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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE (主席的話)



親愛的老師、家長、同學:

你們好!數週前,我以英文為學校校刊撰寫了一篇「主席的話」。因此,今年的《PTA會訊》, 我會以中文來撰寫這篇「主席的話」。

小兒盧曉龍於2019年入讀聖若瑟小學一年級,匆匆已經歷四個寒暑,而我也為家教會服務了四年。在去年11月的「家教會週年大會」及「家長校董選舉」,我分別獲選為家教會主席及家長校董,感到十分榮幸,也明白這兩個職務,將會給我帶來沉甸甸的責任。

可是,我是幸運的。纏繞著我們三年的新冠疫情,在我甫上任後,便露出終結的曙光。當時,有媒體報導政府可能會放寬防疫措施,何校長便問我:「這個學年PTA會復辦Family Fun Day嗎?」我毫不猶豫地回答:「只要防疫規定允許,當然希望復辦啦!」 當時我想,大疫三年,大家對復常的熾熱盼望,如大旱之望雲霓,巴不得馬上出來參加各種活動,玩個痛快。更何況我們還打算邀請校友林家謙先生出席Family Fun Day,給我們表演唱歌助慶呢!

結果如願以償,踏入2023年,我們家教會於五月成功地復辦了Family Fun Day,並獲得一致好評。此外,我們也非常感恩,復辦了「家長義工茶會」、「午餐飯盒試食」及「小六生畢業晚宴」。在此,我特別要感謝校長、副校長、老師的指導與支持、家教會委員的辛勤付出、以及家長義工的鼎力相助!多謝您們!

在未來的日子,家教會將繼續聯繫老師、家長以及同學攜手舉辦活動,締造健康快樂的校園。

暑假快到了。祝願大家好好享受復常後的第一個暑假!

第十九屆聖若瑟小學家長教師會主席 盧置豪 2023年6月30日 THANK YOU WILSON!

19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PARENT MANAGER ELECTION AND PARENT SEMINAR





19th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Mr Andrew Wong, who was the Chairperson of PTA for 2021-2022, delivered his welcome speech to the audience. He confirmed that the members of PTA reached the minimum attendance to constitute a valid quorum. He then announced the meeting to begin and invited Ms C Ho, the School Principal, for the opening address.

Ms C Ho emphasized that the PTA aimed at reinforcing and strengthening the relationships between the school and the parents, and the achievements made by the PTA were outstanding. In the school year 2021-2022, due to the continued outbreak of COVID-19 and in consideration of the health and safety of the intended participants, the PTA reluctantly cancelled some major events, such as Family Fun Day and the P.6 Graduation Dinner.

Back row: 1. Mr. John Fu (parent vice chairperson), 2. Mr. Jacky Chan (parent liaison officer), 3. Mr. Matsuta Ng (parent welfare officer), 4. Mr. Kingslun Ho (parent treasurer), 5. Ms. Sandra Leung (parent liaison officer), 6. Ms. Ely Lai (parent welfare officer), 7. Mr. Chris Chan (parent welfare officer), 8. Mr. C. Y. Mok (teacher welfare officer), 9. Ms. R. Lee (teacher secretary), 10. Mr. Y. K. Wong (teacher welfare officer) and 11. Mr. B. Poon (teacher liaison officer)

Front Tow: 1. Ms. Cynthia Wong (parent secretary), 2. Ms. Joanne Chau (parent secretary), 3. Ms. C. Ho (school principal), 4. Ms. M. Tam (school supervisor), 5. Mr. Andrew Wong (former chairperson), 6. Mr. Wilson Lo (chairperson), 7. Ms. J. Leung (teacher vice-chairperson) and 8. Ms. Y. M. Wong (teacher liaison officer) *

* Apart from the members stated above, Ms. M. Lam (teacher treasurer), Ms. C. Chan (teacher secretary), Mr. Nelson Wan (parent liaison officer) and Mr. Nathaniel Chan (parent liaison officer) are also members of the PTA Executive Committee.



In light of the gradual relaxation of the social distancing measures, it was hoped that the P.6 Graduation Dinner can be organised in the coming year to leave a lasting memory to the graduates and teachers. After that, Ms Joanne Chau, the Parent Secretary, invited all the parents to read through the minutes of the 18th AGM, and no proposal for amendments was received and the minutes of the 18th AGM were confirmed.

The Chairperson reported activities organised by PTA in the past year. He expressed that the work of PTA remained challenging as affected by the fifth wave of the pandemic, and a number of key activities had to be cancelled reluctantly. Having said that, PTA had been doing a lot in striving for benefits and welfare of our students. As for the book-ordering challenges that parents had faced in late summer, PTA communicated closely and followed up with the school. We appreciate the proactiveness of the school on this issue and the matter with the company had been resolved in a prompt manner. We also want to thank all the parents for their kind understanding. Finally, the treasurer reported the financial statement.

