



Collège des Newsletters Frères- Jerusalem

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A Summer of Growth, Service, and Fraternity

The months of July and August have once again shown that education at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem does not stop when the classroom doors close. This issue of our newsletter reflects a school community that continues to educate, accompany, serve, and create opportunities for young people throughout the summer. From the Youth Leadership Program, which encouraged responsibility, initiative, teamwork, and volunteerism, to the many activities of our 150th Jubilee Summer Camp, our students were invited not only to learn new skills, but also to grow as confident, responsible, and caring members of their community.

This summer was also marked by important steps forward for our school. The inauguration of the new elevator strengthened accessibility and made our campus more welcoming, while the Hospitality College delegation's training experience in Italy opened new professional horizons for our students. At the same time, the excellent results achieved by the first graduating cohort of our AP American Program remind us that dedication, perseverance, and high expectations continue to bear fruit.

Yet perhaps the most beautiful message running through these pages is the spirit of fraternity. We see it in the commitment of our young animators, in the creativity of our students, in theatre, sports, arts, environmental learning, and in the generosity of those who accompany our children day after day. We see it also in the pride we share in the academic success of our students and in the gratitude we express to teachers and staff members who have served our school faithfully.

As we now begin the 2026–2027 academic year, we carry this same spirit forward. Our opening gathering in Beit Jala reminded us that the teacher is not only an instructor, but also a role model capable of touching hearts and bringing positive change into the lives of students. Our new year therefore begins with renewed commitment to teamwork, educational excellence, and fidelity to our Lasallian mission.

Under the theme "Building a Fraternal World," may our school continue to be a place where every person is welcomed, respected, valued, and encouraged to serve others. Education becomes truly Lasallian when knowledge is joined with compassion, achievement with service, and excellence with fraternity.

Brother Daoud Kassabry
School Director

Launching the Youth Leadership Program. June 21, 2026

As part of the activities of Collège des Frères – Jerusalem - New Gate, the Youth Leadership Program has been launched to develop students' leadership and life skills and promote the values of responsibility, initiative, teamwork, and volunteerism. During the coming week, participants will take part in intensive training sessions led by specialists in youth and community development, preparing them to take an active leadership role in the Summer Camp 2026.

The program is organized in cooperation with Younes Initiatives for Youth Empowerment and the school team, with the aim of empowering young people to make a positive impact in their community. We sincerely thank all partners, trainers, and supporters contributing to the success of this initiative and wish all participants a meaningful and inspiring experience.



Collège des Frères – Jerusalem Celebrates the New Elevator. June 24, 2026

Collège des Frères – Jerusalem held a special gathering to express its sincere gratitude to Œuvre d'Orient and Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) for their generous support in installing the school's new elevator. The project represents an important step in improving accessibility and providing a more welcoming environment for students, staff, visitors, and the entire school community.

The gathering was attended by bishops, members of the Board of Trustees, representatives of local institutions, De La Salle Club, and members of the school staff.

Brother Daoud Kassabry, School Director, thanked the supporting organizations and all those who contributed to the successful completion of the project, especially Mr. Wissam Hammadeh and Mr. Ahmad Abdel Latif.

The evening also featured a beautiful cello performance by student Gaby Amer and concluded with a shared dinner in a joyful atmosphere of gratitude and celebration.



The Hospitality College Delegation Leaves for Italy for Training in Italian Cuisine June 24, 2026

Early this morning, the delegation of the Hospitality College at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem, accompanied by Mr. Fadi Deeb, left for Italy to take part in a specialized training program in the art of Italian cuisine and to gain new practical experience in this field.

This visit reflects the school's commitment to developing students' skills and strengthening their professional experience by opening new horizons through international training opportunities in hospitality and culinary arts.

We wish the delegation fruitful and enjoyable training days filled with learning, experience, and success, and we wish them a safe return home.



A Tribute of Gratitude and Appreciation. June 26, 2026

Collège des Frères – Jerusalem extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Sister Amal Hijazin and Ms. Claire Ghazawi on the occasion of the completion of their service at the school, in recognition of their dedicated efforts and distinguished contribution throughout their years of work, as well as the lasting positive impact they have left on the students, parents, and the school community.



