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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we open the doors to a new academic year at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem, our hearts are filled with hope, gratitude, and determination. This year holds a special meaning, for we celebrate not only the beginning of another journey of learning, but also the 150th Jubilee of the presence of the Brothers in the Holy Land and the foundation of our beloved school.

For a century and a half, the mission of the Brothers has shaped generations of students, building bridges of knowledge, faith, and service in the heart of Jerusalem and beyond. This jubilee invites us to look back with gratitude at our rich history, and to look forward with renewed commitment to our educational mission.

The theme guiding us this year — “Everything is Connected” — reminds us that education is never an isolated act. Every child, parent, teacher, and community member is part of one living network, where learning, values, and faith intertwine. As our Founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle, once said: “To touch the hearts of your students is the greatest miracle you can perform.” This is the spirit that continues to animate our mission today.

Education is not only about knowledge, but also about transforming lives. De La Salle reminds us: “God has chosen you to make Him known to others.” This calling challenges us to see teaching as a vocation of love and service, where “everything is connected” — faith with life, knowledge with values, and individuals with community.

As we begin this promising year, we reaffirm our mission to nurture students who are not only academically prepared, but also rooted in compassion, responsibility, and hope. Together — teachers, students, parents, alumni, and friends — we continue to write the next chapter in the story of Collège des Frères, honoring the past while building the future.

May this year be a celebration of unity, growth, and joy, as we live our Lasallian spirit with renewed passion and gratitude.

Brother Daoud Kassabry, FSC
Principal

General Meeting for the Staff August 16, 2025

In an atmosphere of joy and optimism for the new academic year, the administration of Freres School in Jerusalem organized a general meeting to mark the start of the new academic year, attended by all teachers and with the participation of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Nakhlah Beida. At the beginning of the meeting, the school principal and department heads welcomed the teachers and praised their efforts and excellence. The school excelled in last year's Tawjihi exam results. After the welcoming remarks from the department heads, Dr. Nakhlah Beida gave a speech expressing his love, praise, and gratitude to the teachers for their continued sacrifice for the school and its students. Then, the general theme of the school year was presented, entitled "Everything is Connected," which refers to the global nature of the school and the interconnectedness of its institutions, motivating us to work in an integrated manner. After that, the local educational theme was presented, entitled "For a Pioneering Educational Renaissance." We hope that the coming academic year will be a year full of success and progress for everyone.



New Academic Year for American Cirriculum Classes and Tawjihi August 18, 2025

The start of the academic year at Freres School for 2025-2026 was marked by an atmosphere of seriousness and optimism. Brother Daoud Kassabry, the school principal, and Mr. Issa Deeb welcomed the students of the preparatory class and the American curriculum with words of welcome and encouragement. They urged them to persevere in their work to achieve their desired goals.



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مدرسة الفرير الثانوية - القدس
بفرح عظيم، تعلن عن انطلاق الاحتفالات بمناسبة اليوبيل الـ 150
لوجود الإخوة الفرير في الأراضي المقدسة
وذكرى تأسيس مدرسة الفرير في القدس.

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سيُقام احتفال ديني كبير يرأسه غبطة الكاردينال بيري باتيستا
بيتسابالا - بطريرك القدس للاتين،
تليه فعاليات احتفالية متنوعة بهذه المناسبة التاريخية.

150 عامًا من التربية والإيمان والعطاء
ندعوكم جميعًا إلى مشاركتنا هذا العيد المبارك، الذي يجسد
مسيرة الإخوة الفرير في خدمة التربية والثقافة في قلب مدينة
القدس.



Alumni Association Gathering August 20, 2025

Great success for the Frères School Alumni Association gathering: reunion and exchange of memories

The Frères School Alumni Association in Jerusalem organized its first introductory gathering at the Frères School in Beit Hanina, in honor of the highly respected guest Frères Habib Zribi, amid an atmosphere of enthusiasm and interaction. The event was attended by Brother Daoud Kassabry, and Brother Albert Alonzo and , the principal of Beit Hanina and the chairman of the school's board of trustees, Dr. Nakhlah Beida. The ceremony opened with songs performed by the school choir, which added a special touch to the gathering.

The guest of honor, Fr. Habib, gave a moving welcome speech, wishing everyone success and emphasizing the importance of communication between graduates.

