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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the golden hues of autumn embrace Jerusalem, the month of October has reminded us once again that education flourishes where faith, knowledge, and community walk hand in hand. This month has been particularly rich in meaning and celebration for our School family, as we marked 150 years of the Brothers' educational mission in the Holy Land — a legacy that continues to shape generations with wisdom, compassion, and resilience.

The Jubilee festivities were not merely a commemoration of the past, but a renewal of our collective commitment to the values that have guided us since our founding: faith in God, love for our students, and service to society. Surrounded by friends, alumni, and dignitaries, we honored our history and looked confidently toward a future filled with promise and purpose. Our Hospitality students embodied the Lasallian spirit through their professionalism and grace, transforming the event into a true celebration of excellence.

Throughout this month, our students have continued to explore, create, and serve with enthusiasm. From scientific discoveries in the lab to creative literary projects inspired by ancient Greece, from volunteering in the olive harvest to celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine, each activity reflected our mission to educate both mind and heart. Initiatives such as the Pink October campaign once again reminded us that education also means awareness, solidarity, and care for one another.

As we conclude this remarkable month, we give thanks for the countless blessings that surround our school community — the dedication of our teachers, the energy of our students, and the unwavering support of our families and friends. Together, we continue to build an environment where learning is lived with joy, faith is expressed through action, and every achievement becomes a step toward a more humane and hopeful world.

Brother Daoud Kassabry, FSC
Principal

Exploring the Respiratory System: A Hands-On Learning Experience October 1, 2025

Ninth-grade students had an exciting hands-on experience in the science laboratory today, where they dissected and explored the different parts of the respiratory system.

The experiment aimed to reinforce scientific concepts and deepen their understanding of how the lungs, larynx, and trachea function in a practical and tangible way.

Under the supervision of their science teacher, Mr. Mahd Khair, the students carried out the activities themselves, gaining a wonderful opportunity to learn through exploration and observation.



A Legacy of Education: Frères School Celebrates 150 Years October 3, 2025

The Frères Secondary School in Jerusalem celebrated its 150th Jubilee, marking the arrival of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (Frères) to the Holy Land and the founding of the school at New Gate, Jerusalem. The celebration was attended by a large number of dignitaries and friends of the school who came together to share in this cherished occasion for all Jerusalemites.

Among the Brothers present were: Brother Habib Zribi (Visitor General), Brother George Abssi, Brother Daoud Kasabri (School Director), and Brother Albert Alonzo. The event was also attended by Bishop William Shomali (Patriarchal Vicar General in Jerusalem), Ambassador Ihab Suleiman (Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt) accompanied by Mr. Ahmed Al-Mulla, Mr. Nicolas Kassianides (Consul General of France), Mr. Fadi Abbas (President of the Bar Association), former Minister Dr. Hani Abdeen, former Minister of Jerusalem Affairs Mr. Fadi Al-Hidmi, Dr. Nakhleh Bayda (Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the school), Mr. George Naber, and Dr. Osama Abdullah.

The celebration began with a heartfelt address by Mr. Issa Deeb (Master of Ceremonies), followed by a speech from Brother Daoud Kasabri (School Director), who declared:

"Your Excellencies, distinguished national and public figures, brothers and sisters,

Today we stand in the heart of Jerusalem—the city of light, faith, and history—to celebrate together 150 years since the arrival of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the founding of this historic institution. Our gathering today carries not only the meaning of remembrance but also a clear message: that this celebration is in itself a celebration of Jerusalem, which remains a beacon of hope and a source of spiritual and cultural radiance. Together, we share the responsibility of safeguarding its future, each from his own position and role.

From the very beginning, the Brothers believed that education is the foundation for building the human person and society. They chose this school to be a platform for knowledge, a field for values, ethics, and citizenship. Here, our students learned that Jerusalem is not just a place, but a message, an identity, and a memory that cannot be erased. It is our responsibility to keep it alive in our hearts and to pass it on to future generations.

As we launch the celebrations of the 150th Jubilee of our school, we take pride in its great achievements and in the generations of sons and daughters who have become leaders in various fields, working tirelessly for the advancement of our nation, inspired by the values they learned here.

This institution, which unites knowledge and faith, morality and learning, remains a living testimony to Jerusalem's role as a cradle of education, generosity, and noble human encounter.

Let us celebrate today not only a glorious past built by the Brothers together with the people of Jerusalem, but also a future that we aspire to build together—brighter, more hopeful, and rooted in faith in Jerusalem, service to our nation, and the building of humankind.

Happy anniversary to our beloved school, and may Jerusalem always remain a beacon of hope and peace."

This was followed by remarks from Brother Habib Zribi (Regional President). A short film about the school was then presented by teacher Lina Al-Khatib, with editing by Mr. Jires Karbourani.

