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### Message from our Patron

### Ms Janet Wong, Principal of SMCC

Dear Alumnae,

The scholastic year 2016/17 marked a milestone in the history of St. Mary's as we saw the graduation of the first cohort of Through-train students. Admittedly, the task of taking care of students with diversified interests and talents has been daunting, but is it not through this experience that we realize the vision of Canossian Education? Fortunately, our two feeder schools and we share the same vision on Through-train, and have been working closely to support our students in different aspects so as to maintain a good standard of our students.



*Ms. Janet Wong addressing students and teachers during School Opening Day.*



*Ms. Wong and F.6 students posing for a casual shot at the Graduation Ceremony.*

I am delighted to share with you the good news that this first batch of Through-train students has achieved satisfactory results in the public examination. Their overall performance is on par with their predecessors, and more than ninety per cent of them received offers to undergraduate programmes in JUPAS. The fact that the efforts of our three schools and our students have paid off is worth celebrating. The results are a tremendous boost to us, and showed that we were on the right path in helping our students to discover their talents and develop them to their full capacity.

The support of the Past Students' Association in enriching the school life of the younger St. Marians and being their companions during their formative years deserves much appreciation. Thank you for the effort in uniting all past students in school events, such as the Mentorship Programme and the Alumnae Day, which offer valuable opportunities for St. Marians of different generations to work together to perpetuate our family spirit.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my warmest gratitude to you all for your donation to the Stage Hall Lighting Project, which enables the tradition of our annual drama production to carry on with enhanced lighting effects. The upgrading works were completed but the fund raising project is still ongoing to finance future maintenance and servicing. Please visit the school website for the latest updates.

May God shower you all with blessings and happiness!

Ms. Janet Wong



*The stage effect of the play "COLOURS" was enhanced by the new lighting system.*

## ...SCHOOL NEWS...



### Mentorship Programme 2016-17

The Mentorship Programme of the 2016-17 academic year was completed successfully with 40 past girls signing up as mentors to guide 120 student mentees. Mentors and mentees met during the kick-off ceremony on 26 November 2016 during which matched teams were introduced to each other and given the opportunity to plan for further meetings in the year ahead.

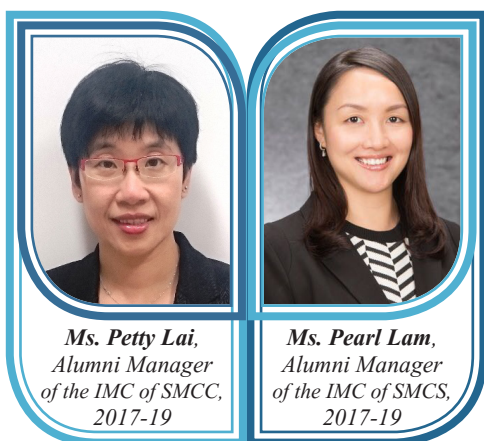
A second gathering was held on 1 April 2017 where 18 of our alumnae mentors hosted careers seminar sessions to share their knowledge in various professional fields. The student mentees were enlightened by the precious sharing from their seniors and were appreciative of the event.

Our thanks again to the mentors who make this possible, and to Ms. Amelia Tsang and Mrs. Queenie Mui for helping with all the arrangement!



*Mentors and mentees sharing a joyful and hearty moment!*

## ALUMNI MANAGERS FOR THE IMCs OF SMCC AND SMCS ( 2017-19 TERM )



*Ms. Petty Lai,  
Alumni Manager  
of the IMC of SMCC,  
2017-19*

*Ms. Pearl Lam,  
Alumni Manager  
of the IMC of SMCS,  
2017-19*

Earlier this year, the election of Alumni Managers for the Incorporated Management Committees (IMCs) of St. Mary's Canossian College (SMCC) and St. Mary's Canossian School (SMCS) was held by the Council of SMCC and Council of SMCS of the SMPSA respectively with nomination period from 3 June to 17 June 2017. Two alumnae, Ms. Petty Lai, SMCC graduate in 19xx, and Ms. Pearl Lam, SMCS graduate in 19xx, were elected uncontested to be the Alumni Managers of the respective schools. The term of service will be two years, ending August 2019.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Angela Liu and Ms. Angela Leung who had served as Alumni Managers during the previous two terms from 2013 - 2017. Our sincere appreciation for their effort and commitment to our Alma Mater.



# Stage Lighting Project

Stage lighting, extensively used to create the desired theatre effects, has been an indispensable component in St. Mary's highly acclaimed drama productions. In 2016, with a generous sum of donations, our Alma Mater was able to refurbish our stage lighting system including all lighting fixtures, control panel, signal wires and light bars.



The colour changes with the mood of the latest school play "COLOURS".