Ms C Ho welcomed five new Teacher Members who had been elected to the Executive Committee for the school year of 2022-2023.

Parent Manager Election

The official election of Parent Manager to the IMC of St. Joseph's Primary School 2022-2023 was held on the same day. Two candidates with top two number of votes would be selected to be the Parent Manager and Alternate Parent Manager of the IMC respectively. Each candidate spent no more than ten minutes to introduce himself or herself, and five minutes in Q&A session. The result for the Parent Manager and Alternate Parent Manager were Mr Wilson Lo and Mr Chris Chan respectively.





Parent Seminar

A seminar "Nurturing Self Compassion; Cultivating Growth Mindset" by Professor Alex Chan was arranged for the audience.

The seminar was well received by the audience and many parents raised questions regarding the positive parenting approach.





Chairman's Retirement

Mr Andrew Wong's 6-year service term at PTA has already finished, but he will remain at the school's disposal in case there is anything he can help in future. He hoped everyone will continue to support the school and PTA.





Joanne Chau Parent of Anson Shum, P. 4A

SANTA CLAUS VISITING SCHOOL





Nathaniel Chan
Parent of Theodore
Chan, P. 2D

On an auspicious winter morning (20th December, 2022), a group of spirited and devoted SJPS PTA committee members woke up bright and early to continue the forever fun tradition of "Santa Claus visiting St. Joseph's Primary School". This group of 12 brave souls gathered at 48 Wood Road at 7a.m. with plenty of gifts ready to be distributed to 900+ energetic Josephians. The team of 12 was split into groups of 3 with each group responsible for distributing to two grades each. The kids were extremely happy to see various Christmas characters and super heroes such as Superman, Santas, Snowman, Elf, Snow-White and Harry Porter to bring the festive & joyous Christmas spirit to the school premises.

As the PTA committee members started to distribute the gift to each classrooms, we were left impressed as the students, while excited, were extremely well-behaved. As they received various small gifts such as Rubik cubes, stationary and SJPS branded goods we prepared for them, you could see students sharing their treats and toys amongst themselves and even offered to the Santa and the teachers. This warms our heart as we know our young Josephians understand the virtue of sharing and giving. The brief interaction has made a profound impact on parents as we know our kids are in great hands of the Lord, Brothers of the Lasallian family, dedicated school administrators and devoted teachers.











PARENT ONLINE SEMINAR

Common Cybersecurity and National Security Pitfalls that Our Kids Should Know About

Thanks to the support of our parents and school, the Parents' Seminar on "Common Cybersecurity and National Security Pitfalls that our kids should know about" was successfully held on 18th March, 2023 through online broadcast. We were honoured to have Professor Albert So, Chairman of Hong Kong Mediation and Arbitration Centre, as our guest speaker.

During the seminar, Professor So provided us with a wealth of informative and helpful examples on the topic of Cybersecurity and National Security. His thought-provoking questions raised our awareness of our different responsibilities and obligations under the National Security Laws. He also offered valuable information and advice on how to guide our children to avoid potential pitfalls. Parents who attended the seminar showed great interest in the topic by actively responding to the questions posed by Professor So. We hope that you found the seminar helpful and enjoyable as much as we did.

The PTA would like to thank you for your support and participation! We hope to see you again in our next event!





Cynthia Wong
Parent of Zachary Li, P. 3B

FAMILY FUN DAY





After a long hiatus due to the pandemic situation since 2019, PTA was overjoyed to finally organise the much-awaited Family Fun Day on 14th May, 2023, providing our students and parents with a day filled with joy and laughter.

Despite the less-than-ideal weather conditions, with continuous rain throughout the day, our Family Fun Day turned out to be a tremendous success. Over 900 families joined us for a day filled with fun activities, exciting gifts, and delightful food to take away. It was heartwarming to see the enthusiasm and excitement of our students together with their families, making the event an unforgettable experience.

We were honoured to have Brother Dennis Magbanua, Brother Paolo Mata, Brother Jeffery Chan, and Ms Wong Yuen Fan, as the officiating guests of the opening ceremony. Their presence added a special touch of distinction to the event, and we were sincerely grateful for their support and encouragement.