Bishop William Shomali then gave a brief speech in which he expressed his pride in the La Salle schools, noting that his father was a graduate of the Jerusalem school. The Consul General of France also delivered an address in which he praised the historic and close ties between France and the Frères School.

The program continued with a short film about alumnus Dr. Nakhleh Bayda, recalling some of his memories. After the film, Brother Habib and Brother Daoud presented him with a shield of appreciation and gratitude for his constant support of the school. On this occasion, poet Gabriel Abdullah recited a poem dedicated to the school.

The event concluded with words from Mr. George Naber and Dr. Osama Abdullah, after which all attendees were invited to a reception prepared by the school's Hospitality College.





A Celebration of Excellence: Hospitality Students Lead with Professionalism October 3, 2025

The students of the Hospitality School distinguished themselves through their work and their gracious hosting of the guests during the celebration of the 150th Jubilee of the Frères School in Jerusalem, under the supervision of Coordinator Fadi Deeb.

This event highlighted not only the academic aspect of their education but also their practical skills in hospitality and reception, presenting an honorable image before the attendees. Their participation in such a historic occasion made them ambassadors of the school's spirit and long-standing traditions of hospitality, while also granting them valuable hands-on experience and greater confidence in themselves.



The Legacy of Brother Ivagre: A Journey Through Jerusalem **october 3, 2025**

Mr. Jiries Karborani and Mrs. Leena Al-Khateeb created a complete video about the life of Brother Ivragar, the founder of the Frères in Jerusalem. The video is distinguished by its captivating introduction featuring the New Gate, and it beautifully reflects the atmosphere of Jerusalem through expressive words and inspiring visuals. Advanced artificial intelligence technology was used to generate images, adding a creative and modern touch to the production. The film was presented during the celebration of the school's 150th Jubilee.



Volcano Adventures: When Science Explodes! **Octobre 9, 2025**

As part of their Social Studies lesson on fast changes of the Earth, our 4th graders explored how volcanoes can quickly reshape the land.

Through a fun and hands-on volcano experiment, students combined vinegar and baking soda to simulate a real volcanic eruption!

Watching their homemade volcanoes bubble and overflow with "lava" helped them visualize how powerful and sudden these natural changes can be.

It was an exciting and educational experience filled with discovery, laughter, and lots of amazement



The Visit of Brother Visitor to Collège des Frères, Jerusalem

October 8, 2025

Brother Visitor Habib Zraibi visited the school on October 8, 2025, as part of his regular annual visits — usually two or three times a year — to meet with the staff and administration.

The day began with the morning assembly, during which Brother Daoud, the school director, introduced Brother Visitor to the students. Brother Habib then delivered a short message of encouragement, urging the students to work hard, stay dedicated, and strive to achieve their goals.

The visit continued with a Holy Mass celebrated by Father Rami Asakreh, followed by a short student performance about peace prepared by the 4th-grade students. Ms. Muna welcomed the Brother Visitor, and Ms. Claire Ghazawi trained the students for the performance.

Afterward, Brother Habib visited the kindergarten, where Ms Rubina Saadeh welcomed him, and the students were celebrating the Olive Festival. He observed several activities related to olives and olive oil, appreciating the students' enthusiasm and creativity.

He then toured the Hospitality Section, where he met with the coordinator, Mr. Fadi Deeb, and listened to students share their experiences and express their joy at being part of the program.

Later, Brother Habib participated in a 5th-grade English lesson taught by Ms. Mary Shahwan, where he interacted with the students and took part in the classroom activities.

To conclude his visit, he met with a group of secondary students accompanied by Mr. Issa Deeb and Mr. Tamer Zakak. The students expressed their happiness and pride in being Lasallian students, posed thoughtful questions to the Brother Visitor, and shared their reflections on their Lasallian journey.





Olive Harvest Celebration October 11, 2025

Students from grades one through four celebrated the olive harvest season in an atmosphere filled with joy and cooperation.

A number of students took part in picking olives at Our Lady of Sorrows Shelter – Ras al-Amoud, where they experienced teamwork and connected closely with our beautiful cultural heritage.

At school, the activities were both fun and meaningful, including:

The Art Station, where students expressed their love for the olive tree through creative and colorful artworks.

The Dabke Station, where they joyfully learned traditional Palestinian dance steps.

The Traditional Food Station, where the children prepared delicious thyme manakeesh with their little hands, big smiles, and the wonderful help of our amazing mothers.

It was a day rich with experiences and values — combining learning, fun, and love for the land.

Heartfelt thanks to all the mothers, teachers, and staff who contributed to the success of this wonderful event. Wishing everyone a blessed olive harvest season!



