



# Collège des Newsletters Frères- Jerusalem

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As we enter the another month of our 150th anniversary year, this issue of the newsletter reflects the heart of our Lasallian mission in Jerusalem: faith, service, and a profound love for our students. The stories you will read are not simply reports of activities, but living signs that our school continues to grow as a community of learning, solidarity, and hope.

We were especially proud this month to see our director, Brother Daoud Kassabry, honored by the French Ministry of Education as Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques. This distinction recognizes not only his personal dedication, but also the long tradition of excellence in teaching the French language and culture at our school, and our commitment to openness to the world.

Our halls and classrooms have been alive with activity: trips that open our students' eyes to the beauty and history of our land, DELF achievements that celebrate their academic effort, and the rich experiences of our Hospitality College, where professional skills are combined with service and creativity. The AP Community Day, career guidance events, and workshops on child protection all remind us that education is a journey that prepares young people for both life and vocation.

At the same time, our community has shown its compassionate side through initiatives such as Pink Day for breast cancer awareness and the various formation meetings for educators. These moments invite us to care for one another, to listen, and to renew our identity as Lasallian educators who accompany each child with respect and tenderness.

From kindergarten carnivals to high school projects, from parents' involvement to the dedication of our teachers and staff, we see every day how much can be achieved when we walk together. In a city marked by challenges, our school chooses to be a place of encounter, dialogue, and hope. As we look ahead, we give thanks for all those—students, parents, teachers, staff, Brothers, and friends—who continue to write the story of Frères School and La Salle Jerusalem. May this newsletter be a reminder that each of us has a role in building a future rooted in faith, knowledge, and service to others.

**Deputy director Mr. Issa Deeb**

## Delegation of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Visits Frères School Octobre 31, 2025

On Wednesday, Frères School welcomed a delegation from the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem – Autonomous Grand Priory of the United States of America, accompanied by Mr. Tony Khashram.

The school's Principal, Brother Daoud Kassabry along with members of the administrative and teaching staff, received the delegation and expressed his appreciation for this important visit. Brother Kassabry delivered a detailed presentation on the school's mission and achievements over the past two years, emphasizing its educational role in promoting human and social values among its students.

He also highlighted the major challenges the school has faced due to the current political and economic situation in the country, and the impact these circumstances have had on the continuity of the educational process. Despite these difficulties, he reaffirmed the school's commitment to its mission and to providing quality education for all students.

The delegation toured the school's facilities, exploring its various departments, educational programs, and extracurricular activities. At the end of the visit, the members expressed their deep appreciation for the vital role played by Frères School and their readiness to strengthen cooperation and support future educational initiatives that serve the community.



## Enjoyable Trip November 1, 2025

The first and second grade students took part in an enjoyable recreational trip to the Zoo in Malha. They toured different sections of the zoo, discovering various kinds of animals — both domestic and wild. The students listened with interest as they learned about the animals' habitats and ways of life. It was a wonderful experience that combined learning and fun, and the students expressed their great joy throughout the trip, enjoying a day full of excitement and laughter.







### Outstanding Success November 1, 2025

Congratulations to our 7th grade students from École des Frères Jerusalem on their outstanding success in the DELF A1.1 exam. They achieved the best results thanks to their hard work. Well done to all.





## Educational Trip to Al Qastal November 1, 2025

Grade 6 and Grade 7 students participated in an educational and recreational trip to Al-Qastal. They learned about its historical landmarks and enjoyed the breathtaking natural scenery and beautiful mountain views.

The students hiked up the hill to enjoy the magnificent panoramic view of Jerusalem from all directions. They spent a wonderful time full of fun, friendship, and teamwork, with entertaining activities and group games that added joy and excitement to the day.



## La Salle Jerusalem at the AP Community Day! November 1, 2025

Our AP team proudly attended the AP Community Day organized by the College Board in Amman and Turkey, where many Advanced Placement (AP) schools from across the region came together to learn, share experiences, and grow as a community of educators.

It was an enriching and productive experience — gaining valuable insights from College Board representatives and connecting with inspiring AP schools.

We were especially delighted to have a fruitful day with our wonderful partners, The Islamic Educational College in Amman, who have over seven years of successful experience offering AP programs to their students.

Collaboration, innovation, and a shared passion for excellence continue to guide our AP journey at La Salle Jerusalem!





