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Preparing for High School

by Kate Louise A. Leyva

High school. One of the most memorable experiences in one’s life. Now, you may be wondering, “What will it be like? Will there be a lot of changes?” We’ve all been there. Dreaming and daydreaming what it could be like in high school. Sometimes you may be happy or sad with your imaginary scenarios.

Well, to demystify the place we call “high school”, here’s some really good tips that came straight from high school teachers and students.

WHAT’S IT LIKE?

You might think it’s a big change, and you’ll be in a whole new world! According to some high school students, they say that at first you may be overwhelmed with the whole complex high school setting. You really have to be attentive in lessons. Compared to grade school, teachers are stricter. So, expect that homework is a must-do and you may not get as many considerations or extended due dates anymore. At least, not often.

HOW MUCH WILL I CHANGE?

If this is something you ask yourself about high school, take it from the high school teachers. According to them, high school drains you. A LOT. So, you probably won’t have a whole lot of energy, unlike right now. They also attribute that to maturity. When you get to high school, students become more independent and more behaved. According to high school students, high school is very draining and tiring with the amount of school work given. If you want to prepare now, you have to learn to be more responsible with your academics.

WHAT IS IN STORE??

Lastly, what’s in store for us? In high school, you’ll be preparing for your life ahead. You have your future almost right in front of you. It’s within reach. You can still have fun but you also have to know when to be serious. It’s a very memorable experience in one’s life.

While you are young and still in grade school, make each day count!

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ANIMOSAIC: Humans of St. La Salle

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Imagine at least 3,198 Lasallian Achievers all under the heat of the sun forming the face of St. John Baptist De La Salle! What a spectacular view from above!



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The memorable activity entitled “ANIMOSAIC: Humans of St. La Salle” held last July 3, 2019, at the DLSZ Football Field was celebrated as a loving remembrance of the 300th death anniversary of St. John Baptist De La Salle, our beloved founder of the La Salle schools.

This amazing Animosaic showed the face of St. La Salle through the raising of many umbrellas with different colors, showering the field with joy and excitement. The participants, all in white and few green shirts, performed the Mob Dance, dancing to the tune of “One Heart, One Commitment, One Life” choreographed by the GS SRCC and Sir Kristian Kagahastian.

According to Ms. Evangeline “Vangie” De Peralta, the Director for Lasallian Formation and Mission Department, the school-wide activity was formed out of the “community spirit” of the whole Lasallian family. The execution of the formation didn’t work like a charm, Ms. Vangie said, yet the drones captured every single moment perfectly.

Despite all the complications in terms of the moody weather and the difficulty of moving three thousand individuals to execute the formations, the Animosaic was a huge success. It was truly a Lasallian Community participated in not only by the students and teachers, but even by the janitors, caretakers, fetchers, nannies, and security guards. With everyone’s cooperation, enthusiasm and patience, this ambitious program started and ended with a bang!

Ms. Vangie shared that she would love to plan more activities like this to awaken our Animo Spirit.

All in all, this extreme but significant activity was a big accomplishment in the history of DLSZ. It is and will always be an inspiration to all of us and yes, it was all worth it in the end.

Animo La Salle!



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Moving Towards the Future of Education

by Francis Alessandro C. Narciso

Do you see yourself as an app developer? How about a web designer? Maybe you imagine yourself with your own YouTube channel with a million subscribers.

As a response to the changing demands of the future, De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ) implemented the Next Generation Blended Learning Program which integrates the use of technology through the use of mobile learning devices (MLD) with learning.

According to Ms. Winona Y. Diola, Grade School Education Technology (EdTech) Coordinator, the school decided to use the MLD in 2012 under then Brother President, Br. Dennis Magbanua. The students are bored in the classroom. The teaching style of the teachers and the learning style of the students are not meeting halfway. When technology was introduced in the classroom, students became more engaged and empowered with their learning. They first tested the MLD with the 2012 grade 4 and grade 7 batch.

Ms. Winnie further shares that using the MLD is not just about not needing to write or not bringing big bags anymore. It's so students can be prepared for future careers. In the future, it's more about creativity, critical thinking, and coordinating with others. All these skills students are able to find real world application of with technology use.

Responsible MLD Use

by Gwyneth Irene O. Tenio

As a new student in DLSZ, I was thinking of how I can effectively use my mobile learning device (MLD) and at the same time protect myself in its use. I was lucky I got the chance to interview Grade School Ed Tech Coordinator, Ms. Winona Diola, about this and I picked up a lot of helpful tips.



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Only use the MLD with the teacher's supervision and when instructed. That means you shouldn't be using your MLD during breaks and other times without your teacher's permission.