Serving with Heart: Students Join Olive Harvest in Ras al-Amoud October 9, 2025

A group of students volunteered Friday 9 of October , at the Home of Our Lady of Sorrows Sisters in the Ras al-Amoud area, where they took part in olive picking. They were accompanied by Brother Daoud Kassabry, the school Director, Mr. Tamer Zakkak, the volunteer program coordinator, and Mr. Mousa Al-Ghoul. This initiative reflects the spirit of giving and social responsibility, highlighting the importance of volunteer work in developing students' sense of belonging and citizenship. It also contributes to fostering compassion, empathy, and community service.



A Creative Journey Through Ancient Greece October 18, 2025

This week, our 10th grade students in the American Curriculum English Literature class brought The Odyssey and ancient Greek culture to life through a variety of hands-on projects. From creative designs to thoughtful presentations, they showcased their understanding and enthusiasm with impressive effort and creativity.



Crafting with Olive Oil: 5th & 6th Graders Celebrate the Harvest October 19, 2025

In celebration of the olive harvest season, the 5th and 6th graders took part in an enjoyable activity where they made soap using olive oil. The students learned about the importance and many benefits of olive oil in our daily lives.

They had a great time preparing and shaping the soap themselves, in an atmosphere filled with excitement, creativity, and learning



Visite du Réseau Barnabé au Collège October 21, 2025

Aujourd'hui, la direction du collège a eu le plaisir d'accueillir les représentants du réseau Barnabé, une association œuvrant pour la promotion de la langue française dans les écoles de Palestine. Le collège entretient depuis plusieurs années une relation privilégiée avec ce réseau, notamment à travers la formation des enseignants. Parmi les visiteurs figuraient :

Jean-François, directeur de l'Enseignement catholique de Paris ; Agnès Revel ; Alexei Oleksei, journaliste à KTO ; Alice de Rambuteau. Le frère Daoud, directeur de l'établissement, a présenté la vie scolaire et expliqué comment celle-ci est affectée par la guerre et les tensions actuelles. Il a également exposé les projets éducatifs visant à renforcer l'enseignement du français au sein de l'école. Cette rencontre a été un moment d'échange et de solidarité, illustrant la volonté commune de soutenir l'éducation et la langue française en Palestine.



الفرير .. ١٥٠ عاماً من الجذور الممتدة في أعماق الأرض الفلسطينية



القدس - الصاعد من باب العمود الى هضبة نورثام، بمحاذاة سور القدس العظيم، يصل جتما الى باب الحديد مقابل قلعة نورثام، وإذا ما دلف منه اليه، اصطدمت عيناه بمنى مهيب عريق هو مدرسة الفرير التي ودعت قبل أيام ١٥٠ سنة من عمرها اللديد منذ مولدها عام ١٨٧٦ من القرن التاسع عشر.

عراقة وائتماء مقدسي..

هذه القلعة التعليمية العريقة، في قلب القدس التي خزنت آلاف الخريجين صار بعضهم اعلاما في شتى مناحي الحياة الراهرة، ما زالت في قمة العطاء العلمي وتربية الاحيال الفلسطينية للتعاوية.

مطر.. شاهد حي

الباحث للقدس ابراهيم مطر، أحد خريجي هذه المؤسسة العريقة ما زال مبهورا بدورها العظيم والرائد في تعليم وتنشئة الاجيال وقبل ذلك في كونها دليلا حيا على الجذور العريقة والراسخة لشعب فلسطين في هذه الأرض المقدسة، فهي اكبر من الكنان للزروع عام ١٩٤٨ بنحو ٧٢ عاما بالتمام والكمال. وهذا ما بدخس القرية الصهيونية بأن فلسطين كانت ارضا بلا شعب لشعب بلا ارض. كما ان عراقها واصالتها ووجودها على تراب القدس سبقت مجرد التفكير او الحلم الصهيوني بدولة على ارض فلسطين وقبل وعد بلفور المشؤوم. المدرسة ذات النشأة الفرنسية "دلاسال" التي تعاقب على إدارتها كثير من اليربين من الافرنج والعرب، لها فرع اخر في مدينة باغا ما زال قائما حتى اليوم. اضافة الى فرع اخر في بلدة حنينا الى الشمال من القدس القديمة.

أعلام ومشاهير..

واللافت أن د.بشارة بسخ الذي بذل جهودا كبيرة لوقف الابادة في غزة هو أحد خريجي الفرير كما أشار مطر. في حين حضر بعض الرموز من خريجي المدرسة امثال د. هاني عابدين وزير الصحة الفلسطينية الأسبق ووزير القدس فادي الهدمي ونقيب المحامين الفلسطينيين الحالي فادي عباس.

