



St. Mary's Past Students' Association

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Under A Banner Join We Hands Mentorship Programme 2015-16

Throughout the past 12 years, the PSA had been working closely with the school to develop and implement the Mentorship Programme for the personal growth of current St. Marians. Thanks to the generous contribution from participating mentors, and the close guidance from Ms. Amelia Tsang and Mrs. Queenie Mui, we have been able to constantly fine-tune and improve the programme to optimize its effectiveness to our younger sisters.

In the 2015-16 academic year, 40 alumnae signed up as mentors to guide 120 student mentees. Mentors and mentees

met the first time during the kick-off ceremony on 21 November 2015 during which they were introduced to each other and had the opportunity to make acquaintance and plan for further meetings in the year ahead. A second gathering was held on 19 March 2016 for more interaction. After some warm up games, 10 of our alumnae mentors hosted careers seminar sessions where they shared their understanding in various professional fields, and exchanged views with interested mentees. Most mentors and mentees stayed in contact even after the programme, and survey indicated that all mentees found the programme useful. Thank you again to our alumnae mentors for making this possible!

The new round of Mentorship Programme will commence in November this year, and mentor recruitment is in progress. Past students who are interested may contact Ms. Queenie Cheng of the School Office at 2724 2771 for further information.



Mentors and mentees in the 2015-16 programme.



Making new acquaintances in groups.



Teaming up to compete in group games.



Sharing from mentors in careers seminars.

School News – Fundraising for New Stage Lighting for SMCC School Hall



A special call to all St. Marians, especially all drama fans! Our Alma Mater is calling for our support in raising funds to upgrade the stage lights in our School Hall.

Student drama has come a long way in St. Mary's - from class plays in the 60s and 70s, to house performances in the 80s, and school productions since the 90s. Generations of alumnae has been trained and inspired during this magical journey, with countless unforgettable moments to cherish. However, a lot of the stage lights that are lighting up our latest productions are basically the same as those used in our school days! Hence they are, needless to say, in serious need of repair and replacement.



Given the recent development in stage lighting systems, Mr. Oliver, has taken up the task to revamp all stage lights in our school hall, making them safer and easier to operate for students, and more cost-efficient to maintain for the school. The following is the personal message from Loban:

Message from Mr. Oliver (Loban)

Lighting The Future

As those of you who attended the last school drama, Choice, back in April will have heard, we are making an appeal for funds to upgrade the stage lights so that we will be well-equipped for future production needs.

Many of our existing lights are decades old and no longer serviceable and for some we cannot even get replacement light bulbs.

The trend in stage lighting these days is to use computer controlled LED lights which have several advantages over existing analogue lights. Firstly they use less than half the amount of power. Secondly colour change is obtained at the press of a button so we no longer need to attach colour filter gel to the lamps (a tedious and time-consuming job as every past lighting team member will remember). Also a wide variety of colours can be mixed through the computer panel so the artistic options are immensely enhanced. Special effects are also easier to create since many of the new LED lights have built in functions such as strobe effects. Most importantly the lights are safe and easy to operate and are student-friendly!

*For these reasons we have decided to replace most of our existing stock with various types of LED stage lights. The project will cost **HK\$1.5 million**, a sum which includes future servicing and maintenance costs for up to 5 years.*

We hope you will help us to ensure that we can continue the SMCC drama tradition by

supporting our fund-raising request and helping to equip our stage with the best possible lighting facilities.

To see the results - come and see the next school drama, appropriately called Colours, which will be staged in April 2017.

Thank you for your continued and highly appreciated support of drama in St Mary's.

Geoff Oliver (Loban)

Act now to support our Alma Mater! Please fill in the Donation Form below and attach a crossed cheque made payable to “*The IMC of St. Mary’s Canossian College*”, and mail to St. Mary’s Canossian College, 162 Austin Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon. Please mark “Stage Lighting” on the envelope.

Donations of HK\$100 or above are tax-deductible. For further enquiry, please contact Ms. Queenie Cheng at 2724 2771 or queeniecheng@smcc.hk. Thank you in advance for your support!



New Stage Lighting for School Hall

DONATION FORM

To facilitate the school’s processing, please reply before 28 October 2016. Thank you!

