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From the desk of **THE EDITOR IN CHIEF**

I would like to welcome you all to another academic year! Together, we will journey a most likely bumpy start as the K to12 Curriculum is being first implemented. Just the same, I encourage everyone to simply enjoy the ride, and let's use every opportunity to gain new friends, to strengthen our existing friendships, and to learn more each day.

To all the new students, welcome to De La Salle Zobel-your home away from home! I hope that your first year with us will be filled with good memories.

Being the new Editor in Chief of the Young Observer, I am pleased to offer humbly to the community the first issue of our magazine this academic year. I truly hope that we will all take time to browse through the pages of our school paper as every article here is dedicated to the DLSZ community.

DLSZ in the 21st Century is the theme of this issue. We wish to show the community how technology and media have shaped the most significant members of the school-the students and teachers. Just a few years ago, electronic gadgets are not allowed in school. Now, Mobile Learning Devices (MLDs) like iPads are used as a classroom tool! Isn't that cool?

Surely, as we go through this journey, we will experience more changes and challenges. No matter how bumpy the ride may be, be mindful that we are journeying in faith, remembering the Holy Presence of God. And if God is with us, expect victory.

Animo La Salle!



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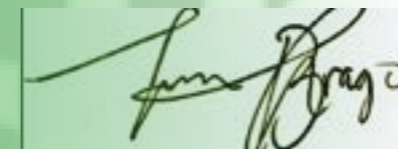
From the Office of **THE S.R.C.C. PRESIDENT**

Hello fellow Lasallians!

This year, we will be journeying in faith and remembering the Holy Presence of God. I know that in this journey we will meet some bumps. A man once said, "Life is like a road. It goes smoothly, and we come to a stop for bumps." We can say that these bumps are the difficulties we'll experience that may weaken our desire to meet our goals, but if we keep our faith and remember that God is with us, these bumps should not hinder us from achieving our goals. Use every bump as a learning and growth opportunity.

In behalf of the Grade School S.R.C.C., I sincerely wish all of you a great journey in faith!

Live the Animo faith!



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I was one of the lucky students to have been chosen to attend the San Marino cultural event held at the Consulate General of the Republic of San Marino last June 28, 2013. What did we experience at the embassy? When we arrived there, our moderators allowed us to feel the elegant ambiance of the place by touring around and taking pictures. The tour was followed by a brief talk about San Marino.

Buongiorno, San Marino!

By: Cedric Joshua T. Atienza, 7F

"When you are in an embassy, you are in the country it represents," introduced Ms. Petra, the speaker of the embassy as she welcomed her guests. According to her, San Marino is the fifth smallest country in the world and the third smallest nation in Europe. However, "No one ever bothered to conquer San Marino. Even Napoleon Bonaparte passed by San Marino but never thought of conquering it" as Ms. Petra proudly put it.

Often San Marino is mistaken as an Italian country, maybe because it is landlocked by Italy and the Sammarinese people speak the Italian language. Hence through events like this, the citizens of San Marino hope to tell the world that they have their own republic.

Economically blessed as a

country, many of its citizens are rich. Euro is the currency of San Marino.

Their current General, which means the President, is Jean Henri Lhuillier-owner of Cebuana Lhuillier. Being the President of San Marino, it is his greatest desire to promote his country and their beautiful culture to the world.

Truly, it's a different kind of learning for the Lasallians who were sent to the embassy. I hope that the school will continue to seek ways of making learning fun. Ciao!

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The Haven for Children kids were proud to say that their most memorable activity each day was the tutorial session with our generous and patient Grade Seven students.



A good learning alternative is a visit to places like the San Marino Embassy.



The writer together with other Lasallian visitors are discovering San Marino.



It's a small world after all! 4

DLSZ wore green last July 5, 2013 to observe the Lasallian Earth Day (LED). On the said day all air conditioning units were turned off for one hour. Since that day, DLSZ does its best effort to save electricity. For instance, every first Friday of the month, the air conditioning units in all classrooms and offices are turned off from 4P.M. to 5P.M. Also, guidelines on saving electricity are now posted in the classrooms to remind us that saving energy is actually saving the earth.