The stage came alive with an array of performances by our talented students. The event showcased an incredible Chinese drum performance by SJC students, captivating Chinese instrumental ensemble, beautiful choirs, orchestras, exhilarating singing and dancing performances by SJPS students. However, the highlight of the day was the performance by one of our talented alumni, Terence Lam. As a composer, singer-songwriter, and record producer, Terence enthralled the audience with his singing performance and shared his original songs in our school hall. The hall was packed with an audience that appreciated his music wholeheartedly and showed admiration for his exceptional talent.

Our Family Fun Day this year coincided with Mother's Day. We took this opportunity to appreciate the incredible mothers and teachers in our community. Over 300 fresh carnations were lovingly distributed, symbolising our gratitude for their unconditional love, dedication, and support.

With the theme "G.I.F.T. Myself", the Family Fun Day aimed at instilling different qualities including Grit, Interest, Fun, Talents etc. in our students. To bring these qualities to life, we designed 10 game booths that were both fun and challenging. Students enthusiastically participated in these activities, earning stamps by completing the games and redeeming a wide range of exciting gifts and toys. Through these activities, we hope our students learned the value of these important qualities while having a great time.









We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our school principal, vice principals, and teachers for their invaluable support and guidance throughout the planning and execution of the event. Additionally, we extended our thanks to closely 200 parents who generously volunteered their time and energy to assist us during the event. Their selflessness and unwavering support were truly remarkable.

Last but certainly not least, a special mention of gratitude goes out to Ms I Leung, our Vice Principal for her invaluable advice and guidance. Her wisdom and expertise played a crucial role in making this event a resounding success.

The Family Fun Day was a momentous occasion filled with joy, laughter, and personal growth. We eagerly look forward to creating more cherished memories together in the future.







John Fu Parent of Cyrus Fu, P. 5A & Marcus Fu, P. 2A





PTA SOUVENIR











Thank you for your support of the SJPS Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and our souvenirs this year. We are thrilled to announce that our souvenirs — backpack, umbrella and folder — have been extremely popular among students, parents and old boys.

A long queue was formed early in the day when these souvenirs were put for donation appeal in Family Fun Day. The positive feedback and enthusiasm for these items have been heartening. We appreciate the volunteering effort from the parent helpers.

The enthusiastic response to our souvenirs demonstrates just how passionate our students, parents and old boys are about our school.

These souvenirs are fantastic mementos of the school year and serve as a great reminder of what we can achieve when we come together as a school community.

We encourage you to continue supporting the PTA and its initiatives. Let's foster a sense of togetherness that will serve as a foundation for the development of our children in SJPS.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiastic school spirit!



Matsuta Ng Parent of Daryl Ng, P. 2C

LUNCH BOX TASTING





Parent of
Kingsley Ho, P. 2E

Following three years of Covid-19 epidemic in Hong Kong, our society is resuming normalcy in full, so having lunch at the school is becoming an essential section for the school life of our boys. Given that the lunchbox contract with "Four Seas Murray Catering" ("四洲美利") is about to end after a two-year period, so the School opened a new tendering process for the selection of a lunchbox provider for the academic years of 2023–2025.

In order to allow parents and students to choose a lunchbox supplier that caters to their taste, SJPS arranged a taste-testing and evaluation event in collaboration with the PTA on 29th May, 2023, and three vendors were selected for the event. Parents, students and teachers were invited to participate in the lunchbox tasting event and rated the foods in terms of taste, creativity, appearance, the choice of ingredients, the cooking methods used and more. The event was a great success and ended with joy and laughter. The school will soon announce the results officially in September, and we look forward to providing our boys with a delicious and nutritious lunch in the upcoming academic years.

PARENT HELPERS TEA GATHERING



事隔幾年,終於在2023年5月14日迎來我們久違了的Family Fun Day! 相信當日大家都十分享受各種精彩表演、刺激遊戲、美味食品以及豐富禮物。除此之外,活動的成功實在有賴各位家長義工們的鼎力幫助,方令當日的活動進行得更順利。

學校和家教會為了答謝各位家長義工的幫忙,於2023年6月17日在學校禮堂特設了Parent Helpers Tea Gathering,讓一眾老師、家長及同學共聚一堂,一起回顧Family Fun Day的快樂時光,亦藉此機會頒發感謝狀予各位家長義工。當日更設有飲品、小食,讓各位家長及學生享受了一個輕鬆的上午,令人樂而忘返。

再次感謝各位家長義工於Family Fun Day的全力支持,期待明年再次見到大家 ♥。



Sandra Leung Parent of Sheldon Yiu, P. 3E













PARENTS-ALSO-APPRECIATE-TEACHERS' DRIVE



2023年終於迎接疫後復常的時候,大家逐漸恢復正常的校園生活,讓我們一起向老師們表達感謝!

