy

鵲橋仙

源禮藩 (74)

少年英發，走來松柏，曾幾風雲無數。
清時把蓋戰方城，問知否、其中閑趣。
樂天知命，誠心敬主，笑看西山日暮。
無爭無悔是平生，二月雪、飄幡飛絮。