The newly installed LED lighting fixtures feature low power consumption, low maintenance cost and multiple colours. With this enhanced lighting system, our productions can now offer a vital sense of realism, mood and tension to bring the performances to new heights.

The latest production "Colours" was made feasible with the upgraded lighting system. Our new LED lights can change colours in the twinkling of an eye. They were applied to a flowing colourful backdrop in the last scene. This special effect played an important role in enhancing and embracing the story.

In order to sustain the quality of drama production and continue the SMCC drama tradition, the enhancement of hall stage lighting is an ongoing project. Your help is needed to equip our stage with the best possible lighting facilities and enable future maintenance. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the school website for further details (<http://www.smcc.hk/Drama/Light.htm>), or contact Ms. Rainbow Tse at 2724 2771 or [rainbowtse@smcc.hk](mailto:rainbowtse@smcc.hk).



Left : Altman cyclorama light, Philips Selecon Fresnel. Right : Philips Showline Parcan (Visible & UV).  
Centre : LED lighting panel.

... SCHOOL NEWS ...

## School Drama "COLOURS"

The St. Mary's Drama Team presented a vibrant performance during the Drama Week from 22-29 April 2017. "COLOURS" was a play which had a long gestation period. Writer and director Mr. Geoff Oliver first had the idea of a play based on colours more than twenty years ago, but somehow never fully developed the concept until the recent upgrade of the school's stage lighting system.



*The cast and crew of "COLOURS" with Mr. Oliver on stage at the end of the performance.*

Together with ideas suggested by the Core Production Team, the play invited the audience to ponder the problems of a world that is increasingly divisive – everything is either in black or white – and offered a solution that is much more colourful. Past student Ms. Lorraine Ho joined the production team again as Co-Director, helping to lead the cast and crew of over 130 students to show their true colours on stage.

"COLOURS" is the 33rd play and 17th original musical written and produced in St. Mary's by Mr. Geoff Oliver. The school and the Drama Team took the opportunity to thank all past students who have contributed to the new lighting system. Mr. Oliver also called for our continuous support to help in the maintenance of the system in the coming years. Please refer to the separate article on School Lighting System in this newsletter for further details.

## ...TEACHER NEWS...

### *Happy Retirement to Ms. Amelia Tsang*

The close of the 2016-17 academic year marked the celebration of Vice Principal Ms. Amelia Tsang's retirement, after serving 28 years in St. Mary's.

Since 2004, Ms. Amelia Tsang has been working closely with the PSA to implement the Mentorship Programme for current St. Marians. Over the past 13 years, Ms. Tsang led the team to reach out to hundreds of alumnae who offered to serve as mentors for their younger sisters, enabling us to uphold our St. Marian spirit and heritage.



*Ms. Amelia Tsang sends her greetings to all.*



*Mentees and mentors sharing a happy moment with Ms. Tsang.*

What will Ms. Tsang do after retirement? We are happy to learn that she has promised to continue to assist the school by becoming advisor to the Mentorship Programme, and serving as coordinator in preparation of our Alma Mater's upcoming 120th anniversary in 2020. On behalf of all St. Marians, we thank Ms. Tsang for her care and dedication, and we look forward to seeing her in many more occasions in the future!



... PSA NEWS ...



# Alumnae Day on 25 November 2017

The Alumnae Day this year is scheduled on 25 November 2017 (Sat). With the assistance from the School Management as well as the Student Council, past students are welcome to visit their Alma Mater with their friends and family. The following activities will be lined up for the day:

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

The campus will be open from 2:00-6:00pm on the day. Walk around the School to appreciate the ambience of her historical architecture, revisit golden memories, exchange anecdotes, while learning about new progress and development. Student Council members will be standing by and ready to exchange stories with you. This is the perfect opportunity to bring your family to experience the beauty of our Alma Mater!



## Poon Choi Dinner (6:00-8:30pm)



Following the success last year, we are having a Campus Poon Choi Dinner encore this year! Join us to witness how our basketball court get converted into a dining area in just an hour. Bring your family along to enjoy the beauty of our school buildings in the evening lights. Let your children enjoy the big steps like we did when we were their age. We promise you a warm and cozy home-coming evening under the stars. Special thanks again to the School Management of SMCC and SMCS for letting us share such a special occasion with fellow St. Marians!

Number of tables are limited so make your bookings ASAP by completing and returning the Reply Form on the following page. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner! For further information, please send email to [activities@stmarypsa.org](mailto:activities@stmarypsa.org).