هنا تعلّم ايناؤنا ان القدس ليست مجرد مكان، بل هي رسالة وهوية وذاكرة لا تمحى، وان مسؤوليتنا ان نحفظها في قلوبنا وننقلها الى الاجيال القادمة. الفرير صرح من صروح ارضنا المقدسة ساهم في صياغة هويتنا الوطنية والقومية وتكريسها بالمثل والقيم السامية والأخلاق الانسانية العابرة للحدود. الفرير قلعتنا وخيمتنا الاخيرة، فلنحافظ عليها كما نحفظ بؤبؤ العين.

ببذر بذور الحياة بين تلامذته ليكونوا غرسا طيبا نصرا مثمرا، يثمر ثمرات الحياة والاخوة بين ابناء شعب واحد اصيل متعسك بأرض الأباء والاحداد. ومما جاء في كلمة للدبر كسابري في هذه المناسبة الاحتفالية العظيمة "لقد آمن الإخوة" الفرير "للمؤسسين منذ بداياتهم بأن التربية هي أساس بناء الانسان والجمع، فاختاروا ان تكون هذه المدرسة منزلا للعلم والعرفة وميدانا للأخلاق والقيم والوطنية الصالحة.

اشعار في تاريخ الفرير..

في حين تغزل بها الشاعر للقدس غابرييل عبدالله أحد خريجي المدرسة المرموقين، حيث يقول في احدي قصائده : مدرستي وبها وهج الضياء... في حضنك العلم ارتقى أنشأت جيلا واعيا... قد سامى السما.

كسابري ملح الارض

ويقف على رأس الفرير اليوم الاب داود كسابري ملح الارض وحجر الزاوية، الذي

البطريك ثيوفيلوس يترأس رسامة رئيس أساقفة سيناء الجديد

القدس - من جورج زينه - ترأس البطريك ثيوفيلوس الثالث، بطريك القدس وسائر أعمال فلسطين والأردن، للروم الارثوذكس في الكاثوليكون (الذبح الرئيسي) داخل كنيسة القيامة، خدمة رسامة رئيس الأساقفة الجديد على سيناء ورافان ورايثو، للطران سمعان، بابا دويولوس السادس بمشاركة تقيف من الاساقفة والاباء الكهنة والشمامسة مستقبلا إياه بكلمات أبوية مفعمة بالنعمة قائلا: " في هذه الساعة المقدسة للهبة، ترفع أم الكنائس، كنيسة القدس، تسبيحها وشكرها للرب الذي أنعم علينا أن نعاين رئيس أساقفة جديدا يُقام في وسطنا، تابعا للبطريركية القدسية الجليلة ورئيسا لدبر جبل سيناء للقدس".

Pink October 18-25, 2025

Our organization a full week of activities as part of Pink October for breast cancer awareness. The week-long pink campaign included several educational, recreational, and sports stations.

The campaign targeted female students with awareness lectures delivered by Ms. Khawla Abu Ghazaleh from the Family Planning Center, with the participation of students from several schools: Frères School, Notre Dame de Belém, Terra Sancta, and Mar Mitri, to increase awareness about early detection. As for the male students, a physical sports program was organized in the participating schools to promote a healthy lifestyle. The week also included a "Bring and Buy" station, where all proceeds were dedicated to supporting breast cancer prevention efforts.

In addition, there were Zumba dance classes and fun physical competitions for students of different grade levels. To further raise awareness among mothers, a special lecture was held for them by Dr. Amanda Snioura. These efforts culminated with the provision of a free screening station offered by Augusta Victoria Hospital – Al-Muttala', emphasizing the importance of early detection and its role in safeguarding health.



Our Lady of Palestine October 25, 2025

Our Students Take Part in the Celebration of Our Lady of Palestine in Deir Rafat

A large group of student took part in the main celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Palestine at Deir Rafat Monastery, in a spiritual atmosphere filled with faith and hope. The Holy Mass was presided over by His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, along with numerous bishops, priests, and faithful. The participation aimed to introduce students to the significance of this feast and its profound religious and spiritual meaning rooted in the Christian heritage of the Holy Land. The students were accompanied by several teachers who supported and guided them throughout this special experience.

During the celebration, the students joined in prayers and hymns with respect and devotion, reflecting the school's strong educational and spiritual values. This participation affirms Frères School's commitment to its mission of nurturing students who are grounded in faith, values, and community responsibility.

At the conclusion of the event, the organizers expressed their appreciation for the school's meaningful and well-organized presence in this important national and religious celebration.



ATTENTION TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE.

Lasallian education responds creatively to the economic, family, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual needs of those whom it serves, and it organizes itself from there, according to its possibilities and in coherence with the Lasallian style.

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