Launch of the Jubilee Summer Camp at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem July 1, 2026

Collège des Frères – Jerusalem has launched the activities of its summer camp this year under the title “The Jubilee Camp”, with the participation of around 120 children from Jerusalem and the Old City. The camp is supervised by Brother Daoud Kassabry, together with teacher Rula Tawil, while the main coordinator of the camp is Mr. Qasem Abu Joudeh, assisted by teachers Julie, Sophie Karmi, Issa, and Jacqueline. More than 40 young men and women are also serving as camp animators and group leaders. The camp activities focus on building students’ character and developing their skills on different levels. The program includes art, drawing, dabkeh, chess, football, and many other educational, recreational, artistic, and sports activities. Each day of the camp is also centered around a special “Value of the Day”, which the participants are encouraged to internalize and practice through their daily behavior and interactions. Through this approach, the camp seeks to strengthen cooperation, responsibility, belonging, and the educational and human mission of Collège des Frères in the service of the children of Jerusalem.





Sports, Fun, and Team Spirit at the Summer Camp July 2026

Sports activities play a major role in the summer camp program at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem. The organizers are making every effort to provide an energetic, exciting, and enjoyable sports environment for all participating students.

The second day of the camp was marked by a variety of special sports activities led by Coach Qasem Abu Joudeh and Teacher Julie, with the support of the young animators who are dedicating their efforts to serving the students and bringing joy to their day.



A New Milestone of Excellence in Our AP American Program!

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students in the official AP examinations.

Fourteen students earned excellent results in AP Biology, including Andre Bahbah and Yousef Jahshan, who achieved an exceptional score equivalent to 96.

We also congratulate Omar Shawar for successfully passing AP Psychology through independent self-study, demonstrating remarkable initiative and determination.

These achievements are especially meaningful as they come from the first graduating cohort of our AP American Program.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the entire AP Team, especially Ms. Jihan Sandouqa, for her dedication and guidance, and to our students and parents for their hard work and continuous support.

Congratulations to everyone—this is only the beginning

Creativity in Action: Arts and Crafts at Our Summer Camp July, 2026

Arts and crafts are an important and special station in our summer camp, offering students the opportunity to develop their talents, enhance their creativity, and learn new skills through meaningful and enjoyable activities. Special thanks and appreciation to Mr. Issa Al-Yousef and the camp team for their great efforts in guiding the students and encouraging them to express their creativity



Welcoming Brother Javier to Our Summer Camp July 16, 2026

Collège des Frères – Jerusalem Summer Camp had the pleasure of welcoming Brother Javier, who has come from New York to spend the next two weeks with our students and support them in developing their English-language skills through engaging and interactive activities.

Brother Javier was warmly welcomed and introduced to the campers during the daily morning spiritual reflection, which was led today by Brother Daoud Kassabry.

The reflection focused on the value of cooperation, highlighting its importance in strengthening teamwork, mutual support, and collaboration among students.

We are very pleased to have Brother Riel with us and look forward to the valuable contribution he will bring to our students throughout the coming two weeks.



Learning Beyond the Classroom: A Visit to the Frères Hydroponic Greenhouse. July 16, 2026

As part of the summer camp's educational activities, our students visited the Frères Hydroponic Greenhouse, where they were introduced to the principles of hydroponic farming—a modern agricultural method that enables plants to grow without soil by providing their roots directly with water and essential nutrients.

During the visit, the students explored a variety of plants, including tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, and cucumbers, and learned how school rooftops can be transformed into productive and environmentally friendly green spaces.

The visit offered the students an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience, combining practical knowledge, environmental awareness, and curiosity about sustainable agriculture.



Building Confidence Through Theatre July, 2026

Theatre skills are among the most valuable abilities students develop during the Jubilee Summer Camp at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem. Through these activities, students learn how to stand confidently on stage, face an audience with courage, speak fluently, and express their thoughts and feelings in clear and appropriate language.

These activities are supervised by Mr. Fares, whom we deeply appreciate for his dedication and outstanding efforts in developing the students' talents, strengthening their self-confidence, and enriching the artistic and educational quality of the camp. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to him for his creativity and generous contribution.



The Heart and Strength of the Jubilee Summer Camp July, 2026

The animators of the De La Salle Camp, the 150th Jubilee Camp, are truly the backbone of the camp. They have demonstrated great competence, a sincere sense of belonging, tireless dedication, and full commitment to their responsibilities. They have also distinguished themselves through their respectful interaction with the students, their constant support, and their positive engagement, as well as their willingness to accept and carry out various tasks in a remarkable team spirit. The animators who accompany the students and guide them to the different sessions and activities serve as excellent role models, working with dedication, love, and sincerity to ensure the success of the camp and achieve its educational and human objectives. We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of them for your outstanding contribution, genuine commitment, and strong sense of belonging.