Name of donor:			
Year of Graduation:	Form 5 under HKCEE _____ OR Form 6 under HKDSE _____		
Membership No.		Mobile No.:	
Email Address:			

Please where appropriate.

I would like to make a donation of HK\$_____ to support the provision of new stage lighting for the School Hall. Here is a crossed cheque payable to “*The IMC of St. Mary’s Canossian College*” with cheque no.: _____.

I would like to get a tax-deductible receipt for my donation.

Name to appear on receipt: _____

Mailing address: _____

School News – School Drama “CHOICE”



Congratulations to the St. Mary's Drama Team for bringing us another successful performance this year! "CHOICE" was a play engendered from ideas suggested by the Core Production Team to contemplate the idea of making choices. The plot underwent several revisions before finally evolving into the remarkable performance during the Drama Week from 9-16 April 2016. The play is directed by Mr. Oliver, with past student Ms. Lorraine Ho joining as Co-Director. The audience followed the footsteps of the surviving passengers of a sunken cruise ship to the strange island of Elysium where these passengers met their alter-egos, and came to realizations about the meaning of the choices they made.

The cast and production team of over 120 students gave their best on stage, and their passion was well appreciated by an enthusiastic audience. "CHOICE" is the 32nd play and 16th original musical written and produced in St. Mary's by Mr. Geoff Oliver. Preparation work for the next original musical is already in progress. Stay tuned for the show next year -- we promise you that it will another interesting and colorful experience!

In Loving Remembrance...

Ms. Eudora Lee, teacher at St. Mary's Canossian College from 2009 to 2015, returned to God on 27 March 2016 in Toronto. Ms. Lee was teacher of Liberal Studies, and since 2010, she also assumed the role of Co-Director of the school's annual drama production, inspiring students through this unique experience. She rejoined her family in Toronto after the drama production in 2015, and continued to stay in touch with St. Marians who she taught. Ms. Lee's passion in education, her generosity and tenderness, will forever remain in the hearts of those who she interacted with. May God bless her soul and her family.

~ Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen. ~



PSA News – New Order for Hoodies!



In response to popular demand, the SMCC hoodies are back! We are now taking orders to produce a new batch of the much sought-after SMCC hoodie that was on sale (and sold out!) at the 115th Anniversary Dinner last year. The classic hoodie is in navy blue with white letters SMCC embroidered at the front. It is 100% cotton terry cloth, thus perfect for keeping warm in autumn and spring!

You can now place your order by filling in the Order Form below and return it with your full payment. Stock will be available for collection during Alumnae Day on 3 December 2016 (Sat) from 2:00-6:00pm on campus, or from the School Office between 5-9 December 2016 during office hours. Please present a copy of your Order Form during collection. To meet the production timeline, please place your order no later than 8 October 2016!

HOODIE ORDER FORM Deadline: 8 October 2016 (Sat)

(You can also download this form from the PSA website at www.stmaryspsa.org)

Name			
Year of Graduation:	Form 5 under HKCEE _____ OR Form 6 under HKDSE _____		
Membership No.		Mobile No.:	
Email Address:			



Size	Chest Width (A)	Body Length (B)	Sleeve Length (C)	Order Quantity	Unit Cost	Subtotal
Small	19.5"	23.5"	31.75"		HK\$180	HK\$
Medium	21"	25"	33.5"			HK\$
Large	23"	26.5"	35"			HK\$
					Grand Total =	HK\$

Note: please expect 5-10% fabric shrinkage

Payment Method (please where appropriate):

- Pay by cheque** - Please make the cheque crossed and payable to "St. Mary's Past Students' Association" and send it with this Order Form to St. Mary's Past Students' Association, 162 Austin Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon. Please mark "Hoodie Order" on the envelope.
- Pay through direct deposit** - Please deposit the amount to the SMPSA bank account (St. Mary's Past Students' Association, Hang Seng Bank Account #289-8-123415) and email the deposit slip with this Order Form to activities@stmaryspsa.org.