He was followed by Mr. George coordinator of the Frères schools in the Holy Land, who expressed his pride in the graduates and their prominent role in serving the community.

Fr. Daoud, Kassabry, representative of the Frères Order in the Holy Land and director of the Frères School in Jerusalem, also gave a speech in which he expressed his pride in the graduates and their positive impact on their prestigious school.

In his speech on behalf of the Alumni Association, Dr. Osama Abdullah, President of the Association, recounted the Association's activities throughout the year, thanking all those who supported and contributed to the success of this gathering. He also thanked Bci and Abu Shamsia Food Company for their generous support in making the ceremony a success.

In a symbolic gesture, Brother Habib and the directors honored a group of teachers and alumni who have left a clear mark on the history of education.

The meeting concluded with interactive activities to enable graduates to network and get to know each other, which contributed to strengthening the bonds between the attendees and reviving the beautiful memories that bring them together.



The School's Strategic Plan for 2025–2030 August 19, 2025

To complete the process of preparing the strategic plan, and after a series of meetings and workshops in different groups, the school administration organized an extensive meeting led by educational supervisor Aida Salama, during which the main points and objectives of the strategic plan were presented.

The meeting provided a space for in-depth discussion among the educational staff, allowing for the necessary comments, additions, and amendments to be made. At the end of the dialogue, agreement was reached on the final plan, which represents a clear roadmap for the school in its quest to advance the educational process and improve the quality of teaching and learning, in line with the school's mission and values.

This plan is based on strengthening human resources, including teachers and students, developing curricula and teaching methods, activating extracurricular activities, and building strategic partnerships with local and international institutions. Its main objective is to enable graduates to enroll in universities and actively engage in society, making them responsible, proactive individuals who believe in their role in serving their country.



Lasallaian Formation August 20, 2025

The school administration organized an important meeting on Lasallian education for all teachers. The meeting began with a lecture by Brother Peter Oriliano on Lasallian educational leadership and the school's goals according to the lasallian approach, focusing on the role of the teacher as both an educational leader and a missionary.

This was followed by a presentation by Brother Mark, which included the most important Lasallaian reflections that inspire teachers and present them as role models in their commitment, generosity, and missionary spirit. At the end of the meeting, participants were divided into working groups to discuss the main ideas presented, with the aim of promoting a spirit of participation, exchanging experiences, and consolidating the Lasallian identity in daily educational practice.





Holy Mass for the opening of the 2025-2026 academic year at Frères High School – Jerusalem

August 23, 2025

In the presence of the Frères High School – Jerusalem / New Gate family, the Holy Mass for the opening of the 2025-2026 school year was held, presided over by His Excellency Bishop Hilarion, who blessed the school for the new year, in a spiritual atmosphere filled with hope and renewed enthusiasm.

In his speech, His Excellency emphasized that the student is the essence of the educational mission, stressing that the educator must view him as "beloved of God," gifted and capable, deserving of care, attention, and guidance. He also shared his long experience as a teacher and principal, encouraging the educational staff to continue their mission with dedication and hope, so that they may be witnesses and messengers of true education.

This celebration is in line with the school's annual slogan: "Everything is connected – towards a pioneering educational renaissance," as the school seeks, through its academic and educational programs, to connect faith and science, education and life, students and society. Educational renaissance can only be achieved through a holistic approach that values every component of the educational process: teachers, students, parents, and society.

The school's principal, Brother Daoud Kassabry, emphasized that this year is particularly special, as it coincides with preparations for the 150th anniversary of the school's founding, which doubles the responsibility of everyone to continue the educational journey in Jerusalem, the city of hope.

This initial meeting is a unifying moment, where teachers and students gather around the altar to ask for God's blessing on a new school year, a year of meaningful learning, of working together, and building on solid foundations for a better future, believing that "everything is connected" and that their educational mission can bring about real change in the lives of students and in society.



Artificial Intelligence Training August 25, 2025

As part of its ongoing mission to modernize the educational process and to remain at the forefront of innovation, Collège des Frères – Jerusalem organized a specialized training workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for its teaching staff.

