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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As December unfolds, we are drawn into a season of preparation and reflection. It is a time when we ready ourselves to welcome the Christ child, the heavenly gift of hope, justice, and love to the world. The Advent season calls us to pause and prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits for the arrival of the Savior, who offers light to a world in need of healing. As we light the Advent candles, may we remember that His birth is the ultimate source of hope and the promise of justice for all.

This month also marks the conclusion of the first academic semester, a time for both students and teachers to reflect on their growth and achievements. The progress made, the lessons learned, and the challenges overcome have prepared us for the rest of the year. As we enter the two-week vacation, we take this opportunity to rest, rejuvenate, and bond with our loved ones, before the second semester begins.

December also brings with it a series of joyous celebrations, each contributing to the spirit of the season. Our little ones in kindergarten shared the magic of Christmas with heartwarming performances, reminding us of the wonder and innocence that fills this time of year. The school choir delighted us with their beautiful voices, spreading festive cheer and warmth throughout the community.

One of the highlights of this month was the festive lunch at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem. It was a time for connection and gratitude, where we gathered as a school community to celebrate the blessings of the year, sharing food and laughter, and exchanging heartfelt gifts. This tradition is a testament to the bonds we share and the love that unites us in this holy season.

In the spirit of giving, Secret Santa brought surprises and smiles, as we exchanged thoughtful gifts with friends and colleagues. It's in these small, simple acts of kindness that we feel the true essence of Christmas — a time of giving, of love, and of joy.

As we approach the end of the year, let us take a moment to reflect on the many blessings that have filled our lives. May the hope and peace that the Christ child brings guide us into the new year, and may we continue to grow together as a community, supporting one another in all the challenges and triumphs ahead.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year filled with hope, peace, and joy.

Brother Daoud Kassabry, FSC
Principal

Basketball Tournament Novembre 30, 2024

The Jerusalem Schools Basketball Tournament for Boys was an exceptional celebration with the slogan "Jerusalem First." The tournament was sponsored by Brother Daoud Kassabry, the principal of the Frère School Jerusalem, who supported, attended, and encouraged the event. It was organized by the Frère School Jerusalem in New Gate and was overseen and sponsored by the De La Salle Jerusalem Club through its unwavering commitment to reviving school sports in Jerusalem / New Gate.

Five participating teams arrived at the Frère School Bab al-Jadid gymnasium from early Friday morning, alongside dozens of committee members, referees, and volunteers who all ensured the tournament's smooth operation and success. The five participating teams included our team, Frère School Beit Hanina, Al-Rashidiya, Terra Sancta Old City, and Ibdah for Sciences and Arts.

The event was a truly remarkable and historic day for Jerusalem, marking the first step in reviving school sports in the city. The most notable aspect of the event was the sportsmanship displayed by everyone, as well as the brotherly spirit that prevailed throughout the tournament.

The teams were divided into two groups, with Frère Jerusalem defeating Terra Sancta and Ibdah for Sciences and Arts. Terra Sancta also triumphed over Ibdah. Additionally, Al-Rashidiya beat Frère Beit Hanina.

After a lunch break attended by all the teams, organizers, and volunteers, the tournament proceeded to its second round. In the semifinals, Al-Rashidiya defeated Terra Sancta, and Frère Jerusalem won against Frère Beit Hanina in a match that was considered a "preliminary final" of the tournament under the supervision of Brother Daoud, director.

The final match was between Al-Rashidiya and Frère Jerusalem. Both teams delivered an excellent performance, keeping the score close until the final moments, when Al-Rashidiya emerged victorious with a 45-43 win.

Brother Daoud Kassabry, along with As'ad Awies, principal of Al-Rashidiya School, and members of the De La Salle Jerusalem Club's administration and sports committee, presented the first-place trophy and medals to Al-Rashidiya's team and the second-place awards to Frère Jerusalem. Prior to the awards ceremony, Brother Daoud expressed his gratitude towards the participating teams, organizers, referees, and everyone involved in ensuring the tournament's success, concluding with the statement that "Jerusalem won," emphasizing that the success was a genuine expression of national belonging.

The De La Salle Jerusalem Club extended its heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the tournament's success, including administrators, committee members, referees, and volunteers. Special recognition was given to Wissam Zamat, Mari Mina, Tony Katnashou, Fares Amer, Rami Naber, Nasreen Abdullah, Mohammad Ziyadeh, Rami Salfiti, Tawfiq Robert Rafidi, Ammar Nofal, Khalil Munir, and Tilly Rafidi.

A special thank you was also given to the former player George Estefan from the golden generation, who voluntarily led the Frère Jerusalem team, overseeing their preparation and performance before and during the tournament. The De La Salle Jerusalem Club also expressed its gratitude to the volunteers, including table referees and others who worked diligently throughout the long day: Fares Al-Natsheh, Lynn Nasserdeen, Tulin Awad, Christina Mansour, Salma Nazzal, Raghad Hadami, Dina Arabid, Lior Abdel-Rab, Zain Abu Gharbiya, and Monzer Al-Amd. De La Salle Jerusalem Club remains committed to serving the local community and will continue to organize school tournaments for both boys and girls in Jerusalem, working to revive and develop school sports.