Collection Method (please where appropriate):

- During Alumnae Day on 3 Dec 2016 from 2-6pm on campus. (Preferred method to ease the School of workload.)**
- From the School Office on 5 6 7 8 9 December during office hours from 8:30am – 4:30pm. (Please contact Ms. Queenie Cheng at 2724 2771 if there is any question.)*

PSA News – Alumnae Day on 3 December 2016



As previously announced, this year's Alumnae Day is scheduled on 3 December 2016 (Sat). With the support from School Management as well as the Student Council, a series of home-coming activities have been lined up for the day:

Open Campus (2:00-6:00pm)

Back to school – welcome! The campus will be open from 2:00-6:00pm on the day. Past St. Marians can invite friends and family to visit their Alma Mater. Walk around the School to appreciate the ambience of her historical architecture, revisit golden memories, exchange anecdotes, while learning about new progress and development. You are welcome to share your stories with the Student Council members who will be standing by as guides! Oh, of course, don't forget to take your camera to capture some nice shots!



For those who have placed orders, you can also pick up your hoodies from the collection counter!



Poon Choi Dinner (6:00-9:00pm)

Thanks to the School Management of both SMCC and SMCS, we are able to hold our Poon Choi Dinner on campus again! Some of you will remember our first Poon Choi dinner in November 2014... it was indeed a warm and meaningful evening where St. Marians gather to share a special meal under evening lights at school. Let's enjoy another home-coming Poon Choi Dinner this year!

Tables are limited so do make your bookings soon by completing and returning the Reply Form on the following page. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner!

Alumnae Day 2016 Campus Poon Choi Dinner

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(You can also download this form from the PSA website at www.stmaryspsa.org)

- Date : 3 December 2016 (Sat)
- Time : 6:00 – 9:00 pm
- Place : Covered playgrounds on campus
- Price : HK\$160 per ticket (same price for adults or kids who occupy one seat)
- Deadline : 28 October 2016 (Thu), first-come-first-served

Name			
Year of Graduation:	Form 5 under HKCEE _____ OR Form 6 under HKDSE _____		
Membership No.		Mobile No.:	
Email Address:			

Yes! I would like to join the Alumnae Day Campus Poon Choi Dinner on 3 December 2016 (Sat).

Reservation	Unit price	Subtotal
_____ seat(s)	HK\$160	HK\$
_____ table(s), 12 persons each	HK\$1,920	HK\$
Grand Total =		HK\$

Payment Method (please where appropriate):

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- Pay through direct deposit** - Please deposit the amount to the SMPSA bank account (St. Mary’s Past Students’ Association, Hang Seng Bank Account #289-8-123415) and email the deposit slip with this Reply Form to activities@stmaryspsa.org.

Please note:

1. Group booking is encouraged. Each table seats 12 people.
2. As tables are limited, all bookings are on first-come-first-served basis.
3. Reservation confirmation will be sent via email or telephone.
4. The dinner is provided and managed by 8 Mei Heung Poon Choi.
5. In case of extreme bad weather on the day, please refer to the PSA website for arrangement.
6. In all circumstances the paid ticket fee will not be refunded.
7. Please send email to activities@stmaryspsa.org for further information.

Class Reunion News



The Class of 86 held their 30th anniversary on 1 July 2016 in Hong Kong. 42 classmates and 8 teachers joined the event at the HK Football Club. They shared a lot of memories, old photos and old songs regarding their school life, and the evening was filled with joy and laughter. To reconnect with the group, please contact Anna Au at annaauhk@gmail.com.

Organizing a reunion for your class? Let our Membership Secretary know and we can include your news on the newsletter and the website. Email to membershipsec@stmaryspsa.org.

Alumnae News

"Marians in Faith" is a self-initiated catholic organization aimed to strengthen SMCC alumnae's faith in God. On 21 May 2016, they had their first spiritual formation programme "How to grow close to God?", hosted by Sr. Monica Wong. There was silent meditation and sharing among participants. Sr. Monica reinforced the idea of "God wants to make friend with us", and stressed the importance of



praying to build an intimate relationship with God. After this enlightening afternoon, the next programme will be held on 5 November 2016 (Sat) in the SMCC Activity Room, with Fr. Timothy Wan and alumna Vansie Kwok as guest speakers. Those interested to join please contact MIF at mariansinfaith@gmail.com.

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