Article by: MA. CHARLYN BEATRIZ D. DELOS SANTOS, 5B

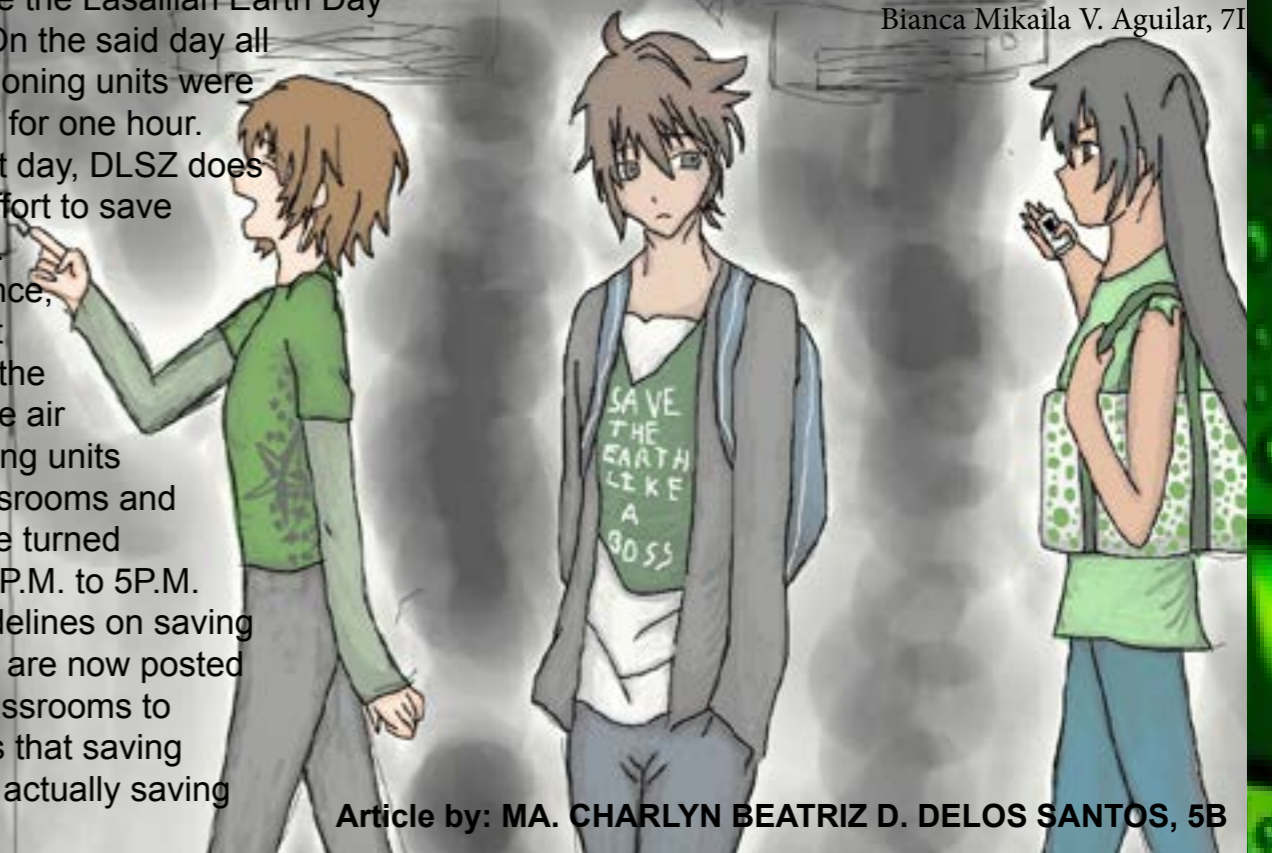
DLSZ TAKES THE LEAF

By: Martin Amora, 6F

De La Salle Zobel has been actively preserving the Earth. always been known as a pro-environment school. The Project Carbon Neutral, the CLAYGO Villarín, L.E.A.F. committee (Clean As You Go) campaign, member, "The advocacy is an and our waste management institutional effort to provide program can speak well of our an avenue where all members school's serious effort to protect of the DLSZ community can the environment from harmful actually consolidate efforts on wastes.

This academic year our promotion." She added that this school is planning to launch a advocacy desires that all of us new campaign which is called will be reflective when it comes the Lasallian Environmental to environmental concerns. She Advocacy Framework (L.E.A.F.) explained this by giving examples such as reusing, reducing, and recycling our wastes. Also, we Administrative Services, and the can influence our parents to buy Lasallian Formation and Mission things with less plastic materials. Departments, L.E.A.F. hopes to involve all sectors in the school- Ms. Nelca said that these are students, teachers, office staff, really simp parents, and even DLSZ alumni le acts, but if we do them regularly, we will be a great help

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GRADE 7 IN
CHILDREN'S
HAVEN

Ramona S. Rajagopalan, 7E

This year's 7th Grade Outreach Activity was held at Haven for Children which is a center for street children in Alabang, Muntinlupa City.

Each section in the said level spent a day with a group of about 40 kids at Haven for Children. They sang and danced together, ate together, played some games, and the Grade Seven aates and kuyas taught the younger children some academic skills. For instance, 7B shared some Math skills with them while 7F taught them the concepts of synonyms and antonyms.

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Lasallian Achievers, Receive Laurels in Honors Convocation

By: Rheanne Angelica J. Mendoza, 7F



The exemplary conduct awardees are truly honored to receive their certificates from Br. Martin Sellner,

After receiving eight medals, Jose Mateo Fernando(6F) hears the loudest cheer from the audience!

Br Bernie Oca, FSC takes pride in awarding the certificates to the honors.

De La Salle Zobel once again recognized the students who showed excellence in academics and in conduct during the previous academic year.

There were many awardees recognized this year. The school looks forward to recognizing more students who can be emulated for their excellence in academics and behavior.

Below are the names of the recipients of the general scholastic awards.

The Honors' Convocation held at the Sylvia P. Lina Theater last July 6, 2013 was well attended by the parents and guardians of the awardees from Grade 1 to Grade 5.

Present in the special event was Br. Bernie Oca, FSC, the new President of DLSZ, who delivered an inspiring message to the awardees. The eloquent and very articulate Brother encouraged the students to continue letting their stars shine brightly, inspiring everyone in the community. He emphasized that any Lasallian achievers have the responsibility to set good examples in school.

Br. Martin Sellner, FSC, Brother Animator of DLSZ, together with Ms. Ruby Ramos, the Grade School Principal, handed the certificates to the exemplary in conduct awardees while Br. Bernie Oca, FSC handed the certificates to the top ten achievers of each batch.

GRADE 1 TOP TEN	
First (Gold)	Bianca Ysabel Salunga Roxas
Second (Silver)	Bjorn Isaac Costes Escalona
Third (Bronze)	Jaden Coen De Castro Reyes
Fourth	Bianca Nicole Quiaoit Casimiro
Fifth	Zachary Lue De Guzman Ramirez
Sixth	Chelsea Marie Fajardo Echevarria
Seventh	Mia Ysabelle Lopez Carcido
Eighth	Francesca Danielle Castellano
Ninth	Dueñas
Tenth	Joanna Daniella Cabrera Fajardo
	Audric Bravo Vitangcol



GRADE 2 TOP TEN

First (Gold)	Martin Gabriel Casa Yulo
Second (Silver)	Veronica Marielle Tiempo Guinto
Third (Bronze)	Joaquin Nicholas Chan De Guzman
Fourth	Javier Mario Daez Dela Cruz
Fifth	Nathaniel Dale Siguan Crisaldo
Sixth	Camille Marie Aromin Castro
Seventh	Joaquin Antonio Inciso Butial
Eighth	Franco Mari Breboneria Cabral
Ninth	Ciara Alessandra Marcelo Russeg-
Tenth	ger

GRADE 3 TOP TEN

First (Gold)	Anya Martina Vizcarra Ama
Second (Silver)	Cholo Vergara Aguilar
Third (Bronze)	Camille Elizabeth Consolacion Reyes
Fourth	Juan Carlo Salazar Hernandez
Fifth	Keileane Retizos Sales Diaz
Sixth	Chelsea Gabrielle Gutierrez Pecson
Seventh	Justine Carina Temprosa Buan
Eighth	Junno Alfonsus Magpantay Salvanera
Ninth	Ma. Katrina Isabela Mondoñedo Cansana
Tenth	Jodie Cassandra Temprosa Buan

