



St. Paul's College



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Issue 5

From the Acting Principal's Desk

Welcome to Issue 5 of the newsletter after a long break. With Forms 1-5 sitting for their mid-year examination and the Form 6 doing their mock examination, January in fact was a very quiet month for the school. After the papers were marked, results released and school reports issued, it is perhaps time for students at this juncture to take stock of what they have done and make planning for improvements. For those who have done well, I offer my congratulations for a job well done. For those who have fallen short of expectations, the mid point check is only a wake up call. All is not lost yet. We are of course sad to see the Form 6 students leaving us soon. We will have a simple graduation service for them during the last assembly on 6th March 2015 and we wish them every success in their studies

The launch of the Students' Festival during the first week of February brought back much vitality to our school life here at St. Paul's College. As can be seen in the theme "Apastron", which is a rather unusual word, every effort was made to make the event different and enjoyable for our students.

For Ms. Michelle Lee, our Head of Visual Arts and Ms. Yuen Wing Yan, our Visual Arts teacher and Advisor to the Photography Club, January was certainly a great start of the new year for them because they were selected to take part in the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) Outreach Education Seminar, held from 24th January to 29th January, along with four other selected school teachers from Hong Kong. The seminar took place in Savannah and Atlanta in Georgia in the United States. SCAD is called the 'University for Creative Careers', and is one of the few premier visual arts universities in the United States.

Our Chinese and English debaters have been doing very well in the Sing Tao Debate Competitions and news about their success has already been put on our SPC webpage. Thanks to Ms Sharon Lai and Mr. Chris Spencer, after months of hard work and rehearsals, the English Drama Team gave a brilliant performance of the play "The Phantom and the Phoenix" for our Form 3 and Form 4 students on 10th February, 2015. The props were beautifully made and we have certainly spotted a few budding actors. The whole performance was an excellent display of team work.

On another note, life is full of surprises and people never cease to amaze me. I was given a beautifully and professionally made cookbook "The Culinary Triangle" by a Form Five student. It offers a lot of tips on home cooking. Now we are cooking!

From the Chaplain

At the end of our first term the Christian Union organised our "Gospel Week" for this academic year. Once again, along with the teacher advisors to the CU, they 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.

This newsletter will be coming out while our Assembly theme is that of 'Vocation'. How God calls each and every one of us to his service. Some of those vocations will be to the priesthood and St Paul's has, over the years, had a number of boys go on to be ordained as priests. But God calls us to His service in many different ways. During our vocation week we have Father Will Newman from St Stephen's College and also Father Bill Robertson from DBS speaking at the College and about how God uses us all in His service.

If the boys of St Paul's are able to learn to put their trust in God and find in Him a refuge, to listen to His voice and respond to His call, then they will have a life skill which is more valuable than any other. For He alone is our rock and our salvation.



From the Careers Master

Scholarships

Yeung Shing Fung (6B) was awarded the HKIS Building Surveying and Eddie Lee Memorial Education Foundation Scholarship for Secondary School Students 2014 by The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors. Shing Fung will receive a scholarship of HK\$5,000 from the Institute. The award ceremony was held on 28th January 2015. Congratulations!



Nominations

The Direct Admission Scheme to Year 2 studies at Faculty of Medicine, CUHK is now open for Principal's Nomination. The deadline is 13th February 2015. Interested F.6 students should contact Mr. Bill Ryan or Mr. Albert Yip early for further information.

HKIED Undergraduate Programme Nominations Scheme is now inviting applicants. This scheme is independent of the School Principal's Nominations under the JUPAS system. The deadline is 31st March 2015. Interested students should contact Mr. Bill Ryan or Mr. Albert Yip early for further information.

JUPAS

31st March 2015 is the deadline for submission of the Student Learning Profile (SLP) via the JUPAS account. F.6 students are reminded not to miss the deadline.

Events highlights

1. Careers Talk

We were grateful to have Mr. Chan Hiu Ming, currently the Coach Education Manager of the Hong Kong Football Association, to share his road to becoming a coach at an international level on 3rd February 2015. His strategic planning to become a professional coach benefitted many students in the event.



2. Medical Dinner

The Medical Alumni Dinner was held on 20th December 2015. Seven students aspiring to study medicine were invited to join the event.



3. Display boards of HK Electrics & Mechanics Promotional Work Group

Display boards for the electronics and mechanics sectors are now erected on the upper playground. Interested students are invited to have a look.

Upcoming events

1. Mentorship Inauguration Day

The Inauguration Day for the Mentorship Programme will be held on 14th February 2015 (11:00 am – 1:00 pm). More than 60 mentors will have a meaningful exchange of their studies and careers experiences with 160 plus students from Form 5. This marks the commencement of the 11th year of the mentorship.

2. Education exhibitions and fairs

The “My Study Options at HKU” admissions talk series is now open for registration online at www.hku.hk/dse. Experienced counselors will provide advice on the spot.

The Japanese Study and Culture Exhibition in Hong Kong 2015 will be held on 14th February 2015 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Students interested in studying in Japan can join the exhibition and seminars for more information.