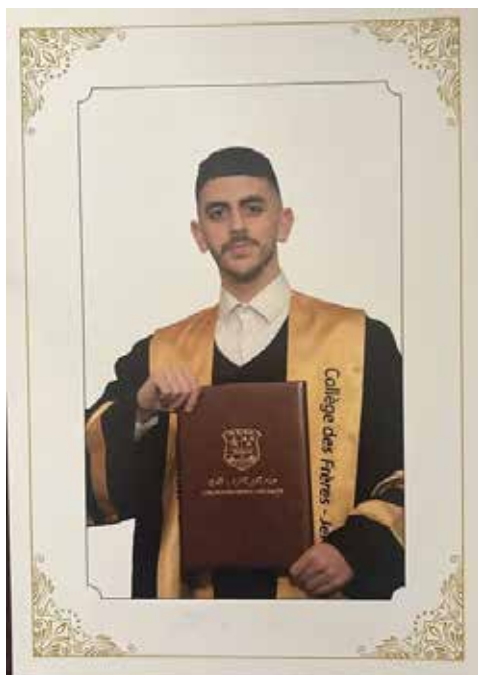




A Proud Double Achievement: Excellence in One Family July 20, 2026

The Administration and Teaching Staff of Collège des Frères – Jerusalem extend their warmest congratulations and deepest pride in the two outstanding brothers:

Osama Hatem Afifi who achieved First Place in the Literary Stream at the school, with an excellent average of 91.1%, and Farouk Hatem Afifi who achieved First Place in the Scientific Stream at the school, with an outstanding average of 96.7%. This remarkable double achievement is a source of great pride for our entire school community. It reflects determination, discipline, perseverance, and a strong commitment to academic excellence. We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to their parents and respected family, whose continuous encouragement, support, and dedication have played an important role in this exceptional success.



Celebrating Our Animators: Two Trips of Gratitude, Joy, and Team Spirit August 20, 2026

Two Recreational Trips for Our Summer Camp Animators in Appreciation of Their Dedication

In an atmosphere filled with excitement, joy, and adventure, the Summer Camp Administration organized two recreational trips for the young animators, in appreciation of their remarkable efforts, dedication, and tireless work throughout the summer camp.

The first activity was a cycling trip through the area of the displaced village of Lifta, where the young participants enjoyed the breathtaking natural scenery and spent a wonderful time combining sport, adventure, and team spirit.

The second activity was a trip to Murad Tourist Resort, where the group enjoyed a relaxing and joyful day filled with swimming, water activities, and the pleasant summer atmosphere.

The summer camp organizers accompanied the group during both activities, creating wonderful moments of friendship, joy, and togetherness. These two trips were a gesture of gratitude to the young animators who generously gave their time, energy, and enthusiasm, and whose commitment played an essential role in the success of the summer camp and in bringing happiness to the children



A Fraternal Beginning to the 2026–2027 Academic Year August 22, 2026

Collège des Frères Secondary School marked the beginning of the 2026–2027 academic year with a fraternal and educational gathering for its teaching and administrative staff in Beit Jala.

The day began with the celebration of the Holy Mass, presided over by Fr. Bernard Bougy, Rector of the Seminary in Beit Jala. In his homily, he reflected on the essential role of teachers as role models and on their ability to bring about positive change in the hearts and lives of their students. He also expressed his appreciation for the school's educational staff and wished them an academic year filled with joy, achievements, and success.

Following the Mass and a short break, the general staff meeting began. The School Director warmly welcomed the new teachers joining the Lasallian family this year: Dr. Mousa Abu Tair, Dr. Imad Matouq, Ms. Yvonne Bajjali, Ms. Sophie Karmi, Ms. Aseel Abu Diab, Ms. Hadeel Sabbat, and Ms. Alaa Akkawi.

The heads of the various departments also offered words of welcome, after which the School Director presented the school's vision and priorities for the 2026–2027 academic year, emphasizing teamwork, commitment, and fidelity to the school's educational and Lasallian mission.

The gathering concluded in a warm and fraternal atmosphere as everyone came together around a table of fellowship at Al-Arisheh Restaurant in Beit Jala, marking the beginning of a new academic year that we hope will be filled with dedication, joy, achievement, and success.



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Building a Fraternal World

Lasallian Reflection 12 invites us to make fraternity the heart of education. To be Lasallian means recognizing every person as a brother or sister, building relationships based on respect, solidarity, care, and encounter, and educating young people to become builders of a peaceful and compassionate society. Through small daily actions, our schools can become communities where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and encouraged to serve others—especially those who are most vulnerable



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