



# Collège des Newsletter Frères- Jerusalem

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December reminded us, once again, that the heart of Frères School beats through faith, community, and daily acts of service. Our students carried the Lasallian spirit beyond the classroom—most beautifully when our fifth graders visited Our Lady of Sorrows Home for the Elderly in Ras El-Amoud, sharing music, gifts, and genuine warmth. In the same spirit of gratitude and giving, our American Program students celebrated Thanksgiving through learning, teamwork, and a shared festive meal prepared with the support of our Hospitality Department.

This month also reflected the joy of togetherness and the strength of our school community. We proudly celebrated achievements such as our U15 basketball championship, held as part of our 150th Jubilee celebrations, and we honored student volunteers who supported the Academic and Career Guidance Fair—an example of responsibility in action. Our choir shared the season's light with the wider community at the Christmas tree lighting, and our school joined the New Gate Christmas Tree Lighting in a moment of shared joy and unity with our neighbors.

At the center of the season stood our spiritual celebrations: the Christmas Carol Evening, "We Have Seen His Glory," offered a powerful message of hope and peace, followed by a Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Ilario, reminding us that Christmas love is shown through giving and service. We were also honored to welcome solidarity delegations from Œuvre d'Orient and the French Bishops' Conference, who emphasized the importance of supporting education in Jerusalem as a pillar of resilience.

Finally, as we celebrate 150 years of mission and education, we pause with gratitude to the staff members honored for more than 15 years of dedicated service—your commitment strengthens our school and inspires our students to become a beacon for Jerusalem.

**Brother Daoud Kassabry, FSC  
Principal**

## A Heartwarming Visit to Our Lady of Sorrows Home November 30,2025

Fifth-grade students visited Our Lady of Sorrows Home for the Elderly in Ras El-Amoud to spread joy and warmth. Through singing, dancing, and music, they created a happy atmosphere and shared their drawings, gifts, and sweets—bringing smiles to the residents' faces.

Sincere thanks to Ms. Mary Shehwan, Sister Amal Hijazin, Ms. Claire Ghazawi, social worker Diala Ktanasho, and Mr. Mousa Al-Ghoul for supporting this meaningful day of love, service, and volunteering.



## American Program Students Celebrate Thanksgiving November 27,2025

American curriculum students in grades 9 and 10 celebrated Thanksgiving, exploring its roots and values of gratitude, sharing, and helping others.

Led by Chef Nabil Aho, the Hospitality Department prepared a traditional roasted turkey with the support of Grade 11 hospitality students under Mr. Fadi Deeb's supervision, highlighting teamwork and presentation skills. Organized by English Coordinator Mrs. Flavia Kamel, the event included cultural activities, and Mr. Issa Deeb delivered a brief speech about gratitude and giving. The celebration brought together teachers, staff, and students in a joyful atmosphere reflecting the true spirit of Thanksgiving.



## Frères Jerusalem (New Gate) Crowned Champions of the Jerusalem Schools U15 Basketball Tournament November 29, 2025

Frères Jerusalem–New Gate won the Jerusalem Schools Basketball Tournament (Grade 9 and under), held at the Frères New Gate courts in partnership with La Salle Jerusalem Club as part of the school's 150th Jubilee celebrations.

Teams from Frères New Gate, Frères Beit Hanina, Al-Rashidiya, and Terra Santa Old City competed, with Frères New Gate finishing 1st, Frères Beit Hanina 2nd, Al-Rashidiya 3rd, and Terra Santa 4th. The day also featured a lunch gathering, a traditional dabkeh performance, and an awards ceremony honoring organizers, referees, and participating schools with trophies, medals, and special Jubilee shields.





## Honoring Our Student Volunteers November 29, 2025

Volunteering is a core value we strive to instill in our students, strengthening their sense of belonging and responsibility toward their community. Last Thursday, our students proudly embodied this spirit through their active support in making the Academic and Career Guidance Fair a success.

In appreciation, School Director Frère Daoud Kassabry honored the volunteers with 150th Jubilee medals, marking 150 years since the founding of Frères Secondary School in Jerusalem. Special thanks also go to Mr. Tamer Zakak, the school's volunteer program coordinator, for leading and motivating the group with great dedication.

Congratulations to: Jannat Barakat, Lin Hussein, Asim Marqa, Taim Abu Ghorfa, Khaled Mamlouk, Mohammad Qawasmi and Adam Nasser Eldin.



## School Choir at the YMCA Christmas Tree Lighting November 30, 2025

Our school choir took part in the YMCA Christmas Tree Lighting celebration on Sunday, November 30, the First Sunday of Advent. It was a truly beautiful moment that filled our children with joy and highlighted their wonderful participation.