First week of Advent december 1, 2025

The Frère School organized a gathering to mark the beginning of Advent, inviting families to a spiritual evening that began with a Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Bishop William Shomali. During the Mass, the bishop delivered a sermon filled with spiritual depth, offering explanations about the Advent season and lighting the first candle of Advent, the Candle of Hope.

Following the Mass, there was a lively period of Christmas carol singing led by teacher Claire Ghazawi. The attendees also participated in a spiritual competition on the Kahoot platform. The event concluded with a dinner for all the invited guests.



Students from the "Baraem" and "Bustan" levels in quick snapshots of joy and fun.



First Candel of Advent December 3, 2024

In preparation for Christmas and coinciding with the beginning of Advent, the school organized a prayer today, during which the student Khader Khoury lit the first candle, the Candle of Hope.



Christmas Competition December 4, 2024

Christmas-themed "Question and Answer" competition took place between the fifth and sixth grades in an atmosphere full of sportsmanship and Christmas celebrations.

The competition stood out for the enthusiastic interaction between the students, creating an atmosphere of joy and fun. The sixth grade emerged as the winners.

It was a wonderful opportunity to enhance team spirit and teamwork among the students, in addition to their enjoyment of the special Christmas atmosphere, which added more joy and cheer.

To the students of both the fifth and sixth grades, we wish you all blessed days and joyful holidays.



Parental Guidance December 7, 2024

The third meeting in the series of parental guidance sessions for the adolescence stage.



Christmas Party December 10, 2024

Some of the school's children participated in the Christmas celebration organized by the YMCA in honor of the Holy Christmas.

Second Candel of Advent December 10, 2024

The lighting of the second candle during Advent, the time leading up to Christmas, "The Candle of Peace," took place during the morning prayer, with the participation of several students from the school. the second candle was lightend by our student Jeris Amer.



Body Boundaries December 7, 2024

Continuing the series of classroom sessions for the fourth grade on "Body Boundaries," a story titled "Red Line" was read by students Ayala Abbasi and Abdul Rahman Marqa, along with his mother. Many thanks and appreciation.



Body Boundaries December 7, 2024

A session on body boundaries and body awareness was conducted for the Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students by social worker Diala Katnasho. The students learned about the importance of body awareness and self-protection.



Thanksgiving gathering December 10, 2024

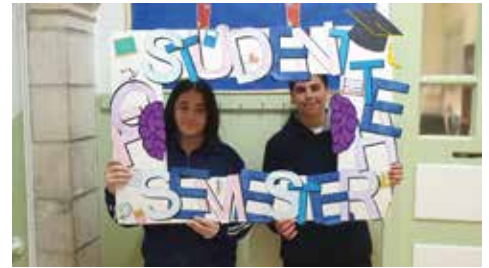
On Saturday, the 9th Grade Class (American Curriculum) gathered with the school staff and administration to celebrate Thanksgiving. The day was filled with festive cheer, delicious food, and engaging activities. Students showcased their knowledge of Thanksgiving history and traditions with informative presentations. This allowed students to connect with their peers and appreciate the spirit of the holiday.



Student of the Month December 10, 2024

We believe in the hard work, dedication, and effort of our students. To honor their achievements, we are excited to announce the Student of the Semester. This recognition highlights the exceptional commitment and performance of those who have gone above and beyond in their studies and behavior.

We encourage all students to continue striving for excellence and to keep up the great work. Congratulations to all of our deserving students! Keep up the amazing effort!



Decoration sweets December 10, 2024

On the occasion of the holidays, the first-grade students decorated sweets with joy and love. Many thanks and appreciation to the mother of student Adam Zkak, who brought smiles to the faces of our dear students making this day special filled with happiness.



Visiting the Ma'amal December 12, 2024

The fifth-grade students visited the studio, which warmly hosted them. During their visit, the students explored an exhibition of visual art by some artists from Jerusalem. The visit aimed to develop the students' artistic skills and provide them with an understanding of the characteristics of visual art.



Alumni December 13, 2024

Brother Daoud Kassabry, the school principal, welcomed the members of the Alumni Association on the occasion of the Christmas holidays. A discussion was held about the latest educational developments, as well as the association's projects and future activities. In the end, Brother Daoud thanked the association, wished them continued success, and encouraged all graduates to join the association, which unites and brings us together under one framework.



Teachers day December 14, 2024

On the occasion of Palestinian Teacher's Day, the school administration organized a special gathering for the teachers. The celebration included a gathering in the theater where they participated in fun games, followed by a festive lunch. Wishing you all the best every year!



