



20th December, 2018

My Dear LSPS Students,

I hope you are all fine and well. I would like to share a number of things with all of you:

Celebration of our Success in Inter-school Competitions

Sports



LSPS's Athletics Team captured the **Champion in Boys B Grade** and **First runner-up in A and C Grades** in the Kowloon North Area Inter-Primary Schools Athletics Competition in November. Awesome!

LSPS's Football Team came **Second** in the Kowloon North Area Inter-Primary Schools Football Competition in December. Wonderful!



Music



LSPS's Senior String Orchestra has won the **Gold Award** in the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows in November. Magnificent!



LSPS's Chinese Orchestra has won the **Silver Award** in the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows in November. Bravo!



LSPS's Symphonic Band has won the **Gold Award** in the Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows in December. Brilliant!

Speech



LSPS's English Choral Team was the **First runner-up** in the English Choral Speaking, P.1-3 Boys group, in the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival in November. Spectacular!



LSPS's Chinese Choral Team was the **Champion** in the P.5-6 Chinese Choral Speaking (Cantonese) in the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival in December. Excellent!



LSPS's Putonghua Choral Team was the **Champion** in the P.3-4 Chinese Choral Speaking (Putonghua) in the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival in December. Hooray!



LSPS's Improvised Dramatic Team was the **Second runner-up** at the Improvised Dramatic Scenes Competition (P.4-6) in the 70th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival in December. Amazing!

We must not forget to thank all our teachers, coaches, conductors, parents etc. for their guidance and support. I really hope more of you can participate in our school activities and become team members. We are lucky because LSPS can provide so many opportunities for you to showcase your talent. Aside from academics, we also advocate holistic development.

Studies have shown participating in extracurricular activities can:

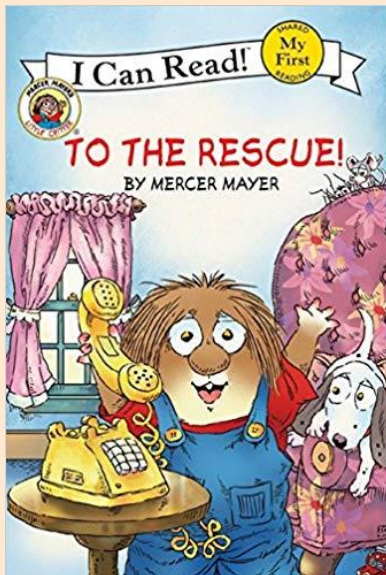
- Improve your grades as it can increase your brain function, and it can help you concentrate and manage your time better.
- Provide opportunities to explore a range of interests and unlock passions you never knew you had, which will boost your self-confidence.
- Enable you to make new friends.
- Allow you to learn essential skills such as goal setting, teamwork, time management, prioritization, problem solving, analytical thinking, leadership, public speaking etc.

Some tips:

1. Remember to choose activities that you are really interested in.
2. You may explore a larger number of activities when you are in the junior grades.
3. However, as you get into senior grades where academic demands get heavier, focus on a few activities that you particularly enjoy.

As you all know by now, I love reading and I hope you can all find the time to read both English and Chinese books. Reading for just as little as 10 minutes a day can be beneficial.

Last month, I had a wonderful opportunity to conduct a reading session in the Reading Corner for junior boys.



Many of you told me afterwards you liked the story and asked me the name of the book. The book is called 'To the Rescue' (see the book cover above). I really like the Little Critter series and you can find them in our school library. Enjoy.



We had an insightful homily from Fr. Paulus Varis Santoso on 19th December, 2018. Let us not forget to give thanks to the Lord and not forget those in need during this special time of the year.



We also had our Diamond Jubilee Wall Plaque Unveiling Ceremony right after our Christmas Liturgy. Once again we would like to thank all our donors for their support to LSPS. All stakeholders will work together to ensure the School continues to sparkle onwards and upwards.

I would like to end with a special prayer of Christmas Past, Present and Future

Gracious God,

We turn to you in wonder and praise as we celebrate Christmas.

Remind us during this sacred season of our collective story.

May our roots extend deep into the soil of faith and spread outwards to share the Good News of Christ's coming.

Focus our attention so that we remain attuned to the sights, sounds and sensations of the season.

May the presence of Christ be at the forefront of our thoughts and actions as we enact each holiday ritual.

Fill us with hope in the continuous birthing of Christ in our world. May we never lose sight of the promise of the Kingdom of peace and compassion that is both present and yet to be.

With gratitude in our hearts, we pray.

Amen.

St. John Baptiste de la Salle, pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts forever!



Merry X'mas and Happy New Year.

Always be Lasallian Gentlemen 😊