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A New School Year, A Fraternal World

September is always a special month in our school. It is a time of new beginnings, new hopes, and new dreams. We were happy to welcome our Kindergarten children, our first-grade students, and all our students back to Collège des Frères – Jerusalem. Their smiles, energy, and joy brought life once again to our classrooms and school yards.

This year, we begin our journey under the Lasallian theme “[Building a Fraternal World](#).” This theme invites us to make our school a place where everyone feels welcome, respected, and cared for. Fraternity begins with simple things: listening to one another, helping a friend, accepting differences, sharing, forgiving, and standing beside those who need us.

During this month, we saw this spirit in many ways. The launch of our Social Solidarity Fund reminded us that fraternity must become action, especially when families are facing difficult times. Our students also prayed for peace and took part in the International Lasallian Days for Peace, learning that peace begins with each one of us and grows through kindness, respect, cooperation, and love.

September was also a month full of learning and creativity. Our students developed their talents through music, journalism, hospitality training, road-safety activities, friendship lessons, and many other educational experiences. We were also proud to celebrate the excellent achievements of our students in the TOEFL assessments.

As we move forward in this new school year, let us remember that education is not only about lessons and exams. It is also about forming good people, building strong relationships, discovering talents, serving others, and working together for a better future.

May this school year be filled with learning, peace, friendship, success, and hope.

Together, piece by piece, we build a fraternal world.

Brother Daoud Kassabry
Director
Collège des Frères – Jerusalem

Frist Day of school in the Kindergarten August 28, 2026

In an atmosphere filled with joy and excitement, the Kindergarten Department welcomed its students and their mothers on the first day of the new school year. This enjoyable gathering gave the children an opportunity to meet their teachers, discover their new learning environment, and learn about the wonderful activities awaiting them as they begin their educational journey with confidence and happiness



First day of school for the First grade 2026-2027 August 31, 2026

On Monday, August 31, 2026, our school warmly welcomed our dear first-grade students as they began a new and exciting chapter in their educational journey.

The day was filled with joy, laughter, and beautiful smiles. The students had the opportunity to meet their new teachers, enjoy a fun clown show, and take part in a variety of entertaining activities prepared especially for them. It was a wonderful beginning to the new school year, creating a warm and friendly atmosphere for our youngest students.

We warmly welcome all our first-grade students and wish them a wonderful school year filled with learning, success, friendship, happiness, and many memorable experiences.



First day of School September 2, 2026

Back to Frère: Jerusalem Embraces Its Students' Dreams in a Year of Fraternity and Perseverance

After a mandatory one-day delay caused by permit constraints, Collège des Frères - Jerusalem breathed a sigh of relief and swung its doors open to welcome its students back with renewed passion and unbroken hope. This brief delay served only as an extra spark, igniting a greater desire for learning and reunion within everyone's hearts, marking a joyous beginning that filled the historic schoolyards.

The new academic year launched under a profound and inspiring main theme: "Let us build a fraternal world." This slogan is not merely words on display; it is a vision and a mission that the school aims to instill in the hearts of its students, preparing them to become builders of peace, harmony, and love in their society and the world.

During the morning assembly, the school principal Brother Daoud Kassabry warmly welcomed the students, expressing his joy at seeing them back in their second home after the temporary disruption. The Principal encouraged the students to give their utmost effort, wishing them a year filled with success, excellence, and perseverance. In his address, he emphasized that the beginning of the school year is a crucial and foundational step for every student toward achieving their dreams and shaping their personal identity, highlighting that the school is the ideal environment to nurture their potential and support their ambitions.

Mr. Issa Deeb also gave a speech on this special occasion, expressing his pride in the students and wishing them complete success and prosperity in the new academic year. He urged them to move forward with strong determination, turning challenges into achievements that bring pride to this distinguished Jerusalemite institution.

As the first bell rang, life returned to the classrooms, and the journey of knowledge commenced at Collège des Frères, proving once again that the will to learn is stronger than any obstacle.



Visit of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre to Collège des Frères – Jerusalem September 4, 2026

On Friday, September 4, 2026, Brother Daoud Kassabry, Director of Collège des Frères – Jerusalem, met with the Lieutenant of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in Austria and a delegation of Knights during their official visit to the Holy Land. Brother Daoud warmly welcomed the delegation and presented the school's educational and Lasallian mission, highlighting its historic presence in Jerusalem and its ongoing commitment to serving students and families through education, fraternity, faith, and service.



A Delegation from Aid to the Church in Need Visits Collège des Frères – Jerusalem

On the morning of Thursday, September 10, 2026, Collège des Frères Secondary School in Jerusalem welcomed a delegation from Aid to the Church in Need. The group included visitors from several countries who were touring the Holy Land to learn more about its educational and religious institutions.