在6月21日的早上,家教會委員、各年級家長代表和學生代表齊集合在學校禮堂,一起參加「家長也敬師運動」典禮。家教會主席Mr Wilson Lo致詞後,便由各級家長代表和學生代表向每級的老師代表致送心意卡和水果,以表達謝意之餘,亦希望老師身體健康!

在典禮結束前,家教會委員、家長們和學生代表再次給予老師 們熱烈的掌聲、再次表示謝意!最後校長、副校長、老師們、 家教會委員和家長代表一起拍照留念。整個典禮在充滿感謝的 氣氛中順利舉行。

謝謝老師們對我們的孩子無私的付出!







Nelson Wan Parent of Wan Chun Chak, P. 4C

P6 GRADUATION DINNER



Thank you very much, SJPS! Our sons are graduating soon!

On 24th June, 2023, we had our memorial graduation dinner. All of us are filled with full intensity of emotions as our sons are graduating close to this chapter of their lives' stories. I wondered where the years have gone? It doesn't seem too long ago when they were toddling off to start the first day in Primary School.

We are the Class of 2023! Let's cheer for the effort and hard work that our sons have made to thrive for their wide range of knowledge and magical achievement.

Graduation means we are stepping into the next milestone of life, changing from the most senior Primary Six big brother to the most junior little chaps in Secondary School. Our little babies will grow taller and stronger and become the most handsome young adults very soon. Let's raise our glass and say in celebration of the endeavors and success of our graduates! 'Well done and good luck for the future.'

We are reluctant to say goodbye to our sincere teachers and friends in life. We have anxiety moving to a new environment but we will take the blessing from the school and do well wherever we go or whatever we do, with the spirit of Josephian.





CLASS OF 2023



















HEARTFELT MESSAGES FROM P6 GRADUATES & PARENTS

I am extraordinarily grateful for the enriching experience of studying in SJPS.

First of all, I extend my heartful thanks to Ms C Ho, our school principal and all the dedicated teachers who have imparted their knowledge, patience and hard work in educating us. During my two-year journey in this school, I have had the pleasure of meeting numerous kind and supportive friends who have stood by me.

The most memorable moments at SJPS include participating in the first-ever championship in the HKSSF inter-school basketball competition (HK West) and the Silver award of Symphonic Band at the Joint School Music Association Competition as well as all the wonderful trips that the school has organized for us.

SJPS has also nurtured me by excelling in my strengths and overcoming my weakness through various extra-curricular activities that I have participated in like English debate, Symphonic Band, Basketball Team and Prefect.

Finally, I hope everyone and SJPS family have a wonderful life and a happy future.











Flowers bloom with the right soil and excellence grows in the right culture. Here at St Joseph's Primary School, all students and parents take pride in the freedom and respect we enjoy. Teachers are caring, professional and committed. Students are skilled, ready to learn, confident and well-groomed.

Dear Principal Ho, teachers and staff, thank you very much for the dedication to providing the boys with an exceptional education. The continuous support, patience in nurturing, inspiring and educating Aldan Wong Chun Hei, my son is very much appreciated. St Joseph's has exposed Aldan to a world of possibilities and helped him discover his passions and interests. Though Aldan is not a frequent participant in competitions, he is given various chances from Primary 1 to Primary 6 to showcase his talent and able to shine in different arenas. With his

outgoing and friendly personality, Aldan found no difficulties in adapting to the learning environment, yet I also believe it is due to the caring and kind culture of the school that make it happens.

Dear Aldan, you are the most precious gift that both Mom and Dad have ever received in life. Thank you for letting us know how to love unconditionally and thank you for giving us so much joy and good memories. Today you graduate from primary school, you will soon uncover a new page of your life which I am sure should be full of new adventures and challenges. Let Mom and Dad here wish you all the best and may your education here at SJPS and your future studies prepare you to rise to be a future leader.

With best wishes, Mom and Dad of Wong Chun Hei Aldan, P. 6C





Wong Chun Hei Aldan, P. 6C



Clayton Wong 王浚熹 P. 6A

人常道:「光陰似箭,日月如梭」,這六年在母校的歡樂時光, 真就這樣,悄悄的,無聲無息地過去。

暮然回首,我衷心感謝老師們多年來對我們的悉心栽培;除了澆灌知識外,更教導我們正確的價值觀,讓我們不斷成為一個更好的人。

還有,我慶幸身邊有一班知己良朋,一直與我並局同行!所謂「近朱者赤」,從你們身上,我獲益良多。我們一起學習成長,互相扶持,披荊斬棘;渡過多少個寒暑,攜手衝過了無數次大大小小的考試……這一切一切的歡聲細語,安慰、鼓勵與讚賞,我都歷歷在目,銘記於心。

今天,那清脆悅耳的鐘聲又響起,除了再次提醒我要珍惜時間外,亦提醒我是時候從這裡啟航,去見識更廣闊的世界,迎接新挑戰。

然而,不論何時何地,世界如何變遷,我都會繼續祝福母校,繼續為你們喝采!