GRADE 4 TOP TEN

First (Gold)	Jose Mateo Emmanuel Franco Fernando
Second (Silver)	Andrea Danielle Climaco Sy-Quia
Third (Bronze)	Victoria Therese Reyes Tsui
Fourth	Mary Nicole Conato Datlangin
Fifth	Antonio Miguel Co Imperial
Sixth	Katrina Olaes Mercado
Seventh	Danielle Juliana Laurel Hermano
Eighth	Nathanielle Mendieta De La Cruz
Ninth	Sofia Isabel Paculan Andal
Tenth	Paola Isabelle Loro Ramos

GRADE 5 TOP TEN

First (Gold)	Edgar Desher Pablico Empeño
Second (Silver)	Cedric Joshua Tingin Atienza
Third (Bronze)	Denzel Lyle Benjamin Salmingo
Fourth	Bea Alexa Ching Rondon
Fifth	Bernice Patricia Aldegue Favis
Sixth	Naja Lianne Artieda Ferrer
Seventh	Rheanne Angelica Josef Mendoza
Eighth	Ma. Sofia Andrea Acuña Oliveros
Ninth	Maria Noelleene Cameros Bañez
Tenth	Gregorio Rafael De Ramos Herrera

From Textbook to Techbook

Ma. Katrina Isabel M. Cansana, 5E
Alyzza May P. Horii, 5E

De La Salle Zobel's PEARL mLearning Program has been growing since it was introduced last academic year. The said program was introduced to the batch of Grade 4 who are Grade 6 now. This year, another batch is enrolled to PEARL. The Grade 5 students, just like the Grade 6, are experiencing this new and exciting way of learning.

The PEARL mLearning Program introduced several changes in the lives of both the students and the teachers. For instance, students don't use textbooks anymore, they have Mobile Learning Devices (MLDs) or iPads. Just like the students, teachers have their respective MLDs too as provided by the school. Moreover, they were given the necessary training



This is how a PEARL mLearning classroom looks like.

by Apple Computer Incorporated-Hong Kong last summer to respond to the demands of this way of teaching. Another relevant change is that the classrooms of Grades 5 and 6 have been beautifully renovated such that lockers for MLDs were put up inside each classroom, so that students can leave their "techbooks" secured during breaks.

DLSZ's new President, Br. Bernie Oca, FSC, said that he would like to see more levels enrolled in the

PEARL mLearning Program in the succeeding academic years.

Class Officers Attend Leadership Training

Reigne Rafaell T. Basa, 7D

The class officers of Grades 6 and 7 attended the leadership training held at the Center for Lasallian Formation on July 16, 2013. They were excused from attending their respective clubs that Tuesday, so they could attend the said training facilitated by the S.R.C.C. officers who showed a good sense of leadership and responsibility in organizing this project.

The objective of the training was to assist the participants in handling their responsibilities as well as performing their roles as leaders in the Lasallian community.

S.R.C.C. Officers Lead by Example

Andrea C. Sy-Quia, 6F

Before the opening of classes, the S.R.C.C. prepared themselves to face the challenges of this academic year by attending a leadership seminar entitled "Lasallian Leadership: a Journey in Faith." A project of the Lasallian Leadership Empowerment and Development (L.E.A.D.), the training opened the young minds of our leaders to the Lasallian concept of leadership: leading by example in and out of the campus.

After the seminar, they immersed themselves into two outreach activities: a visit to Tahanan ni Maria and Brigada Eskwela.

With the S.R.C.C adviser, Mr. Jesus Sulit, our officers visited Tahanan ni Maria in Carmona, Cavite last May 22, 2013. There they took care of the senior citizens who have no more relatives to support them.

Third on their to-do-list was to help in Brigada Eskwela at Putatan Elementary School last May 29, 2013. They helped clean and paint the school's Kindergarten classrooms.



SRCC officer Sphia Reyes shows this lola that she is loved.



The S.R.C.C officers help in Brigada Eskwela.

DLSZ Turns 35

Josephine Precious S. Valdez, 5F

De La Salle Zobel kicked off its 35th year with a simple yet meaningful program. The big countdown to the Emerald Year was held at the Sports Pavilion on July 10, 2013.

On that special day, the community recited the Oath of Fidelity. Through a well-organized program sponsored by the S.R.C.C., every Lasallian was reminded to be thankful for this school that has promoted Christian values through the years.



Who says reading is boring? Well, not for Teacher Avic's angels in Pre-K class!

DLSZ Opens Pre-Kindergarten

Dean Adhiel B. Angelia, 5C

With the opening of the Pre-Kindergarten level on June 24, 2013, the once quiet Vaugirard is now filled with noise and laughter of the 57 pre-schoolers of Teacher Marivic Mombay and Teacher Sarah Lapeña.

In its first year, the Pre-Kindergarten has three sections already with daily sessions of two and a half hours of learning while having fun.

Iron Man and Bumblebee Rock DLSZ

Danielle L. Hermano, 6E



Iron Man and Bumblebee rocked De La Salle Zobel when they joined the Book Character Parade held in the Lower Grades last July 16, 2013. The two were spotted posing with the students for souvenir photos.

The Book Character Parade was just one of the several exciting activities prepared by the Grade School Learning Resource Center in celebration of the National Book Week. In the said parade, the students dressed up in their favourite book characters. According to Mr. Jay Diola, most of the participants were superheroes and fairies.

Other LRC-sponsored activities related to the celebration of the National Book Week were the book fair, poster making contest, book spine poetry, crystal paintings, finger puppet making, and story telling. Through this celebration, the school continues to remind us that even in the

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Ironman and Bumblebee can't believe seeing a gorgeous human being!

Hataw Sa Sayaw Para Sa Buwan Ng Wika

Edana Faye Marie D. Castañeros, 5F
Enrique Alonzo M. Timbol, 5B

Humataw sa sayaw ang buong Grade School Department ng De La Salle Zobel bilang pagtatapos ng pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika noong nakaraang buwan. Ang mga guro at mag-aaral ay nagsuot ng kasuotang Filipino noong ika-30 ng Agosto at sumayaw nang sabay-sabay sa halaw ng isang masayang Original Pilipino Music.

