



St. Paul's College



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Issue 2

From the Acting Principal's Desk

Welcome to the second issue of the SPC newsletter, giving you an update of the activities held at school. Despite the feeling of gloom and doom in Hong Kong, life at St. Paul's College remains vibrant and exciting. The last two weeks saw our students participating in a number of public events, showcasing their many talents. They have truly made us proud.

The month of November ushers in the Winter season which means we will change into our Winter school uniform soon. It also means that the mid-year examination is just round the corner and it is about time for students to focus more of their attention to their academic learning.

I hope this issue will provide an enjoyable read for parents, students, teachers and friends of St. Paul's.



From the Chaplain

As a school of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, St Paul's College takes seriously its relationship to the Church both historical and current. This time of the year sees our active involvement in the St John's Cathedral Michaelmas Fete where our musicians performed and the Christian Union ran a games stall, and we also take part in the St Stephen's Deanery Fete next door where our Praise Team also performed.

For those in our Junior Christian Union they know St Stephen's very well as they meet there on a Wednesday at lunch time. In the College every boy also makes a visit to our Chapel on the 8th Floor in order to learn about the availability of that space as a place for worship, private prayer and somewhere to be still and quiet.

We are looking forward to the Archbishop joining us at our Assembly on the 12th November and this year we will also have visiting priests from the Cathedral preaching at the lunchtime 1.00pm Eucharist on the second Tuesday of each month (11th November, 9th December, 10th February and 10th March). In addition, the Dean of St John's Cathedral spoke to the boys at an Assembly at the end of September and last term the Principal of the HKSKH Theological College (Ming Hua) was a guest at Assembly. In March of next year some of our

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Religious Studies teachers will be going on a weekend retreat led by me to the Anglican Retreat House on Cheung Chau. This will be an opportunity to take time together in prayer, to build each other up and to be renewed for work here at the College. Being a Church School is certainly not an “added extra” here in Bonham Road. It is central to the Motto, Mission and Goals of St Paul’s just as the cross of Jesus is central to our College Badge. In the same way the visible presence of a Chaplain on the campus is a witness to the truth that we are part of the Church here in Hong Kong. May God bless us all in our work at St Paul’s College.

From the Music Office

Our students have always impressed us with their musical talent, which was showcased in two recent events. On 18th October, 2014, three of our Form 2 students performed in the PTA Annual General Meeting. They were Lau Pui Hong (cello), Mao Jiachen (piano) and Chu Kin Hang (piano). Chu Kin Hang’s Beethoven Piano Sonata displayed a clear articulation of rapid running notes and arpeggios, while Mao Jiachen’s demonstrated the expressiveness of Liszt’s piano work. Lau Pui Hong played Baroque music by J. S. Bach on his cello with good technique and in good style.



Another occasion when our students performed was the Michaelmas Fair which took place at St. John’s Cathedral on 25th October, 2014. It was one of the most popular events in the Cathedral’s calendar. Hundreds of Cathedral members, guests and visitors turned up at the fair, enjoying the games, sales, food and of course, the music. Our Acting Principal, Mr. Dennis Yuen and our School Chaplain, Fr. Philip were among the guests in full support of our students. The performance featured the woodwind ensemble, Chinese instrumental group ensemble and erhu solo. The woodwind ensemble was conducted by one of our music teachers, Mr. Boris Wong. Their performance made the Fair a pleasant and memorable event to many.



From the OLE Master

We are now preparing for the upcoming adventure-based leadership training course for all Form 4 students. It is likely to cause quite a stir among F.4 students again as diehard kayaking fans will definitely outnumber the limited sea expedition quota. Form 4 students are reminded to login the online entry system at http://elearning.spc.edu.hk/ole_ob/ on or before 7th November and opt for your choice. F.4 students who are interested in joining the organizing committee should see Mr. Wong Wai Kiu in person. Do not miss out on the precious opportunity to sharpen your leadership skills.



SLP

7th November is also an important day to

our Form Six students as they have to submit their final SLP together with the 300-word self-account to the OLE Master for verification. After getting the certified SLP from the OLE Master, students can submit it to JUPAS before the official deadline. Some SLP samples can be downloaded from the OLE website.