The delegation was welcomed by Brother Daoud Kassabry, Director of the school, who presented the school's educational and Lasallian mission and highlighted the main difficulties and challenges it faces under the current circumstances. He also expressed his sincere gratitude to Aid to the Church in Need for its valuable contribution toward the cost of the new elevator installed at the school last April.



Launch of the Social Solidarity Fund at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem

In keeping with this year's global Lasallian theme, "Building a Fraternal World," and inspired by its educational and humanitarian mission rooted in fraternity and solidarity, the Board of Trustees of Collège des Frères – Jerusalem, in cooperation with the school administration, has launched the Social Solidarity Fund.

This initiative aims to support families facing financial hardship by helping them cover their children's school fees. In doing so, the Fund seeks to ensure that students can continue their education and preserve their right to quality learning within a Lasallian environment that values every person and safeguards human dignity.

The establishment of this Fund is a concrete expression of the theme "Building a Fraternal World." True fraternity cannot remain merely a matter of words; it must be transformed into practical initiatives through which members of the community share responsibility and stand beside one another, particularly in times of hardship and challenge.

On this occasion, the Board of Trustees and the school administration extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the companies, institutions, and individuals whose generous contributions made it possible to establish and launch the Fund. Their support reflects their confidence in the school's mission, their commitment to assisting students and their families, and their desire to help build a future founded on greater justice, solidarity, and fraternity.

The school hopes that, through the continued support of generous benefactors, the Fund will grow and sustain its mission—keeping the door to education open for every student and ensuring that Collège des Frères – Jerusalem remains a living space of fraternity, hope, and service to others.



Celebrating the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2026

Collège des Frères – Jerusalem celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with the students of the Basic School in a joyful and prayerful atmosphere.

During the celebration, Brother Daoud Kassabry spoke to the students about the profound meaning of the Holy Cross, emphasizing that it is a sign of God's boundless love and a symbol of sacrifice, hope, victory, and new life. Father Rami Asakra presided over the Holy Mass. In his homily, he stressed the importance of belonging to the Church and living according to the teachings of Christ. He also reflected on the power and transforming presence of the Cross in the life of every Christian, encouraging the students to embody the values of love, forgiveness, and service in their daily lives.

The celebration offered our students a meaningful opportunity to deepen their faith and to remember that the Cross is a path of love, hope, and life.

Warm wishes to everyone on the Feast of the Holy Cross.



Musical Talents Shine During the Morning Assembly September 14, 2026

Through its morning assemblies, Collège des Frères – New Gate continually seeks to discover and encourage its students' talents, providing them with opportunities to showcase their unique abilities and creativity.

During today's morning assembly, students Taim Abu Gharfeh and Mark Freij, from Grade 11 Hospitality, presented an outstanding musical performance that was warmly appreciated by the students and teaching staff.

The performance also celebrated their remarkable participation in a music competition held in Nazareth, where they achieved first place in recognition of their talent and distinguished performance.

The school administration and educational community warmly congratulate Taim and Mark on this wonderful achievement. We are proud of them and of all the talented students in our school, and we wish them continued success, excellence, and creativity.



The “Shabab Al-Quds” program has launched its activities at Collège des Frères Secondary School – Jerusalem. September 16, 2026

The program aims to introduce students to the fundamentals of journalism and develop their skills in content writing, visual storytelling, and transforming creative ideas into meaningful media productions. The program is coordinated by journalists Mai Al-Bakri and Bashar Zghayyer, who presented an introductory session on journalism and the professional and engaging preparation and presentation of media content.

On this occasion, the administration of Collège des Frères Secondary School – Jerusalem extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to the “Shabab Al-Quds” program and its team for their pioneering work and distinguished initiatives in serving the youth of Jerusalem and developing their media and creative skills.



Prayer for Peace September 18, 2026

Students from Collège des Frères – Jerusalem participated in a prayer for peace organized by the Sabeel organization in Jerusalem. The gathering brought students together at the Church of the Redeemer to pray for peace throughout the world and to promote the values of love, fraternity, tolerance, and peaceful coexistence among peoples.



Launch of the Training Restaurant at the Hospitality College – Collège des Frères, Jerusalem Septembre 18, 2026

The Hospitality College at Collège des Frères – Jerusalem has launched its new “Training Restaurant,” where students, under the supervision of their teachers and professional chefs, prepare and serve food to visitors in a practical and professional training environment.

The restaurant aims to develop the students’ skills and enhance their competence in food preparation, meal presentation, customer service, and teamwork, helping to prepare them for the job market with confidence and professionalism.

The Hospitality College students completed their first practical experience. They prepared Palestinian fattoush salad and fruit salad, which they professionally presented and served to the school’s teaching and administrative staff.

The Training Restaurant will begin welcoming visitors the following week. It will also offer takeaway and external ordering services. Promotional materials containing details about the restaurant’s services, opening hours, and ordering procedures will be distributed soon.