Maraming gawain na may kaugnayan sa selebrasyon ang ginawa sa unang pagkakataon, tulad ng pakikinig sa tagalog na salin ng Alma Mater Song (Himno ng De La Salle) na naisalin sa tulong ni Bb. Maritess Panaligan; at Angelus (Orasyon). Kapansin-pansin din ang pagbati ng "Magandang umaga" sa iba't-ibang diyalekto sa Pilipinas na naririnig ng komunidad bago mag-ikawalo ng umaga. Gayun din naman, sa unang pagkakataon masayang binuksan ang pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika sa Lower Grades.

Iba't-ibang gawain ang naganap mula Pre-Kinder hanggang ika-7 Baitang, tulad ng *Parangal sa mga Magulang* ng Pre-Kinder at Kinder, *Magulang Ko*, *Guro Ko* ng Unang Baitang, at *Tanghalang Musikal* ng ika-7 Baitang.

Ayon sa aming panayam kay Bb. Caloy Sabarre, guro sa ika-5 baitang at namuno



Ang ika-5 baitang ay masayang nanguna sa pagsayaw ng komunidad.

sa pagdiriwang, minsan pa pinatunayan ng komunidad ang kasabihang "Ang mabigat gumagaan pag napagtutuwaran."



Isa sa mga gawaing kinagiliwan ng mga Lasalyano ay ang pagtatanghal ng Integrated Performing Arts Guild.



Demonstrating concern for others, Ms. Lori and Ms. Sophie lead the students in packing relief goods.



DLSZ's Team Habagat flood the St. James, the Great Parish with relief goods for Habagat flood victims.

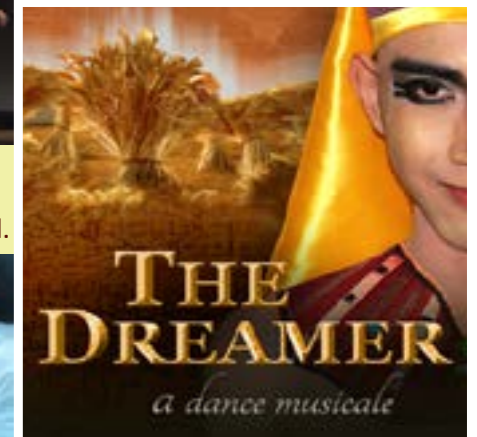
2 Days of Solidarity and Service for Habagat Flood Victims

Zachary Francis C. Cui, 7F

Br. Bernie Oca, FSC declared August 22 and 23 as Days of DLSZ's Institutional Solidarity and Service for Habagat flood victims. On the said dates the new school President led the Lasallian community in bringing relief goods to the flood victims. Administrators, teachers, office staff, students, alumni, and parents came to donate and pack goods.

The Filipino bayanihan spirit was overwhelming in DLSZ again. It was a delight to see adult Lasallians passing onto the young generation the spirit of volunteerism and concern for the marginalized.

Y.O. writers thumbs up for The Dreamer



Victoria R. Tsui, 6F

The Young Observer writers watched the dance musicale *The Dreamer* which was staged in Dasmariñas City from August 19-24, 2013.

Interviewing the director before the play was an amazing experience for our young writers. They even met the cast while preparing for their Saturday shows. The writers saw how the very creative and elaborate make up of the artists was done.

Thumbs-up to the organizers of this fabulous dance musicale. The costumes and make up, the stage design and props, the lights and sounds, and of course the choreography and acting of the cast were terrific.

A review of the said musicale will be published in the next issue of the Young Observer.



The dinner served by DLSZ volunteers brought joy to the flood victims in Tunasan evacuation center.

While going to the President's Office, I felt my heart pounding. Obviously, I was nervous and excited at the same time! Why not when in a few minutes, I would meet face-to-face De La Salle Zobel's new President, Br. Bernard S. Oca, FSC.

I knew that my first assignment as Y.O. writer was not a simple task. However, all my tensions as

video recorder. Read the interview below and meet DLSZ's new President: Br. Bernie Oca, FSC.

YO: How would you describe your first 100 days in DLSZ? Br. Bernie: I could say that it's a learning experience, especially that everything is new. I am still adapting to this kind of academic environment.

YO: When you were told that you would be assigned

often give me food and they insist that I get it! The staff and teachers and the administrators are very kind, efficient, and polite too.

YO: What changes should DLSZ expect in our school, especially that you are now the President?

Br. Bernie: It should take at least a year to see changes like improvements in traffic management; at the Saint La Salle Building where you

MEET THE NEW DLSZ PRESIDENT

By: EDGAR DESHER P. EMPEÑO, 7F

Br. Bernard Oca FSC

Co-producers: Zachary Francis C. Cui & Rheanne Angelica J. Mendoza, 7F

well as apprehensions disappeared when I realized that Br. Bernie (as he is fondly called) is actually friendly, approachable, and so warm.

When the very pleasant President, a man of wisdom and brilliance, answered my questions, the love of Jesus radiated on his face as he flashed a smile very often. In fact, before our interview, he even volunteered to write down his answers to our questions, but I told him that we had a

in our school, what was your initial reaction?

Br. Bernie: I was shocked, actually. Despite that, I made sure I finished my commitments in my previous school assignment- De La Salle University-Manila.

YO: What was your first impression of the School?

Br. Bernie: The students are courteous, very fun to be with, smart, and very generous. In fact, when I am at the canteen, the students

definitely see age not only in the walls and floors, but in the classrooms (except for the new PEARL classrooms) and restrooms as well.

YO: Many would say that our school is blessed with almost everything such as excellent facilities and so on. Being the new President, do you see anything lacking in our school?

Br. Bernie: DLSZ needs more space for new buildings and facilities, more iPad users in

Grade School and High School because PEARL users are limited to four batches. Soon it will be six, then eight, and so on until all of the students will be using iPads. Also, the teachers should finish their Master's degrees.

YO: Are you truly in favor of students using iPads in the classroom? Why?

