



De La Salle School

A school of the De La Salle Brothers

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PARENT NOTIFICATION

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Principal's Note

Dear Parents,

Happy Lunar New Year to those celebrating the festive season! During the Lunar New Year, we often visit our elders as a sign of respect and appreciation for what they have done for the younger generation. We teach our children that respect for elders is important and not to take for granted their contributions towards nation building. This term, we have focused on teaching our Lasallians the value of Respect both in and outside of school. We highlight the importance of respecting the feelings of others and to appreciate that everyone is uniquely different. We hope that Lasallians have been showing respect towards their family members at home.

This year, we have combined two levels to have recess together. This is to enable senior Lasallians to bond with junior Lasallians and also pass on our school core values (Respect, Responsibility, Resilience) and Lasallian values (Faith, Service, Community) through play and sharing a meal together. As a Lasallian community, we emphasize the importance of being a family, to care for and love one another, hence, we are happy to start our buddy system once again for our P1 Lasallians. Our P5 Lasallians have been wonderful buddies to them, making the effort to ensure their junior buddies eat well and have a chance to play safely. Many P5 buddies have taken their roles seriously and have been excited to be older brothers and sisters to the younger ones. Though there is no formal buddy system for the other levels, we have also encouraged the seniors to take care of the younger ones and they have been generous to share their play equipment and space with the juniors.

As part of our Chinese New Year Celebration, our P1 and P5 Lasallians worked on a joint Yusheng Mission. This project is a collaboration between the Mother Tongue department and the Design.Innovate.Service.Community committee. The Yusheng Mission was designed to promote creativity, strengthen bonds, deepen cultural understanding and share the joy of learning. In groups, Lasallians made use of materials from our Makers Trolleys to brainstorm, discuss, design and eventually create ingredients for their yusheng dish.

Mission Statement

Enabling Lasallians in a Lasallian community to learn how to learn and to learn how to live; empowering them to be the persons of integrity and persons for others.

Vision Statement

Lifelong Learners, Caring Citizens



Our Lasallian Voices from Saint Christopher 5:

My buddy is from Saint Dominic 1. I love being his buddy because I get to spend time with him during recess. We will usually walk around the basketball court or field together. The Yusheng activity that we had during our Chinese New Year celebration was memorable. Both of us had fun while using various materials to make our Yu Sheng. I like being his buddy because he is very calm and always curious about school.

-Xavier Low Jia Xi, Saint Christopher 5

My buddy is from Saint Christopher 1. We became friends as soon as we got to know each other on the first day of our buddy programme. I taught my buddy to buy food from the different canteen stalls. He gets very excited when he sees me during recess every day and I enjoy spending time with him. During our Chinese New Year celebration, both of us had fun while creating our Yu Sheng using the different materials from our Makers Trolley.

-Kriyesh Kumaran, Saint Christopher 5

We will continue to plan for more joint activities for all levels and hope that these opportunities will enable our Lasallians to strengthen their identity as one Lasallian family!

Semper Fidelis,

Cheryl Choo
Principal

February 2023 Notification

1. Student Accolades

In November 2022, some of our Lasallians from the Robotics Club participated in the **Hack@Code 2022 Competition** and won the following awards:

Names	Class (2022)	Awards
CHIA ZECHARIAH	St Christopher 5	Best Performance 1st Place
OW SHUN JIE, JDEN	St Dominic 5	
RAYDEN TEE ZU GUAN	St Dominic 5	
DELBERT ENNIUS NG	St Bernadette 6	Best Performance 2nd Place
ETHAN WONG JUN HENG	St Francis 6	
WONG JOON	St Francis 6	
NEO MU AN	St Bernadette 5	Best Performance 3rd Place
LU HTUN THIT	St Francis 6	

2. Primary 3 Learning Journey to the Zoo

The Primary 3 Lasallians will be visiting the Zoo as part of their Science-based Outdoor Learning Experience on 14 and 15 February 2023. This will be held during school hours. More details will be given to Primary 3 parents separately.

3. Home-Based Learning on Friday 10 March 2023

Together with fellow La Salle Schools, our staff will be participating in the Staff Lasallian Formation Day on Friday, 10 March 2023. It will be a **no-school day**. All Lasallians will be placed on Home-Based Learning (HBL) for that day.

Through this HBL Day, the school hopes to make learning for your child even more interesting and engaging through the Student Learning Space (SLS). We also hope that your child will learn to plan and pace his/her own learning and revision.

The asynchronous online tasks are meant to be manageable and can be completed within the assigned time. There will be no live lessons scheduled on that day.

Please remind your child to check if he/she is able to log into the SLS portal at least 2 days prior to HBL Day through <https://learning.moe.edu.sg>. If your child has forgotten his/her password, please do a self-reset or visit our school website (<https://delasalle.moe.edu.sg/for-parents/home-based-learning>), to do a reset.

4. School Smart Card 2023 Photo-taking for Primary 1 & 6 Lasallians

The school will be conducting the yearly photo-taking exercise for all Primary 1 and Primary 6 Lasallians for the issue of the School Smart Card (SSC).

The scheduled dates for this photo-taking exercise are Thursday & Friday, 23 & 24 February 2023. Primary 1 and 6 Lasallians are expected to put on their full school uniform (with tie) for this photo-taking session.

The Primary 1 Lasallians are expected to receive their SSCs by end March / early April 2023 while the photo-images captured for P6 Lasallians will be used for the printing of Secondary SSCs when they are promoted to Secondary One in 2024.

5. Recess Play – Extra Set of Uniform

As school has resumed unstructured play for our Lasallians during recess, it has been observed that Lasallians' uniforms and shoes/socks can get soiled for those who choose to play at the school field. We would like to remind Lasallians to bring along an extra set of uniform to change should there be a need.

6. Unsafe Crossing Across Choa Chu Kang St 52

The school has observed several instances of Lasallians and their caregivers crossing Choa Chu Kang Street 52 during school arrival and dismissal without using the designated pedestrian crossing. This is especially when they are rushing to cross the road to board the buses at the bus stop opposite Gate A during dismissal. This is similar when crossing the road outside Gate C and B during arrival. We wish to remind parents to reiterate to your child that this is an extremely unsafe practice especially given the heavy road traffic conditions. We have witnessed some near misses. Please encourage and guide your child to use the pedestrian crossing in front of the school near Gate A.

7. Daily Dismissal at Gate E

We would like to remind Primary 1 and Primary 2 parents/caregivers to remain at the designated zones within the HDB void deck to pick up our Lasallians. We have observed increasing number of caregivers either sitting on the grass slopes or crowding around staircase to Gate E. The latter has caused unnecessary and unsafe congestion while the former has encouraged our younger Lasallians to run up and down the grass slopes or play with the leaves/fruits of the nearby trees. These are unsafe and unbecoming behaviour by our Lasallians as injuries may occur and high level of noise may be generated that inconvenience the residents living in the HDB block.

8. Assistance for Fund raising for La Salle House

Since 1852, De La Salle Brothers have touched the lives of many through their mission. In Singapore, La Salle House is a five-storey building located in the grounds of St Patrick's School. The building built in the 1970s has not been renovated since and now, the Brothers have spent a total of \$8.4 million for the renovations to the building.



La Salle House will include HopeHouse, a children and young persons home under Ministry of Social and Family Development as well as a formation and retreat centre.

We hope to help our Brothers raise funds for the House. Please refer to attached flyer for more information on their gala dinner. Your gesture of support will go a long way to assist the Brothers to advance the Lasallian mission through La Salle House. Thank you.

End of Notification