### Kindergarten to the Zoo Nonember 1, 2025

The kindergarten went on a special educational and recreational trip to the zoo where the children enjoyed a day full of fun and discovery.

During the tour, they learned about different kinds of animals, their habitats, and their food, which strengthened their love of learning and knowledge about the animal world.



### Souba Park Trip – A Day Full of Joy and Fun November 4, 2025

Students from grades 3, 4, and 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to Kiftzuba Park, where they had a wonderful experience filled with games, laughter, and unforgettable memories as they explored different rides such as trampolines, swings, electric games, and the mini train; the trip was also a great opportunity to strengthen teamwork and friendship among the students while enjoying a day of happiness, excitement, and pure fun.





## Pink Day November 6, 2025

The Frères High School in Jerusalem – New Gate organized 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.





## Chocolate Making Workshop November 8, 2025

Frères Secondary School, in cooperation with the Al-Ahliya Foundation and the French Cooperation, organized a special workshop on the art of chocolate-making, supervised by the Dolce Vita Foundation and Mr. Tamer Khoury.

The workshop brought together a group of Jerusalem mothers and students from the Hospitality College, under the coordination of Mr. Fadi Deeb, Head of the Hospitality College.

The program aims to equip participants with professional skills in chocolate-making, foster creativity in culinary arts and fine desserts, and support local talents through educational and vocational initiatives in this field.



## Dreaming Big in Grade 1 November 6, 2025

Our first graders shared a wonderful presentation about what they want to be when they grow up, building confidence, practicing public speaking, and expressing their big dreams with joy. We're so proud of their creativity and courage—thank you to everyone who helped make this activity possible, especially Ms. Rwaa for her dedication and support.



## Career & Guidance Day – Hospitality Department November 12, 2025

The 11th and 12th grade Hospitality students at Frères School Jerusalem organized a special Career and Guidance Day at the YWCA of Jerusalem Center, in collaboration with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). Under the supervision of Mr. Fadi Deeb, department coordinator, and Mr. Tamer Zakak, school social counselor, students learned about academic and career pathways that match their interests and abilities. They participated in practical workshops in areas such as barista skills, design, photography, and other creative fields related to hospitality and tourism, ending the day feeling inspired, motivated, and more confident about their future in the hospitality industry.



## Honoring October's Outstanding Hospitality Students November 12, 2025

The Hospitality Department at Frères School – Jerusalem celebrated a group of outstanding students for their excellent performance in October. Mr. Fadi Deeb, department coordinator, awarded Certificates of Excellence to Tina Awadallah and Ricardo Qassis for their distinction in Hospitality Service, and to Khaled Sabbagh and Anton Sarah for their achievements in Culinary Arts. This recognition reflects the department's commitment to fostering excellence and nurturing students' creativity, passion, and professionalism in the world of hospitality and tourism. Warm congratulations to our talented students!



## A Special Training Workshop: "Child Protection – Awareness and Intervention" November 13, 2025

Based on our deep belief in the importance of preparing and empowering the educational staff with the skills needed to interact with children in a conscious and safe way, the Kindergarten and Elementary School are organizing a training workshop titled "Child Protection – Awareness and Intervention." The workshop is delivered by educational supervisor Mrs. Lara Dallal, and aims to enable kindergarten and lower elementary teachers to educate children on how to protect themselves and to strengthen concepts of personal safety using age-appropriate educational methods. We believe that prevention begins with awareness, and that building a safe and confident generation starts with a mindful educator.







## **Luncheon Honoring Lasallian Teachers on the School's 150th Anniversary November 15, 2025**

On the occasion of the school's 150th anniversary, the Board of Trustees hosted a luncheon in honor of the Lasallian teacher, in the presence of the Brothers of the Christian Schools (Frères). The event was attended by Brother Habib Zraibi, Regional President of the Brothers in the Middle East; Brother Daoud Kassabry, school principal; Brother Albert Wezner; teachers; and members of the administrative and educational staff.

In his opening remarks, Brother Daoud thanked the Board of Trustees for their constant moral and educational support, and greeted its president, Dr. Nakhleh Kamel Beidah, and members: Mr. Yousef Barakat, Mr. Fares Amer, Dr. Umayya Khammash, Dr. Amina Badran, and Mrs. Margo Younan. Dr. Nakhleh, in turn, praised the school and the leading role of its teachers.