A few leadership training programmes and service learning projects have already started. School representatives are reminded to be presentable and reliable at all times as you are representing the College. We have nominated some students for external prizes and scholarships. Both Ho Shing Kit (F. 5C) and Chu Yau Man (F. 2D) were selected to be one of the top 10 outstanding students in HK Island Schools Outstanding Students Award 2014 (Central and Western District). Chu Yau Man is one of the top 5 students in the junior section and he will enter the final stage in November. We wish him all the best.

Our students have also joined many events to serve the visually impaired. These events include Moonwalkers, Dialogue in the Dark, ORBIS Youth Ambassadors and Retina Hong Kong Flag Day. Since 2009, our students have been actively involved in the annual flag selling day funded for Retina Hong Kong. The organisation offers support for patients who suffer from different sorts of eye diseases such as Retinitis Pigmentosa and age-related Macular Degeneration. For students over 13, please register online to become one of the volunteers. For colleagues, parents and alumni, please donate generously on 22nd November, 2014 to support the flag selling day – ‘Little things in love that count.’



From the Careers Master

University Information Days

Saturday, 1st November, is the Information Day of Lingnan University, VTC – THEi, SCAD, and Shue Yan University. F.4 – 6 students are strongly encouraged to visit these tertiary institutions to find out more about their programmes.

Career Guidance Lessons for F.4

This year marks the inaugural year of F.4 Career Guidance Lessons. The first lesson was successfully conducted for all F.4 classes. It focused on rules and principles, the importance of life planning, and multiple pathways. The teacher in charge of the programme is Mr. John Ng.

Careers Awareness Week

F.6 students who wish to seek advice on their JUPAS study programme choices may sign up for a lunchtime or after-school group consultation session with Ms Solly Ngan, Mr. John Ng, or Mr. Alex Wong in the week of 27 – 31 October or 3 – 7 November.

Upcoming Education Fairs

The Mainland Higher Education Expo will be held on 1st and 2nd November at the Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre.

Career Talks at SPC

Thursday, 30th October, the College welcomes representatives from the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Hong Kong. Jeffery Pang, our alumnus, who is now pursuing a degree in BBA (IBGM) at HKU, will be among the speakers. The admissions talk will be held after school in the History Room. Students who wish to attend the talk should sign up for it in the College library.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

1. Kwok Hou Nan, Boris (F.2B) won the Honorable Mention (Group 12-14 years old) and the third prize of the 15th International meeting of juvenile art 2014. The event took place in Portugal from 12th to 19th October, 2014.
2. We did very well in the D1 Inter-school Swimming Competition which took place on 24th October, 2014. Our C grade came fourth in the overall championship and the following students also obtained medals in various individual events:
 - Lam Chak Hang (F.2F) - 2nd in C grade 200m Individual Medley and 3rd in C grade 200m Freestyle
 - Wong Chun Wah Philip (F.2F) - 3rd in C grade 50m Freestyle
 - Luk, Chun Yang Ivan (F.3A), Cheung, Chun Ho (F.3A), Fan, See Long (F.3C) and Cheung, Kristopher KaWai (F.4D) - 4th in B grade 4x50m Medley Relay

Congratulations also to the 1984 graduates for having their 30th reunion at school on 25th October, 2014 in the school hall. Many retired teachers were invited and all had a good time down memory lane.

From the Sports Master

Some highlights from the D1 Inter-school Swimming competitions that was held in the Kowloon Park Swimming Pool. Congratulations to the swimmers and a big thank you to our professional timing team and pour awesome cheer squad.

For more information about the SPC Sports Teams, you can visit the Sports Union Facebook :

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsportsunion>



From the Guidance Mistress

On 14th November, 2014, all our Form Three students will be watching *My Voice, My Life*, a documentary film directed by Oscar-winning Chinese-American filmmaker Ruby Yang. The film is about a group of under-privileged Hong Kong youngsters and it challenges people to rethink about our way of nurturing the next generation. One of the characters, Tze Nok, is currently studying with us and all our students are there to support him. We are also very fortunate to be able to invite the director to talk to all our Form Three students after the film.

Some highlights from the Breakthrough Camp for Form 1A and 1B:



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