**Christmas Joy Under the Tree**



Among our little ones' laughter, the tree lit up and Santa brought happiness to every heart.  
Where our small children, with big joy were standing beneath the Christmas tree.  
With their pure innocence, the season blooms and the celebration feels complete.  
Around the tree, dreams and tiny smiles came together.



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## A Magical Storytelling Day in Our Kindergarten December 3, 2025

Tata Um Saad visited our kindergarten and took the children on a wonderful journey through stories and imagination. The session also shared important values—respecting elders, rejecting bullying, and treating others with kindness. Our little ones listened with excitement, laughter, and curious questions in a warm, loving atmosphere.



## La Salle (Frères) Jerusalem Celebrates 150 Years December 5, 2025

La Salle (Frères) School in Jerusalem marked its 150th Jubilee with a special gathering honoring former teachers in appreciation of their lifelong service. The celebration began with a Holy Mass celebrated by Father Marwan Daddes, who highlighted the school's mission in educating generations and promoting Christian and human value.

The principal expressed heartfelt gratitude to the retired teachers, followed by videos showcasing the school's history and a tribute testimony by teacher Lilian Mattia, who began teaching at the school in 1973. The event concluded with a festive dinner filled with warm memories, reflecting the strong spirit of the Lasallian family and a renewed commitment to the school's mission for the future.



## Strategic Staff Workshops in the Secondary Department December 10, 2025

Within the school's strategic vision and the secondary department's policies for academic development—focused on identifying gaps and assessing students' needs—Mr. Issa Deeb, deputy head for the Secondary Section, has consistently led a series of professional workshops for the secondary teaching staff. The series began with a session delivered by Mr. Deeb on strategies for enhancing student motivation and strengthening it through alignment with students' needs and their learning environment. In addition, the second session was held today, presented by Mr. Nabil Al-Masou, highlighting the role of the homeroom teacher, the challenges involved, and their impact on students.



## "We Have Seen His Glory" – Christmas Carol Evening at Frères Secondary School (Jerusalem) December 12, 2025

In a reverent and joyful Christmas atmosphere, our school hosted a Christmas carols celebration for Advent and the Nativity under the theme: "We have seen His glory shining in our lives." The evening was especially meaningful as it also marked the school's 150th Jubilee, celebrating a century and a half of education and service in Jerusalem.

The program opened with a Christmas message read and chanted by Mr. Nabil Al-Masou, followed by a welcoming address by the principal, Brother Daoud Kassabry. The Frères Secondary School Choir, led by Ms. Claire Ghazawi, filled the hall with carols that became a shared prayer of hope.

Guests were honored by the presence of Bishop Atallah Hanna, who offered a blessing, and by the participation of the Cathedral of Saint James Choir, conducted by Mr. Raymond Qamar, adding a powerful message of peace.

The school thanked all organizers, teachers, students, and both choirs for their contributions, with special appreciation to Hilda Ajrab (Grade 6) for serving beautifully as master of ceremonies.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas... Christ is born, Alleluia



## A Grateful Welcome and Blessing December 12, 2025

We extend our sincere thanks to His Excellency Archbishop William Shomali, Patriarchal Vicar General in Jerusalem, and His Excellency Archbishop Atallah Hanna for visiting our school, blessing the Nativity Grotto, and sharing with us in our educational and social vision.



## Parent Lecture: Children's Behavioral Disorders December 12, 2025

It was our honor to host the distinguished educator Dr. Shadia Makhlof, who delivered a valuable lecture for parents titled: "Children's Behavioral Disorders: Their Causes and Treatment."

The session explored key causes—environmental, family-related, and developmental—and offered practical, evidence-based strategies to address and positively modify these behaviors, supporting children's healthy growth in a safe and nurturing environment.



## Frères High School Celebrates Palestinian Teachers' Day

Frères High School marked Palestinian Teachers' Day with a warm celebration honoring teachers for their dedication, sacrifices, and essential role in shaping future generations.

The event opened with a welcoming address by the school principal, Bro. Daoud Kassabry, expressing heartfelt appreciation for every teacher's commitment. A special video prepared by Mr. Jreis Karbourani followed, highlighting the efforts of each staff member. Teachers then joined an interactive Kahoot quiz focused on Lasallian knowledge, reflecting their strong spirit of responsibility and service. Light games were organized by Ms. Diala Ktanasho and Mr. Qasem Abu Joudeh, adding joy to the occasion. The celebration concluded with a shared "meal of love," bringing everyone together in a spirit of unity and gratitude. Happy Teachers' Day to all our teachers—thank you for being the strength of generations and a message of endless giving.