Friendship, Acceptance, and Belonging September 18, 2026

During their homeroom class, our first-grade students explored the value of friendship and learned about the importance of accepting others and respecting differences.

Through the story "The New Friends," our students discovered that true friendship is built on love, sharing, cooperation, and caring for one another. They also learned that our differences make each one of us unique and special.

Together, we learn to open our hearts to new friends and to make our classrooms welcoming spaces where everyone feels safe, accepted, and a true sense of belonging.

In our classroom, every child has a place, and every friend is welcomed with an open heart.



Celebrating Our Children's Birthdays September 20, 2026

With love and joy, we celebrated one of the happiest occasions of the month: the birthdays of our beloved children.

Their smiles, excitement, enthusiasm, and innocent expressions filled the day with beautiful energy and unforgettable moments that will remain in our hearts.

We wish each of our children a very happy birthday, filled with health, happiness, and joy. May their little hearts continue to grow with love, generosity, confidence, and kindness.





Peace, Piece by Piece: Building a Fraternal World

Every year, the worldwide Lasallian Family comes together for the International Lasallian Days for Peace, a special month dedicated to prayer, reflection, education, and action for peace. From September 21 to October 21, Lasallian schools and communities across the world are invited to renew their commitment to becoming builders of peace.

This year's theme, "Peace, Piece by Piece: Building a Fraternal World", reminds us that peace is not built in a single moment or through one great action. It is created patiently, day by day, through the small choices we make: a kind word, a listening ear, a gesture of forgiveness, an act of service, a moment of dialogue, or the courage to welcome someone who may be different from us.

As a Lasallian educational community, we believe that education has a vital role in building a more peaceful and fraternal world. Our classrooms are not only places where knowledge is shared; they are also places where students learn to respect one another, accept differences, resolve conflicts through dialogue, care for those in need, and recognize the dignity and value of every person.



Throughout this month, our students, teachers, and the entire school community are invited to pray for peace and, above all, to live peace in their daily relationships. Each of us holds one piece of the greater picture. When we bring together our acts of kindness, fraternity, justice, reconciliation, and solidarity, we begin to build the world we hope to see.

In Jerusalem, a city that carries a unique message for humanity, our commitment to peace has a special meaning. We want our school to be a place where fraternity is experienced every day, where differences become an opportunity for encounter, and where every student learns that peace begins with each one of us. Piece by piece, gesture by gesture, and person by person, together we can build a more peaceful and fraternal world.



Learning Road Safety September 24, 2026

As part of our efforts to raise awareness about road safety, Yousef Abbasi, a second-grade student, took part in a special classroom activity about traffic rules and how to cross the road safely.

During the homeroom lesson, our students learned the importance of staying alert, following traffic signals, and using pedestrian crossings correctly.

Teaching children safe habits from an early age helps them become more aware, responsible, and confident when using the road. Together, we raise awareness and build a safer, more responsible generation.



On the occasion of the International Islamic Days for Peace, our first grade students enjoyed a special day filled with joy, fun, and meaningful learning. September 25, 2026

Through a variety of engaging activities, our young learners discovered the importance of peace, love, cooperation, respect, and accepting others.

They learned that peace begins with a kind word, a smile, helping others, and treating everyone with love and respect.

The day was filled with laughter, happiness, and teamwork, leaving our children with a beautiful message: Peace is not just a word... it is a way of life that we live and share with others.



Celebrating Our TOP TOEFL Achievers!

We are proud to recognize the students with the three highest score levels in each grade on the June 2026 TOEFL Primary and TOEFL Junior assessments. Students who tied are celebrated together:

Grade 4 (currently Grade 5)

Nasser El Din Mohammad, Saadeh Andrew, Said Ioanna
Masri Ahmad

Jahshan Eilena, Mansour Fouad

Grade 5 (currently Grade 6)

Abu Toameh Najlaa, Al Ghouli Imad
Zanbil Leon

Abu Nada Rakan, Said Daneil

Grade 6 (currently Grade 7)

Baibouh Joury

Oweida Hanan

Amer Gabriel

Grade 7 (currently Grade 8)

Abu Diyab Mohammad

Said Meroun

Abdelmohsen Suhaib

Grade 8 (currently Grade 9)

Abdelrahman Moussa

Kadamani Issa

Manarious Maureen

Stephan Bassel

Congratulations on these wonderful achievements! We celebrate the efforts of all our students and thank our English Department team for its dedication and support.



"Seek peace and pursue it."

"Peace wins over wealth."

"Harmony is to be valued."

"When the family is in harmony, everything prospers."

Across cultures and traditions, the message of peace is beautifully shared. These sayings remind us that peace is something we must seek, value, and build every day. It is found in harmony, kindness, respect, and understanding. Peace begins in our homes, grows in our classrooms, and spreads through our communities. When we choose cooperation over conflict and welcome others with open hearts, we help create a more peaceful and fraternal world, piece by piece.



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