Br. Bernie: Of course, especially now that we are in the era of technology. We have to blend and adapt to a new system of learning through the use of iPads.

YO: What are your thoughts on the new DepEd curriculum? If you were Br. Armin Luistro, the DepEd secretary, would you have done this overwhelming change as well? Why?

Br. Bernie: Well, K to 12 is long overdue...and if I were Br. Armin, I would have done this change as well because I think it is very much needed now...I am very supportive of Br. Armin, too.

YO: On a lighter side, what makes you happy?

Br. Bernie: Just seeing the students playing, seeing them happy and jolly makes me happy.

Y.O: Do you play sports? How do you spend your spare time, or what do you do to relax?

Br. Bernie: I do play sports. I play golf, but I'm not like

those golf experts who get hole in ones in every swing, but I'm a golf addict. Swimming is also my sport, and I am enrolled in a weightlifting program too. To relax, I watch movies. I also watch the UAAP games, I'm very supportive of the Lasallian sports teams.

YO: If you were a superhero, who would you want to be and why?

Br. Bernie: Actually, we don't need superpowers to become a hero, and I would want to be myself unless there is someone named Super Brother who teaches and helps the less fortunate.

YO: If you were the country's President, what problem would you solve first?

Br. Bernie.: Poverty is something I would solve first...I would provide for the people's sustainable needs.

YO: Finally, what is your message to the DLSZ community?

Br. Bernie: Since it is the year of faith, we should believe and strengthen our Christian faith.

Not everyday that an ordinary student is given this privilege to interview a Brother President. Surely, I will cherish this rare, precious experience of listening to a man of sense and sincerity.



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This cartoon depicts the sad reality that TV programs show more violence than needed. The sadder fact is the young audience now tends to become more interested in watching violence rather than watching educational, wholesome, and meaningful shows. They equate violence with thrill. The minds of the young population are getting filled with violence as they watch TV shows like wrestling or movies on cable channels. Even cartoons have gone violent these days. Tom and Jerry, Ben 10, Dragon Ball Z, even cartoon superheroes are filled with hurting and killing. Violence is watched and profanity is heard by even the youngest child watching TV.

This issue bothers me because I believe that whatever we fill the young minds now dictates their future, which then affects the future state of our nation. Enough to say that when our minds are planted with all sorts of violence, I won't wonder if in the future we see adults who do not respect the human rights of their neighbours.

In school, I noticed that boys sometimes physically hurt each other when they're in the mood

to have fun. They push or elbow each other, or even slap each other because they find the acts cool.

I'm sure that parents and teachers do not get tired of reminding us to behave well, but because television has got such a great impact in conditioning the minds of the viewers, it dictates the manner we treat our peers.

I sincerely hope that the government will seriously and strictly implement the law that does not permit violent TV shows to be aired. Also, I wish to see more educational TV programs that will develop in us that intrinsic love for learning.

I believe that our school has a significant role to play too. I hope that teachers will not get tired of emphasizing the importance of the kind of behaviour expected of us-gentle, meek, modest, polite and so on.

Most of all, it is my prayer that our parents themselves will avoid violence in our homes. I hope that they will take time to watch TV with us often and do other meaningful activities together. That way, we can bring back to our society a culture of kindness and peace.

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midst of digital revolution, reading is still fun.

Winners in the Poster Making Contest are Gabrielle Blessing Webb and Janelle Amber Sharp, 5D (Third Place); Claire Therese Joseph, 7I (Second Place); and Rhiannon Danielle Cushing, 7F (First Place).

The following are the winners in the Finger Puppet Making Contest: Jeanne Tuazon (4H), Wynona Advincula and Daryl Espiritu (4E), Bernice Del Rosario (4H), Javier De la Cruz and Erika Alpariz (4F).

In the Book Spine Poetry Contest, Casey Maranan and Clara Aminsalo (5E) brought home the bacon.



Br Martin himself welcomes the guests with the warmest Animo



Ms. Ruby Ramos, the Grade School Principal, welcomes the Lower Grades in the Book Fair Opening.



Learning from books and learning from the Brother President must be one unforgettable experience.



The little superheroes of the Lower Grades line up for books in the LRC.



Article by: Edgar Desher P. Empeno, 7F
Illustration by: Nathan Rafael V. Recto, 6I

The Philippines is visited by almost 26 tropical storms and typhoons in one year. During the rainy season, expect floods in many areas due to clogged canals, drainages and creeks. Flooded streets are a typical eye sore in the country. The thing is, floods greatly affect not only commuters but also us who ride our private vehicles!

Typhoons visit our country as early as the opening of classes in June. They bring strong winds and so much rain, causing floods. Floods now cause worst traffic, inconvenience and health risk to the general public- majority of which are commuters-and suspension of classes, even work especially in government offices.

Water-borne diseases such as leptospirosis (an infectious disease caused by bacteria from animal urine), typhoid fever, and hepatitis A become prevalent during the wet season, especially when streets are flooded for endless days.

Sometimes, even if there is no typhoon, outpour of heavy rain already results to serious flooding in many areas in Metro Manila. Isn't this situation alarming? Doesn't it tell us how dangerous our environment has become? Should we just wait for the government to act upon it? What can we do to resolve this crisis?

First of all, we are fully aware that garbage- especially plastic and Styrofoams- clog our canals, drainages, and creeks. Therefore, we should practice proper waste disposal. Let's reuse and recycle our garbage. The basic process of waste segregation should begin at home.

Currently, there is a good number of municipalities implementing the BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) order. In my opinion, this should become a law in the country, so that plastic garbage may be lessened to a large extent.

Moreover, we should plant trees and more trees to avoid

flash floods and soil erosions and landslides. Be involved in community tree-planting projects. The more trees we plant today, the safer we become in the future.

Another way we can preserve the environment is by discouraging our parents from changing and buying their electronic gadgets often. Did you know that it takes for companies to literally destroy mountains to answer the huge demand for copper which is an essential element in manufacturing iPads, mobile phones and other electronic gadgets?

And yet there is another practical way by which we can help to protect our environment from more ravage- avoid using straws and plastic spoons and forks and cups too next time we eat at our favourite fast food outlets.

I'm sure there are other ways we can think of to save our Mother Earth, but they are no good unless we take part in executing them.