The luncheon was prepared by the Hospitality College under the supervision of coordinator Mr. Fadi Deeb, with Mr. Peter Hermandes and the 12th-grade hospitality students, whose dishes were greatly appreciated for their excellent taste.



## **First academic and Career guidance November 20, 2025**

Collège des Frères School – Jerusalem organized the first-ever academic and career guidance open day, with the participation of more than 600 students from various Jerusalem schools, and the presence of over 14 educational institutions from Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The open day was organized in response to an urgent need among high school students to receive early guidance that helps them choose their future paths with awareness and confidence. The event provided students with an opportunity to explore available academic and vocational specializations, in addition to engaging directly with participating universities and institutions to receive accurate information and appropriate guidance.

Organizers hope to make this event a developing annual tradition, expanding it in the future to include additional grade levels and extending it over multiple days to ensure that every student receives the support they need. This open day reflects the mission of Collège des Frères to support and empower Jerusalem's students by equipping them with the knowledge and skills that enable them to choose the academic and career paths best suited to their abilities and interests, paving the way for a bright and promising future.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this important Jerusalem event.







## Colorful Carnival Creations at La Salle Kindergarten November 22, 2025

La Salle Kindergarten celebrated a joyful Carnival Activity where children and their parents worked together to design and create beautiful costumes. The playground was filled with colors, laughter, and creativity as the students proudly presented their outfits. The teachers served as the judging panel, carefully choosing the most original and creative costumes, while encouraging every child for their wonderful effort and participation.



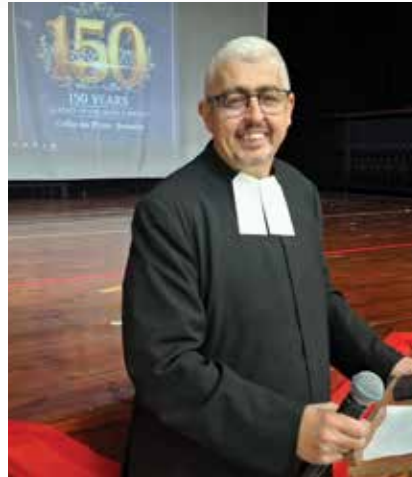


## Brother Daoud Kassabry Awarded French Academic Honor

November 24, 2025

The school direction proud to announce that our school director, Brother Daoud Kassabry, has been awarded the title of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques by the French Minister of National Education.

This prestigious medal honors his dedication to education and his outstanding contribution to promoting the French language and culture in our school. We warmly congratulate Brother Daoud on this distinguished recognition



## A French-Style Evening at Frères High School – Jerusalem November 20, 2025

Frères High School in Jerusalem hosted a remarkable celebration on Thursday evening, November 20, 2025, marking the 150th anniversary of its founding. The event, titled “A French-Style Evening,” was organized by the school in collaboration with its educational team, featuring the French chef Ferdinand de L'Épine and the students of the Hospitality Department.

The evening was distinguished by the presence of prominent figures, including His Excellency Bishop William Shomali, Brother Daoud Kassabry, and Brother Albert Alonzo, in addition to an important diplomatic presence: the French Consul General, the Greek Consul General, and the Irish Consul General. A large number of French friends and supporters of the school also attended, reflecting the historical and cultural significance of the institution and its key role in fostering connections between East and West.

In his speech, the French Consul General expressed his deep appreciation for Frères High School, praising the long-standing relationship that has connected the school to France for over a century and a half, as well as its pioneering role in promoting cultural openness, languages, and human values. He also emphasized the important educational mission the school continues to uphold, describing it as a vital academic center that has had a lasting impact on generations in Jerusalem.

Guests enjoyed an elegant program that combined authentic French flavors—prepared with great skill by the chef and the students—with a refined artistic atmosphere. The talented student Gabi Amer performed the musical piece Cantelina on the cello, earning warm and enthusiastic applause from the audience.

The evening also offered a moment to honor the dedicated efforts within the school and to strengthen ties with its friends and partners, reaffirming the Frères' commitment to excellence and service.

The event concluded in an atmosphere of gratitude and shared celebration, underscoring the school's determination to continue its educational mission and to reinforce its cultural and human presence in the city, guided by a rich heritage and a clear vision for the future.