## **"Noah's Ark" Animal Interaction Activity December 15, 2025**

As part of our purposeful extracurricular activities, a special event titled "Noah's Ark" was held on Monday, 15/12/2025, for Grade 1 and Grade 5 students.

During the activity, students were introduced to a variety of animals, including a Quaker parrot, peacock pigeon, rabbit, finch, and a budgerigar. They showed wonderful engagement and truly enjoyed the experience, which helped strengthen values of kindness, compassion toward animals, and a love of exploration.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the father of students Muhannad and Ayala Al-Abbas for this lovely initiative and for organizing such a meaningful activity



## **Our School Joins the New Gate Christmas Tree Lighting December 15, 2025**

Our school proudly participated actively in the New Gate Christmas Tree Lighting celebration, joining families, neighbors, and local partners in a warm community gathering. Students and staff took part with great enthusiasm, helping create a festive atmosphere filled with smiles, music, and togetherness.

This event was more than a holiday tradition—it was a community action aimed at spreading joy and happiness throughout New Gate. We are grateful to everyone who contributed to making the evening meaningful, and we're proud to stand alongside our community in celebrating hope, unity, and the spirit of the season.



## A Joyful Christmas Celebration at Our Kindergarten December 20, 2025

In an atmosphere filled with love and joy, our kindergarten celebrated Christmas with our dear children, in the presence of our valued parents and the administrative team. Children's laughter blended with hearts full of peace and hope, creating a truly warm and festive moment.

It was a celebration that was simple in form, yet rich in meaning—reflecting the values of giving, togetherness, and the genuine partnership between the kindergarten and families, as we create unforgettable memories for our children.

Our sincere thanks to the parents for their support, to the administration for its constant care, and to our teachers for their dedicated efforts in bringing happiness to our children.

Wishing you and our children a very happy holiday season—may it return to us all with goodness, love, and peace.



## Welcoming of the French Solidarity Delegations December 22, 2025

Frères School welcomed a delegation from Œuvre d'Orient (France) and the French Bishops' Conference during a solidarity and fact-finding visit focused on understanding the current realities of Jerusalem and the challenges facing education. The school administration shared an overview of how recent circumstances have affected learning, including the impact on students and staff, continuity of education, and administrative and financial pressures, as well as the broader psychological and social effects on the school community. The delegations toured the campus, visited various departments, and observed ongoing infrastructure improvements and efforts to maintain a safe learning environment. They praised the school's commitment to its mission and stressed the importance of supporting educational institutions in Jerusalem as a key pillar of resilience and hope.



## Christmas Holy Mass Celebrated with Bishop Ilario December 22, 2025

The Christmas celebration was marked by a Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Ilario, who emphasized in his homily the true meaning of Christmas: genuine love—not based on appearances, but shown through giving and service—and the readiness to make sacrifices for the good of others.

The Mass was attended by a number of Lasallian mothers, along with parents, students, and members of the school administration and educational staff, in a spiritual atmosphere filled with prayer, joy, and hope.



## Staff Christmas Gathering in Bethlehem December 23, 2025

The school celebrated Christmas with all administrative and educational staff, along with employees and workers, at "Waj Al-Qamar" Restaurant in Bethlehem. The gathering was filled with joy and friendship as everyone enjoyed a shared meal and exchanged warm holiday wishes.

It was a beautiful moment of unity, reflecting the Lasallian spirit—strengthening bonds of brotherhood and cooperation, and renewing hope and joy in everyone's hearts. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## Honoring Long-Serving Staff on the School's 150th Anniversary

As part of the school's 150th anniversary celebrations, and in the presence of the De La Salle Brothers, the school honored educational staff members who have served for more than 15 years:

Issa Emil Deeb; Amal Fayed Hindo; Amjad Abdel-Razek Abu Al-Khairan; Rizqallah Mousa Kasabreh; Shadi Khalil Ibrahim; Aida Emil Salameh; Fawaz Youssef Al-Masri; Mustafa Alyan Zayed; Minerva Hodeili; Mousa Youssef Al-Ghoul; Nabil Issa Al-Masou; Nidal Mahmoud Allan; Hisham Abdel-Moneim Zboun; Jihan Sandouqah.

Each honoree received a commemorative shield in recognition of their dedication and continued service to the school and its mission. In his address, Brother Daoud Kassabry expressed heartfelt appreciation, praising their commitment and their vital role in strengthening the school and supporting students to become a beacon for Jerusalem and a source of pride for their community and homeland.



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## Education is our Passion

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