To us Lasallians, caring for the Earth should not be a mere idea. Therefore, we should be actively involved in saving our environment from the worst and serious aftermath of industrialization.

We must do what we can today in order to give the future generations a still livable Earth.

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na sina Cholo Aguilar (5F)
and Lance Bersamina (5F)
na parehong tumanggap
ng Merit Prize Awards.

I am a Lasallian, May Pag-ibig sa Bayan

By: Steven Leroy M. Bulaong, 7F

“After all, we are both Asians.”

“China’s surveillance ships back at Scarborough Shoal”

I read that headline in the Inquirer portal as I surfed the net for this article. Then, I started to ask myself this question: What if the conflict between China and the Philippines becomes intense and leads to war?

I remember interviewing my lola for our project in Ms. Lori De Vera’s class last year. Ms. Lori was my teacher in Social Studies then. She had asked us to interview grandparents who experienced the brutality and devastating effects of World War II.

My lola narrated to me the haunting experience of her father, Timoteo Pelagio Paez Jr. during World War II. According to her, my great grandfather served as captain of a guerrilla troop during the Japanese Period. At that time, he was only 25 years old.

My lola will never forget becoming nomadic in the midst of war after their house was bombed by some Japanese soldiers. During the war he suffered from malnutrition and serious illness because food was very scarce. It was only fate that made him survive that horrible nightmare in history.

No one among us could imagine how worst the scenario could be if China and the Philippines choose to fight over the Scarborough Shoal no holds barred. It would be doomed for our country.

Looking at pertinent statistics, I learned that China’s available military manpower is about 700 million compared to the 50 million (maybe not even) of the Philippines. The Chinese have 21 destroyers and 68 submarines while we do not have even 1! They have 1 carrier, the Philippines has none! (Source: <http://www.braincontour.com/2011/06/26/chinese-navy-vs-philippine-navy-statistics-are-clear/>) Should I say more? Obviously, we cannot defend ourselves from China.

Now, what could happen if other countries like the United States get involved in this? We should expect another world war that can wipe out a huge fraction of the world’s population!

As Lasallians, we should be involved in this. What can we do when we are just ordinary Filipinos? Well, we can pray for our leaders and the Chinese government as well, that both nations will choose to protect each other. As young Christian men and women, I believe that we should take a serious commitment to pray for the leaders of both countries-that they may choose peace not war. After all, we are both Asians.

Gilas Pilipinas

Rheanne Angelica J. Mendoza, 7F

Noong ika-10 ng Agosto, gumuhit ng kasaysayan sa Federation of International Basketball Associations-Asia (FIBA) ang koponan ng Pilipinas nang talunin ng Gilas Pilipinas ang South Korea sa isang madamdaming laro.

Naging emosyonal ang mga manlalarong Pilipino sa pagtatapos ng nasabing laban dahil naghintay ang bansa ng 24 na taon bago magtagumpay sa South Korea at makabilang sa mga bansa na lalaro sa Spain para sa 2014 FIBA Basketball World Cup.



Ang emosyonal na Gilas Pilipinas matapos ang laro kontra South Korea

Pumatak ang luha sa Mall of Asia -Arena sa pagtatapos ng nasabing laro. Ang mga magigiting na basketbolistang Pinoy ay lumapit at yumakap sa kani-kanilang pamilya bilang pasasalamat sa suporta ng mga mahal sa buhay.

Tulad ng ating mga bakesbolista, matapang na hinarap ng ating pambato ang mga tanong sa isang mabigat na pagsubok sa kaalaman at tanghaling kampeonato sa 9th International Mathematics Contest na ginanap sa Singapore noong ika-2-3 ng Agosto. Kabilang sa pambato ng Pilipinas ang dalawang estuyante ng DLSZ

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Saint John Baptist De La Salle

Naja Lianne A. Ferrer, 7C

O Saint John, my patron!
You are an inspiration
To children in every nation
Especially the poor who need
education

As students, we aspire to
become like Saint John
Who strove hard
to be the best he can
The willingness to give a
helping hand
Should also be our greatest
stand

Every sibling is a blessing
And Saint John knew this-a sure
thing
Poor kids he treated as brothers
In his heart they are not just
others

Make our every step
worthwhile

Like Saint John Baptist De La
Salle

Who gave up his wealth for the
poor

Their welfare he made sure



Grade 5C are in a buzz session as they reflect on what it truly is to be a Christian.

Christian

ABC

7F

Christians are **A**miable

They read the **B**ible

They follow **C**hrist’s example

And hate the **D**evil

Christians **E**ndure sufferings

Faith in God sustains them

Good Samaritan, **H**umble

To them, nothing is **I**mpossible

Jesus is their Savior and **K**ing

Loving the **M**arginalized

Never negative, always
Optimistic

Persevering, never **Q**uit,
Resilient

Smile through challenges

Thankful at all times

Understanding, **V**alues others
more

Choose God’s **W**ay

eXcellent in behaviour

Always say **Y**es to Christ

Christians have **Z**est for
life

The poems on this page were composed by the Grade 7 students during their Lasallian Core Values (LCV) classes.

A Good Christian

Paolo Joaquin A. Villa, 7H

I will help others in need
Each day I’ll do a good deed
I will serve others
Whatever it takes it doesn’t
bother
I’ll aim as high as the clouds
To make my parents proud
After this I’ll be a man
And a good Christian



Sir Ronnie C. Miranda facilitates a group activity in his LCV class.

MAHALIN MO ANG BAYAN MO Isang Bayan, 7F

Ikaw ay Pilipino
Nakatira ka dito
Mahalin ang bayan mo
Tulad namin dito

Dito ka nakatira
Kaya tanggapin mo na
Ipagmalaki mong
Pilipino Ka

Dito ka manatili
Wag mong iwan Bayang
Iyong sinilangan
Manatili kang mabuti
Pagka’t yan ang iyong lahi



K+12=KPUP

That is the formula thought of by the DepEd Sec. Br.Armin Luistro in response to the Basic Education Act of 2013 which gave birth to **K to 12 Curriculum**.

experience in our system? First of all, the Kindergarten which used to be an optional level is now compulsory. Meaning, nobody moves up to Grade One without having finished Kindergarten here or any other

English. In schools where more students speak the mother tongue, the scenario is definitely different.