時光荏苒,孩子看似漫長的小學生活,即將要劃上句號了。

曾經以為,孩子回校上課,與老師同學們待在一起成長,是這麼的理所當然。每天下班 回家,可以聽到孩子喃喃訴說當天學校發生的瑣事趣事,原來也是那麼的難能可貴。

「媽媽,今日老師餵同學食飯。」

「媽媽,今日有同學全日瞓地。」

「媽媽,今日有同學跌了圖書館的圖書到廁所的尿槽裏。」

後來,疫情的突襲,這一切也被改寫了。

老師和孩子都需學習新的上課模式。學校迅速的安排和應變,已盡量減低對孩子學習的影響,老師們用心製作的短片和筆記,希望能提高孩子學習的興趣,也着實勞苦功高。經歷兩年多因疫情而上課、停課、網課,老師和孩子們也辛苦了。



幸而,來到今年小學的最後一年,大家總算能重新回校上課,與同學們聚首一起,好好享受僅餘的小學時光。

未來,孩子們將踏上新的征途,為自己揭開新的一頁,衷心感激過去九年來曾教導和照顧我兩兒的各位老師、員工們、校車司機和姨姨,還有陪伴他們一起成長的同學仔。祝福各人前程萬里,將若瑟夫精神發揚光大!



Father of Cedric Chan P. 6C

My son prepares to graduate from SJPS, and memories of my time at the same school keep coming to my mind. I cannot help but feel a sense of nostalgia and gratitude towards the place that played such a pivotal role in the lives of the two generations. It is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to this chapter, but with pride and appreciation for all that SJPS has done for us.

I am immensely grateful to the principal and teachers for providing my son with an exceptional education and nurturing environment. The dedication and hard work of the teachers have undoubtedly played a significant role in shaping my son's character and instilling in him the values of kindness, respect, and responsibility. The high standards of academic excellence coupled with the emphasis on holistic development have prepared him well for the next phase of his academic journey.

As an alumnus of SJPS, I can attest to the fact that the values and skills imparted to me during my time here have stayed with me to this day. The foundation laid during my formative years has helped me navigate life's challenges with confidence and resilience. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities that this school has provided me with, and I am proud to see my son benefitting from the same.

Destiny has intertwined my son's path and mine with this school's, forging a bond that shall endure. We will always hold a special place in our hearts for this school.

SJPS forever!









Joshua Wong, P. 6C

St Joseph's Primary School has cultivated me for all these days. Now I am going to leave this wonderful school. Every brick, every table, every teacher in my school contains precious memories.

I still remember on my very first day, I felt that everything around me was unfamiliar and was scared that I might get lost. Kind teachers showed me the way to my classroom. She has opened a door of magic to me and I have transformed to be a super-learner. Since then, I have built my bright histories here. I learn together with my buddies and laugh together through these days and months and years. Now, SJPS has become one of my most important daily attending place!

I master all subjects well and I have grown up a lot. When I look back on my days with a great sense of pride and achievement, I must thank our principal and every single teacher who nurtured me with their whole heart and patience. I will never forget my precious memories of the school and the vast knowledge I have acquired and the useful lessons learnt for the rest of my life. Thank you, my alma mater.

Once a Josephian, always a Josephian. I'm so proud that Joshua has become a member of this big family. Thank you very much, SJPS!

Looking at him, wearing the green tie and stepping into the gate everyday, I feel a great sense of pride and full of gratitude. He is attending the best school with the most wonderful teachers and peers. I enjoy listening to his fruitful sharing everyday when I pick him up from school. He learns through creative teaching and group projects. He has learnt the method of active learning and he has made friends in life.

Now, Joshua is nearly taller than me and he will move on to the next milestone in his life soon. Still, we will never forget the precious moments in SJPS.

Thank you wholeheartedly and we wish the school blossom forever to nurture more and more leaders for the future.



Dr YL Lai, Mother of Joshua Wong, P. 6C







It seems like only yesterday that we held our son's hand and brought them to school with their little green bow ties and overnight, St Joseph's Primary School has transformed them into strapping young lads - ready to embark on the next chapter of their lives. The lessons taught and friendships forged will never be forgotten, thank you SJPS for the last six years. Warmest congratulations to the Class of 2023 graduates, and wishing you all the very best!

Parents of Ethan Lucas Tam, P. 6A





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