Thrid week of Advent : the Youth gathering December 14, 2024

The Jerusalem Youth Meeting at the Frères School took place on the occasion of the third week of Advent, with the participation of 70 young men and women from Jerusalem, representing various parishes. The goal of the meeting was to nurture Christian faith and experience the Advent season in a special way. The meeting began with the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Father Louis Salman, who emphasized joy and living the Christian joy in his sermon. Afterward, the youth played some recreational games and then enjoyed dinner. They were also presented with gifts from the school and the General Secretariat of the Youth. On this occasion, Brother Daoud, the school principal, thanked Maria Feggen, the sponsor of the meeting, the General Secretariat of Christian Youth, all the members of the Secretariat, and the youth who participated in the gathering.



Lasallian formation Decenber 17, 2024

In line with the school's administration's commitment to fostering the Lasallian spirit among the teachers, the school organized meetings aimed at living out the Lasallian values and instilling them in the hearts of the students. The meetings were distinguished by a large participation from the teachers, who shared their diverse experiences.



Educational Formation December 18, 2024

As part of the close collaboration with Bethlehem University, a workshop was organized today on quality applications and the standards associated with them. The session was led by Dr. Rabeha Alyan. On this occasion, the school administration thanks Dr. Rabeha for this enjoyable and meaningful session.



Kindergaeten: Christmas Celebration December 19, 2024

A beautiful day at De La Salle Kindergarten, with the presence of the administrative and educational staff, honored guests, and parents, who attended the modest and simple Christmas celebration. The event featured various segments, including speeches in three languages: Arabic, English, and French, along with movement rhythms to Christmas songs. During the celebration, the respected Principal of the Frères School, Brotehr Daoud, gave a speech about Christmas, focusing on the highest value—family. He praised the efforts of the staff and the active participation of the parents. The kindergarten director also welcomed all the attendees, commended the efforts of the kindergarten staff, and the cooperation of the parents. She emphasized the importance and right of children to feel joy and experience the Christmas atmosphere, planting hope through focusing on the values of the Holy Christmas that we need in our current circumstances and challenges—values of love, affection, compassion, new beginnings, and peace. Wishing you all the best every year!



Board of Trustees December 17, 2022

"The Board of Trustees of the Frère Secondary School in Jerusalem was established with the aim of keeping up with the times and creating partnerships with the local community and relevant stakeholders. The board is chaired by Dr. Nakhleh Bayda, a graduate of the school who has a deep affection for it. All the members of the board are individuals with high aspirations, working towards the advancement and prosperity of the school. On the occasion of the glorious holidays, they gathered for a meeting of love and affection to celebrate the festive season. On this occasion, the school administration extends its warmest congratulations and best wishes to the board members. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Christmas Celebration Decembre 21,2024

On the occasion of the Holy Christmas, the school celebrated the Divine Liturgy, which was presided over by His Excellency Bishop Ephrem Semaan, the Archbishop of the Syrian Catholics. Afterwards, they gathered around the table of love at the Notre Dame Hotel. Merry Christmas and happy new year 2025.



Christmas Charols Decembre 21, 2024

The school administration invited the choirs from various schools to participate in a Christmas carol event. Five schools took part in this festive celebration: Schmeit, Terra Santa, Frère New Gare, Frère Beit-Hanina, and Amira Bassma. Each choir brought their unique spirit and joy to the occasion, creating a heartwarming atmosphere for all attendees. The ceremony was presented by Mrs. Diala Katanasho, who guided the event with grace. At the beginning of the ceremony, the school's orchestra performed several musical pieces, followed by a performance from the Orchestra of the Amer Family, adding to the musical richness of the celebration.



Generations Meeting at De La Salle Jerusalem Club December 21, 2024

A wave of deep affection and belonging united the spirit and heart of the Lasallian body during the gathering at De La Salle Jerusalem Club. The event was attended by the honorary president of the club, Brother Daoud Kassabry, Director of the Frère School In New Gate, Mr. George Naber, Director of the Frère School in Beit Hanina, and the club's presidents over the past 38 years of a journey filled with giving. The Board of Directors of De La Salle Jerusalem Club invited its general assembly and sports teams to a dinner event attended by a distinguished group of former players, supporters of the club, committee members, coaches, and current players who proudly represent the club's teams. In his speech, club president George Khoury expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Frère institution for its continuous support, with special thanks to Brother Daoud Kassabry. Brother Daoud Kassabry, praised the club's role and expressed his happiness with the ongoing cooperation between the school and the club. He announced that De La Salle Jerusalem Club will serve as the sports arm of the Frère School to further develop and advance school sports, extending special thanks to the legendary George Estefan for his efforts in developing the school's basketball team through his long experience.

We, in turn, affirm to Brother Daoud that it is our honor to be the sports arm of the school and to work together for the development of future generations.

Everyone present at this gathering expressed their immense joy at this reunion and their commitment to doing everything necessary to ensure that the club remains a beacon of inspiration. The De La Salle Jerusalem Club family stands united for the benefit of the Jerusalem community.



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