The session was conducted by Dr. Hammoud, who excelled in delivering both theoretical insights and practical demonstrations. He presented a variety of innovative applications showing how AI can serve as a powerful support for teachers in lesson planning, student evaluation, interactive learning activities, and even in solving complex scientific and linguistic challenges.

Dr. Hammoud stressed that the responsible integration of AI should always complement, and never replace, the role of the teacher. He emphasized that the educator remains central in guiding students toward creativity, critical thinking, and ethical awareness, while AI serves as a tool to enrich and facilitate the learning process.

Teachers from different departments—languages, sciences, and mathematics—actively engaged in the workshop. They expressed their enthusiasm for the practical examples shared, such as enhancing language skills through AI-powered conversation and correction tools, using data analysis and virtual experiments in science, and strengthening logical reasoning and problem-solving in mathematics.

The workshop concluded with the school administration affirming that this initiative represents only the first step of a larger strategic plan to embed Artificial Intelligence into the educational framework, fully aligned with the school's academic theme for the year: "Towards a Leading Educational Renaissance."



Students Participate in MUN Conference in Jordan Augut 25, 2025

A group of students from Collège des Frères – Jerusalem took part in the Model United Nations (MUN) Conference held in Jordan, where they acted as ambassadors and diplomats simulating the work of the United Nations.

The students excelled in debate, dialogue, and collaborative problem-solving on various global issues, enhancing their skills in public speaking, teamwork, and critical thinking.

The school administration affirmed that this participation reflects its mission to prepare students as future



Introductory Meeting with Parents in the Elementary Section August 26, 2025

In line with the educational vision of Collège des Frères, which places the student at the heart of its mission and believes that parents are essential partners in the educational journey, the Elementary Section organized today a special meeting that brought together the school's educational leadership and parents.

This gathering stemmed from a firm conviction that following up on students' academic and personal progress can only be achieved through a genuine partnership based on sincere love for the child, mutual trust between home and school, and a true spirit of teamwork.

The purpose of the meeting was to strengthen direct communication between parents and the teaching staff, ensuring continuous support for students as they advance with steady steps in their learning journey. Participants emphasized that constructive collaboration between family and school is the most effective path toward building an outstanding educational renaissance—one that can meet the challenges of today's world while offering our children the best opportunities for both academic success and human growth.

The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment from both the school and parents to accompany the students' educational path with cooperation and shared responsibility, always seeking what serves their growth, well-being, and future.



Guidance Meeting August 27, 2025

In line with the educational vision of Collège des Frères, which seeks to create an environment of harmony and belonging among students, the Guidance Department organized a special orientation meeting for the new ninth-grade students who joined the school this year. The meeting introduced students to the school's rules and regulations that frame their academic and behavioral journey, in addition to a tour of the school's facilities to help them become familiar with their new environment and integrate smoothly. The homeroom teachers also took part in this gathering, accompanying the students closely and fostering direct communication between them and the school, thereby strengthening a relationship built on trust and continuous support. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and share their concerns, while both the guidance counselors and homeroom teachers emphasized that the school is their second home, and that commitment to rules and collaboration with the educational team are the keys to ensuring their academic success and personal growth.



First day at school August 28, 2025

In an atmosphere filled with joy and excitement, our Kindergarten warmly welcomed today the little ones of Pre-KG and KG1, accompanied by their mothers, on the very first day of the school year. The playground was filled with children's laughter and mothers' smiles as they met the teachers and the educational staff in a setting full of love and warmth. Adorable mascots greeted the children, bringing happiness to their hearts and boosting their excitement for this special day.

The little ones enjoyed playing and having fun, face-painting with bright colors, while balloons decorated every corner of the Kindergarten, adding even more cheer. The day was crowned with a delightful breakfast shared together, and sweet melodies that created an atmosphere of happiness and warmth — a beautiful start to a school year full of hope and energy.

Heartfelt thanks go to our dear mothers for their presence and participation, which made this first day a truly memorable one for both the children and the Kindergarten staff.

"A child's smile on their first day... is the beginning of a story filled with love and learning."



First day at school for First Grade and Kindergarten August 20, 2025

The first day of First Grade and Kindergarten at Collège des Frères began with fun and joy. The children were warmly welcomed into their classrooms, where smiles and laughter filled the air. A short meeting with the parents was also held, strengthening the bond between home and school as we embark on a promising new academic year



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