Another evident change caused by the Basic Education Act of 2013 is the grading system. In the previous years, teachers used to gauge our performance based on quizzes, long tests, seatwork, recitation, oral production, and periodic exam. With the K to 12, we will have **KPUP** as grading components. **K** stands for Knowledge (What do we need to know about a lesson?) **P** stands for Process (What are we capable of doing with what we know?) **U** means Understanding

(Are we able to synthesize, or summarize concepts, or make generalizations to show a deeper understanding of the lessons?) and the second **P** means Project and Performance (How capable are we in applying our knowledge in real-life situations as evidenced by a project?)

K+12=KPUP

By: **Cedric Joshua T. Atienza, 7F**

The much talked about curriculum basically added three years to the then ten years of basic education. And the additional three years are perceived to make Filipinos, even high school graduates, globally competitive.

According to President Aquino, the overwhelming overhaul in the country's educational system will make the Filipinos at par with graduates in other countries.

Now that De La Salle Zobel has embraced the K to 12 Curriculum, what are the essential changes we should

schools. Grades Eleven and Twelve are also compulsory. Therefore, we spend one year in Kindergarten, six years in grade school, and another six years in high school. The first four years in high school (Grades 7-10) comprise the Junior High while Grades 11-12 are the Senior High years.

The Act also requires schools to use as medium of instruction the language which majority of the students speak. That explains why English is the medium of instruction in DLSZ. If you noticed, all our subjects (except Filipino) are taught in

The new grading system affects the way we learn and do things in the classroom. Now, assessments and other classroom tasks are more challenging as we are required most of the time to apply our critical thinking skills. We process and analyze information a lot.

Now, whether we are ready for these changes is not the question. The more essential question is this: Will the K+12 formula truly solve the problem on Filipinos' globally incompetent skills?

Yo Lasallians! Since it's a new academic year, we thought of making a list of the things teachers want to tell students and vice versa. We hope that you will find them helpful in building strong relationships with each other.

STUDENTS SAY...

1. Please don't be strict.
2. Please be patient.
3. Please be kind always.
4. LPG (Let's Play Games).
5. Please don't shout. TIE (Take It Easy)
6. Life is short. Please LOL.
7. Please dismiss us early.
8. Please smile always.
9. YOLO (You Only Live Once). Please enjoy life.
10. We're still kids.
11. #YOLOswag (Freedom!)

By: Dean Adhiel B. Angelia and Fiennes Ting, 5C

TEACHERS SAY...

1. Be polite.
2. Be honest.
3. Be responsible.
4. Be kind.
5. Smile.
6. Practice CLAYGO.
7. Think before you act.
8. Greet teachers and other school personnel.
9. Teachers are humans.
10. Offer everything to God.

"Life is like a piano-the tune depends on how you play it."

By : Zachary Francis C. Cui, 7F:

Erin Joy D. Trivino is a natural born artist. This attractive lass from 7F has been drawing since she was young. She draws Anime and Manga most of the time because she has been a fan of Japanese cartoons ever since she moved here in the Philippines.

The multi-talented young lady who draws depending on her mood is also a good singer, a pianist and saxophone player too. According to her, "Life is like a piano-the tune depends on how you play it."



The Young Observer seeks to discover more talents in our school. If you know a student who is a gifted artist, please let us know through youngobserver1213@gmail.com.

CHALK TALK

"... what matters most is not what is written on a piece of paper but what is embedded in our hearts..."

-Teacher Margot

By: Joshua Rich G. Valentin 7F



Truly, it was a great honour for me to have been given the chance to have a "chalk talk" with a woman whose kind is rare to find.

A Teacher's Wish



May we all learn, through experience and involvement, the true meaning of Lasallian education, more than just what is written on our Vision-Mission Statement; that we recognize with eyes wide open the little things; that we make learning possible not only in the classroom but wherever we may be; that quality education be accessible to everyone, even those who are financially handicapped, and that those who can afford it don't put it to waste; that in these fast-changing times, technology and innovation may aide us in reaching higher levels of educational standards without sacrificing the quality of learning or stifling our creativity and imagination; that students, teachers and other Lasallian partners continue to work together and inspire each other through constant communication and team work; that Faith, Service and Communion be always evident in everything that we do, wherever we may go; that we find joy in learning, pleasure in helping others, and feel a sense of satisfaction in challenging ourselves on a regular basis...because at the end of the day, what matters most is not what is written on a piece of paper but what is embedded in our hearts. Animo La Salle!

-Teacher Margot

"A woman has to have intelligence, charm, a sense of humour, and kindness," says French actress and UNESCO ambassador Catherine Deneuve.

I was very fortunate to have been given this assignment to interview and write an article about this teacher who has it all-wit, sense of humour, charm, and kindness. Add to those qualities her beauty!

A Lasallian through and through, as Br. Bernie Oca puts it, Ms. Margot Pantoja-Sabitsana studied here in De La Salle Zobel from Junior Prep until High School. (Why not when their house is just a stone's throw away from DLSZ?) Then, she pursued a degree in

Basic Education at De La Salle University-Manila.

Although Ms. Margot helps in the family business, she believes that kids are her business and the school is her world. Hence, she came back here to teach, and take note of this: she is proud to be called a teacher!

Teacher Margot to her cute and energetic pupils, our featured faculty member teaches Reading in Kindergarten.

In my interview with Teacher Margot, she fondly reminisced her wonderful and colourful memories as a DLSZ student. She shared that a lot has changed over the years-from the physical structure of the

school to the academic program and the tools used in the classroom. Technology, she said, has done a great impact on her Alma Mater. And that makes her miss the simplicity of this school.

This once simple school was a witness to the puppy love between Ms. Margot and her former batch mate who is now her forever love- Mr. Edgardo Sabitsana who presently works as a pilot at Philippine Airlines. They are blessed with two beautiful children.

When asked of the one thing she is grateful for as a Lasallian, her sincere reply was her Christian values.

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JUANdering JUAN

Who Is Maestro Pepe?

