



De La Salle School

A school of the De La Salle Brothers

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Principal's Note

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the school year comes to a close, we encourage our Lasallians to reflect on how the year has been for them and the things they are grateful for. On 14 November, we will be having our Thanksgiving Mass as well as our Acts of Service cum Appreciation Day on 17 November for our Parent Support Group as well as school partners. Together, we form a community to nurture and care for our Lasallians. There are many things I am thankful for and would like to express my gratitude here.

Our Children, Our Lasallians

Without our Lasallians, there would be no school. Our Founder had a simple dream and that was to provide education for the last, the lost and the least. In this present age, I am grateful our Lasallians have been well taken care of by their families and attend school regularly. Their curiosity and creativity never cease to amaze me, not to mention the kinds of questions they ask about the world. They remind me to appreciate the little things around us like the fish we have in our ponds, the little bugs that crawl in our gardens and even watching mealworms turn into beetles! Acts of service like P5 buddies caring for their P1 juniors, P6 Lasallians creating games for P1 Lasallians for the Inno Games Day and simple gestures like Lasallians escorting those in need of help to the Sick Bay or giving each other a little pat on the shoulder for encouragement shows the sense of family that we have nurtured within our school. Hence, I am grateful for our children, our Lasallians, whom we can learn much from as well.

Our Parents, Our Partners

Without our parents and caregivers, our Lasallians would not be able to thrive fully and feel loved both in and out of school. With your strong support, we have been able to nurture and grow our Lasallians together with our shared beliefs anchored in strong values. Thank you, parents, for entrusting us with your children and working alongside with us to instil the joy of learning and allowing them to make mistakes and learn from their experiences.

Our Teachers, Our Support Staff

Without our teachers and support staff, school would be a different environment. Technology can enhance learning experiences but not replace the human touch our teachers and staff give. Their care, comfort and company go a long way to help Lasallians feel a sense of belonging to our school. I am ever grateful for their dedication and commitment to teach our children well, to be good persons for our community.

On this note, I would like to share that Ms Sharon Thien, our Vice-Principal Admin, will be retiring from service with effect end January 2024. We would like to thank Ms Thien for her contributions, love and care for our Lasallians and staff. Ms Thien joined us in May 2020 when we were in the thick of managing COVID 19. Her leadership and support in managing the school admin team and safety of the school during the challenging period is much appreciated.

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

During her stint with the school, Ms Thien has led the School Admin Team to innovate and digitalise processes so that we can better support our Lasallians. She has also worked with the Operations team to manage school improvement projects so that our learning environment can be enhanced. Ms Thien has also worked closely with our Parent Support Group to partner in school events as well as exchange ideas on how to make our school a better place for our Lasallians. We will miss her very much and wish her all the best as she continues to pursue her interests upon her retirement.

Ms Cecilia Tan, current Vice-Principal of CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace, will be posted to De La Salle School as Vice Principal with effect 15 December. We warmly welcome her to our Lasallian family.

As the year end approaches, we wish all families a good break, happy bonding and good tidings of the season!

Semper Fidelis,

Cheryl Choo
Principal

1. Student Accolades

Koobits Wizard School Challenge 2023

School is proud to announce that we have emerged as **1st runner-up** in the annual inter-school competition organized by Koobits in September this year. The Koobits portal is an important online platform used in school to enable our Lasallians to pursue self-directed learning & enhance their competencies in the learning of Math under the guidance of their Math teachers.

Erratum for Results of 15th Inter-Primary School Tamil Talent Quest Competition 2023

There is an erratum for the results of the above competition announced in the October Parent Notification. The correct results are as follows:

Name	Class	Category	Prize
Suthan Thanishkha	1 Dominic	Fancy Dress	1st Runner up
Taruniksha Govindaraj	1 Christopher	Fancy Dress	2nd Runner up

2. Deepavali School Celebrations

School will be commemorating the Deepavali festival with a celebration on **Monday, 6 November 2023** during the FTGP period. Lasallians are encouraged to dress in their ethnic attire with school shoes on that day. Normal school hours will resume after the celebrations.