3. Careers talk

Dr. John Lai of the CUHK Business School will come to the College on 12th February 2015 to deliver a lunchtime admission talk on two programmes: Global Business Studies and International Business and Chinese Enterprise. Registration is now open, please register at the library.

A 3-D printing seminar, run by the Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, will be held at lunch time at 4/F Conference Room on 3rd March 2014. Registration details will be announced later. All students are welcome.

From the OLE Master

Not many OLE activities were organised during the Christmas holiday and Mid-year Examination. It is high time that our boys launched the second round of community service events and leadership development programmes again. On 24th January, over 30 Form Four students joined the "Care for the Elderly Campaign" organised by Caritas Mok Cheung Shui Kun Community Centre. They delivered hot soup and food to the elderly living in the Western District. The home visit was short, but the happiness and care they felt is heart-warming and long-lasting. With the severe outbreak of flu in Hong Kong, I wish all the elderly good health and good luck in the Year of the Ram. It is a Chinese tradition to clean up on the 28th day before the lunar new year. This year, our boys have been professionally trained to do some household cleaning for the elderly living nearby in hopes of giving their homes a fresh look. The clean-up mission will kick off next Monday afterschool. I sincerely wish them every success for their maiden household chores.



Our caring spirit and penchant for serving to learn keeps boys active in community services. On 7th February, another 28 boys will be the first group of volunteers to help out in the huge project, "Hong Kong Censes for Hepatitis", jointly organised by the University of Hong Kong, Lions Club of Central and The Hong Kong Liver Foundation. Parents, alumni and friends are welcome to visit The Hong Kong Liver Foundation website for more information.

Along with community service events, we provide students with many other leadership development programmes. Yeh Ka Shing (F.5F), Jason Lam (F.5B) and Bryan Lin (F.4B) will join the Youth Summit 2015 jointly



organised by the Home Affairs Bureau and the Commission on Youth (COY) on 7th March 2015 at Youth Square. The Summit provides a platform for the youth to exchange views with the Government officials and guests on the concerned topics. On 14th February, twelve Form 5 students will join the Junior Achievement (JA) Success Skills Workshop at Bloomberg in the morning. This workshop focuses on job searching skills, i.e. resume writing and interview skills. By the time they complete the workshop, they will be more confident in doing resume and interview. Last but not least, the Adventure-based Challenges (ABC) for all the Form 4 students will be held between 23rd and 27th March, 2015. Special thanks to the newly-formed organizing committee for their outstanding work and coordination. This offers precious opportunities for them to sharpen their leadership and inter-personal skills.



Adventure-based Challenges – Organising Committee 2015

From the Students' Association

The annual Students' Festival takes place from 26th January to 6th February, 2015. The title this year, *Apastron* (一步一新), best represents the creative energies which the association has expended in organising the different competitions for students across all forms.

New events include 'Keyboard Fighter' and '3x3 Football Grid'. 'Keyboard Fighter' appeals to the techies who are experts at instant messaging. The participants are asked to type a message in both Chinese and English, with various symbols and emojis. Many students gather at the covered playground to see the live streaming of the event and enjoy a good game. '3x3 Football Grid' showcases the finely honed aiming skill of the participants. They are asked to kick the ball into the goal while knocking off one of the nine grids placed at the goal. The record established in this event is five out of nine grids.

Needless to say, the traditional Tug of War and Dodgeball are very well-received by our students. Friendly matches are held as well to include interested staff members. It is hoped that through the activities students' school experience is enriched and their team spirit fostered.



Congratulations

College Programming Team

Our College Programming Team participated in the Hong Kong Olympiad in Informatics (HKOI) during November and December 2014. There were around 400 participants from 65 schools. In the Final event, two of our team members were awarded Silver (Junior Group) and another two members were awarded Bronze (Junior Group). Congratulations!

Silver Medalists:

3B 胡焯禧 Wu Cheuk Hei Chester

4C 徐嘉灝 Chui Ka Ho

Bronze Medalists:

4E 郭子皆 Kwok Tsz Kai

4D 王梓諾 Wong Tsz Nok, Joshua



Law Society Of Hong Kong - Teen Talk Hong Kong

On 29th November 2014 (Saturday), eight boys from SPC participated in Teen Talk HK, an annual programme organized by the Law Society of Hong Kong. This annual event invites several thousand students from all over Hong Kong to participate in a discussion about legal and social issues in the society. This year's theme for the talk was cybercrime; in particular the legal nuances of cyber bullying, pirating, and the necessity of monitoring the Internet. The day ended in a debate on whether the Internet should be monitored. Forty students were selected from the crowd, and eight were selected to be speakers for the proposing and opposing team respectively. A further six students were chosen to be floor speakers for either side. Our school was fortunate enough to have two students selected; one as a floor speaker for the affirmative team, and one as the conclusion speaker for the opposing team. Our student, Hysan Woo won the best debater award.

The 11th Bi-literacy and Tri-lingualism Composition and Speech Competition (Junior Section)

The competition was jointly organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers and the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island West.

2A Wong Hon Yin - Champion (English), Outstanding Work (English)

3D Chan Wang Lik - Outstanding Work (English)

3E Li Chak Cheung, Andy - Outstanding Work (English)



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