By: Joshua Rich G. Valentin 7F



Maestro Pepe a.k.a. Dr. Jose P. Rizal. I "JUANDer" if you know these facts about him.

Did you know that he was bullied by a boy named Pedro? When Pedro challenged Pepe to a fistfight, our national hero used the wrestling skills he learned from his Uncle Miguel. He won and gave Pedro a dose of his own medicine!

A precocious child, Pepe composed his first literary piece-a poem entitled "Sa Aking Mga Kababata"-at the age of 8. The said masterpiece reflects Pepe's fervent love for his native language.

Do you blog? Rizal did! He would write about interesting foodies that he had tasted in many of his travels. He would even draw how a particular delicacy looked like when it was served to him.

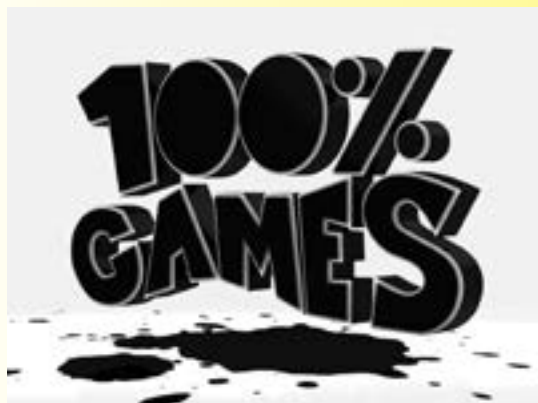
Hmmm...this one is truly interesting! Did you know that

our hero was fond of playing the lottery? One time, he won Php6,000. The lucky number? 9736. The generous man gave his father and his friend a portion of his stake, then he used the rest of his money to buy a piece of agricultural land in Talisay, Batangas.

I learned that Maestro Pepe built a school in Dapitan where he himself was the teacher. I "JUANDer" if he was a cool teacher or a strict one. Well, these I know: Maestro Pepe would jokingly pinch his students who would not be able to answer his questions! Also, with fourteen students our Maestro built a dam in Dapitan using burned shells and bricks. Now, I call that brilliant!

Before embracing his death, Jose Rizal was reported to be in a peaceful state. Surely, he was willing to die for the country, because for him, dying for one's country is dying with dignity.

That's Maestro Pepe a.k.a. "Cool Hero".



Edgar Desher P. Empeño, 7F

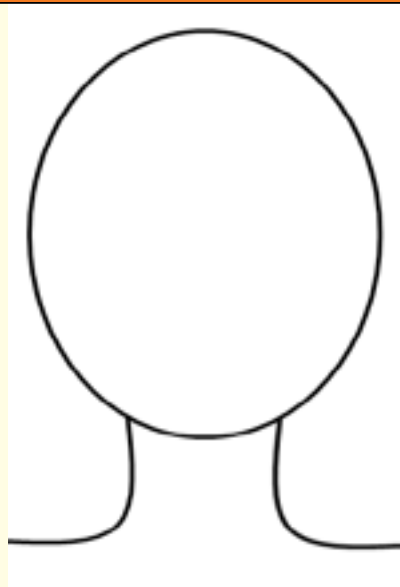


On one full moon NBI agent Jose Isip was in his house sitting by the window. All of a sudden a ball came crashing through the window, breaking it. He got up and looked out the window just in time to see three neighbourhood teens who were brothers run around a corner. Their names were Lito Luzviminda, Pedro Luzviminda, Basyong Luzviminda.

The following day, Jose Isip received a note that read "712 Luzviminda". He broke your window."

Q: Who is the culprit? Why?

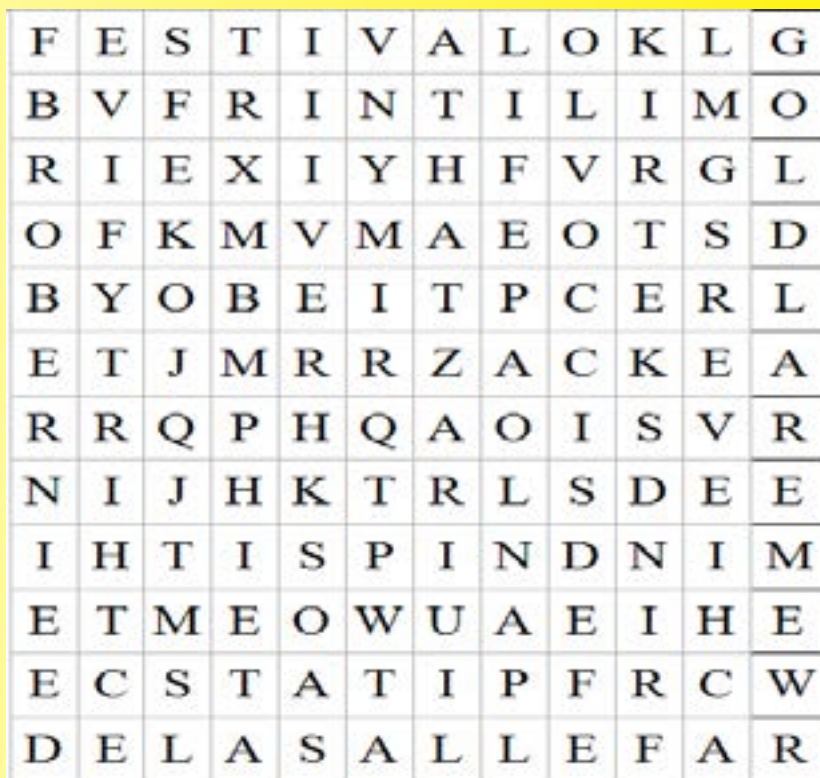
Anime, anyone?



WORD SEARCH

Edgar Desher P. Empeño, 7F

De La Salle KPUP achievers fair
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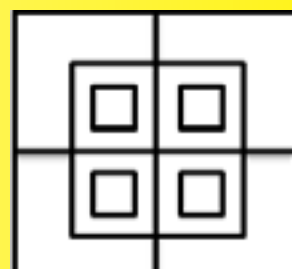


SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Nathan Rafael V. Recto, 6I



Check the Squares



pick-up
line



SABON ka ba?

BAKIT?

Kasi I'm SOAPer
amazed sa yo!