3. Results Processing Day – No School Day

School will be discussing matters pertaining to results processing and promotion of Lasallians to the next grade level on **Wednesday, 8 November 2023**. It will be a no-school day for all Lasallians.

4. Primary 6 Prize-Giving Day 2023

The school will be having our Annual Prize-Giving Day for our Primary 6 Lasallians to celebrate their achievements and success in both academic and non-academic areas.

Details of the Primary 6 Prize-Giving Day are as follows:

Date: **Wednesday, 15 November 2023**

Time: 9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

The school will be giving out Merit Awards and Progress Awards to Primary 6 Lasallians who have demonstrated achievements in the academic area. As part of our aim of broadening the definition of success, we will also be giving out CCA Excellence Awards in both Sports and Aesthetics domains to affirm Lasallians who have exemplified school values and display strong leadership qualities in their CCAs.

Senior Lasallian Award, which is the highest accolade given to Lasallians to recognise the Lasallian's all-round achievements, character development, leadership qualities and service to the community, will also be presented during the Prize-Giving Ceremony.

5. Acts of Service cum Appreciation Day

Every year, School will commemorate the Acts of Service cum Appreciation Day. On **Friday, 17 November 2023**, we will show our appreciation to our school partners such as Parent Support Group and Parent Catechists who have supported Lasallians in their learning. On this day, Lasallians will also put their values into action. While they clean up their classrooms, they also pay it forward by leaving a nice and clean classroom for next year's class.

Things to bring:

1. Rags
2. Storybook
3. School Diary
4. Stationery

6. School Reopening Dates (2024)

Our **Primary 1** Lasallians will report on the first day of school on **2 January 2024**.

Our **Primary 2 to P6** Lasallians will report to school on **3 January 2024**. All Lasallians including Primary 1 Lasallians are to report to the Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) upon arrival on 3 January 2024.

7. Sale of Textbooks and Uniforms during School Holidays

Our school bookshop vendor is **Pacific Bookstores Pte Ltd** and our school uniform vendor is **KH Uniform Pte Ltd**. Parents are encouraged to make these purchases online.

Dates for walk-in purchase of textbooks in school can be found in the booklists which will be distributed to Lasallians together with the return of their Report Book. For online purchases of textbooks and booking of appointment, please go to Pacific Bookstore's website at <https://www.pacificbookstores.com/>.

For online purchases of uniforms, please go to KH Uniform Pte Ltd's website at <https://www.khuniform.com/>. The dates for walk-in purchase of uniforms in school are uploaded on the school website. You may also purchase uniforms from their agent at the following address:

Chen Num Sing Department Store
413, Bukit Batok West Ave 4, #01-206, S (650413). Tel: 65658961
Open from Tuesdays - Sundays, 10am – 7pm

8. Safety and Security during School Holidays

SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA have jointly provided a year-end school holidays advisory (see Annex for the infographic) for schools to remind students to stay away from crime and drug/inhalant abuse during the coming school holidays.

Lasallians are reminded to be alert to the dangers of common crimes such as online scams, underaged smoking/vaping and to protect yourselves from becoming victims of crime.

9. Year-End School Holiday Travel Advisory & Declaration

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/guardians to make **a travel declaration for your child/ward if he/she will be travelling** for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS].

- Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **17 November 2023 (Friday)**. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ward is **not travelling** during the holidays, **no action is required**.

When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. **If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.**

10. Contacting the School during School Holidays

The year-end school holidays will start from 18 November 2023. During the holidays, parents can contact the school either by calling the school (6766 7675) or through the school's email (dlss@moe.edu.sg).

The school office's working hours during the school holidays are 8:00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. During the school holidays, the school will give updates when necessary via the Parents' Gateway app or the school's website at <https://delasalle.moe.edu.sg/>.

Annex

Joint Year-End School Holidays Advisory by SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA (Infographic)

End of Notification