# Alumnae Day 2017 Campus Poon Choi Dinner

## REPLY FORM

(You can also download this form from the PSA website at [www.stmaryspsa.org](http://www.stmaryspsa.org))

Date : 25 November 2017 (Sat)  
 Time : 6:00 – 8:30 pm  
 Place : Basketball Court  
 Price : HK\$160 per ticket (same price for adults or kids who occupy one seat)  
 Deadline : 26 October 2017 (Thu) - number of tables are limited, 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 25 November 2017 (Sat).**

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

**Payment Method** (please  where appropriate):

- Pay through direct deposit - Preferred method** - 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](mailto:activities@stmaryspsa.org).
- Pay by cheque** - Please make the cheque crossed and payable to "St. Mary's Past Students' Association" and send it with this Reply Form to St. Mary's Past Students' Association, 162 Austin Road, Tsimshatsui, Kowloon. Please mark "Poon Choi Dinner" on the envelope.

**Please note:**

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

...ALUMNAE NEWS...



## St. Marians Alumnae Dragon Boat Team

“We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Since this summer, a group of past St. Marians of mixed background and character come together every Sunday with one common goal - paddling down the stream as the St. Mary’s Alumnae Dragon Boat Team with their full effort.

The synchronization of paddlers’ strokes is undeniably the key to triumph, but first and foremost, it requires team spirit and a strong sense of belonging to reach perfect cooperation. Not only do the girls intend to promote teamwork, fun and fitness, they are also trying to bring together past St. Marians and up-



hold the motto of our Alma Mater - “One Heart and One Way” - through each stroke.

The St. Marians Alumnae Dragon Boat Team are recruiting new members. If you are looking for opportunities to sweat and paddle with like-minded athletes, you are welcome to join the team. Training is year-round.

Practice time: Every Sunday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Location: Tseung Kwan O Dragon Boat Training Service (near Tseung Kwan O Sportsground)

For further details, please check their Facebook page:

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

## Marians in Faith 2016-17

With the blessings from God, two retreat programmes were successfully held in SMCC. In November 2016, we had Fr. Timothy Wan (溫國光神父) and our alumna, Dr. Vansie Kwok, to share their thoughts on ‘God of Mercy, Year of Mercy’. Fr. Timothy kindly offered us precious experience to make confession in the school chapel, while Dr. Vansie Kwok, a member of the AMDG band, shared the songs she composed to glorify God, with memorable lyrics that touched our hearts – “Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love...”

In May 2017, we invited our Former Principal Sr. Esther Ling, to share her wisdom through her delivery on the topic “Do whatever He tells you”, one of the most important messages from Virgin Mary at Cana. After the retreat, all participants were enlightened by the idea of how “Mary is a short cut to reach Jesus Christ”.

“Marians in Faith” is a self-initiated Catholic group aimed at strengthening SMCC alumnae’s faith in God. To learn about their activities, please visit their Facebook Page at <http://www.facebook.com/MariansInFaith>, or contact them via [mariansinfaith@gmail.com](mailto:mariansinfaith@gmail.com).





## ...SCHOOL NEWS...

### ROOFTOP RENOVATION FOR ST. MICHAEL BUILDING

Since March this year, alumnae who passed by our school along Chatham Road would notice scaffoldings surrounding the St. Michael Building (a.k.a. the Old Building). The tiled rooftop of this Grade 1 historic building had been in poor condition with plants growing out of the cracks, and water leaking into the classrooms. Thanks to the assistance from the Education Bureau and the Antique and Monument Office, major repairs were carried out during these past months, just in time for the new school year. Now the rooftop has been fixed and further freshened up with a layer of new paint, echoing the architecture of Rosary Church nearby. St. Marians young and old can continue to take pride in our Alma Mater which not only preserves a piece of Canossian history, but also that of the territory. Live St. Mary's ever more!



*Before repairs – plants were growing atop!*



*After repairs – nice and clean!*

## ...CLASS REUNION NEWS...

The Class of 1997 celebrated their 20th Anniversary Reunion over a boisterous Chinese dinner on **8 July 2017**. Over 60 alumnae caught up with each other again after their big reunion party at the school's tuck shop 10 years ago! To reconnect with the group, please contact Juliana Wong at [keroppijuli@gmail.com](mailto:keroppijuli@gmail.com).



*The Class of 1997 sharing a good time together.*

The Class of 1967 will be having their 50th Anniversary Reunion on **25-27**

**October 2017** in Hong Kong. They will visit the school in the afternoon of 25 October, to be followed by a reunion dinner in the same evening. There will also be some sight-seeing activities over the period for those visiting from overseas. Over 30 classmates have already signed up. Those who would still like to join the happy event please contact Mary Cheng at [mary.c.cheng@gmail.com](mailto:mary.c.cheng@gmail.com) or Peggy Tsang at [peggy.oceans@gmail.com](mailto:peggy.oceans@gmail.com).