Teachers make use of the Apple classroom app so that they would know what the students are using during class. So beware! This also makes sure that you will not be entering other virtual worlds without the teachers' supervision.

Remember that whatever you leave in the virtual world, it will be there forever. That's why you need to think before you click or before you post anything online

You shouldn't use it for gaming. In fact, remove your gaming apps. This can be distracting to actual classroom activities.

You have to make sure that you have a very strong password and you don't share your password to anyone.



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It Started with a Joke: “Storm Area 51; They Can’t Stop All of Us”

by Vitto Lorenzo B. Bisuña

A Facebook page called “Storm Area 51, They Can’t Stop All of Us” was posted, with the “raid” dated on September 20, 2019, and it spread like wildfire on social media sites and platforms, like Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, and Reddit.

The gist of this whole page was that they were going to raid Area 51, a United States Air Force facility within the Nevada Test and Training Range, “to see them aliens”. It was meant as a joke. However, the page had already blown up before Facebook deleted the post.

Matthew Roberts, the creator of the Facebook page said that it wasn’t meant to harm anybody, as it is a joke. With 2 million Facebook users signing up for the event , the joke didn’t seem so funny anymore. Area 51 is a top secret facility, raising suspicion that extraterrestrial life is hidden in the vicinity.

It is really astounding how thousands of us on the Internet are teaming up to raid this top secret facility. It just goes to show how quickly information is shared in this age of techonology and how easily it can go out of hand when we are not careful.

Grade School Celebrates National Book Week last July 15-19



Teachers and students dress up as book characters for the National Book Week Celebration.

by Isabelle Serene Pongos

The 36th National Children’s Book Week Celebration was held at the De La Salle Zobel School last July 15 to 19. The weeklong affair was hosted by the Learning Resource Center.

As part of the festivities, the book fair was opened. Students are able to browse and buy books that they find interesting during their break time.

There was also the Book Character Dress-Up day where students came to school in their wonderful costumes inspired by characters from books or movies.

Many students participated in this event with a goal to encourage and promote a love for reading.

“I think it’s fun,” said Angelo Sibug, a Grade 4 student.

Buwan ng Wika, Buwan ng Saya!



BRaFeNHS students and Musikawayan performed while students came in colorful Philippines costumes during the opening program of Buwan ng Wika.

by Rafa Sarfati and Danica Co

The Grade School celebrated the opening of Buwan ng Wika at the Sports Pavilion last August 2, 2019.

Buwan ng Wika was very interesting and fun. There were so many colorful costumes representing different regions in the Philippines.

The program began with the first Friday Mass and Opening Remarks given by Lasallian

brothers. This was followed by presentations by Luntiang Dagitab Dance Troupe, the Musikawayan, and a song performance by Saisha Rae Masirag of 6F.

Then, the highlight of the event happened. We did the mob dance. From kids as young as kinder to administrators, everyone was dancing in unison. We were practicing the mob dance for several days.

After the program, we

returned to our classrooms, watched a movie and finally enjoyed our salu-salo of Filipino delicacies like barbecue, chicharon, pastillas, pichi-pichi, mango sago, and so much more. Sadly, classes got suspended in the afternoon. There were games lined up but we didn’t get to do it anymore since students were sent home. Despite this, it was an enjoyable opening program.

The Symphonic Band: The Avengers

by Chanelle Marie C. Tan 6C, contributor



Photo by the DLSZ Symphonic Band

Everyone has a passion that motivates them.

We, the grade school and selected high school members of the DLSZ Symphonic Band, showcased our interests and talents in the club promo last June 24, 2019. The band is under the mentorship of Ms. Nena L. Chavez and Sir Linwell H. Lalic.

We were all incredibly excited for the event since it was the first performance of this

year. The grade school band hasn’t performed in front of many large crowds since we’re all relatively new to playing but, I think we did well.

The audience liked the performance, hence the standing ovation. A part of their appreciation towards our playing could be due to the fact that we played the opening theme of Avengers, a piece composed by Allan Silvestri and arranged by Robert Longfield. It’s a song that is wildly known not only in my batch, but also in the entirety of the grade school.

All of the practice that we did suddenly became worth it once we heard the applause that filled the pavilion. It’s moments like that that remind me, this is what we worked for. It really is such an honour to be a part of the GS Club Promo and I’m glad that I got to participate.



Photo by the DLSZ Symphonic Band

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“Spider-Man: Far From Home” Review

by Christian Ezra Webb

Spider-Man: Far From Home is the second Spider-Man movie starring Tom Holland as the famous web slinger in the Marvel cinematic universe. It begins 5 years later continuing the timeline after the Avengers defeated Thanos in Endgame.

I really like the movie because the setting is not only in one location. When school ends in the year 2024, Peter and his friends go on a summer field trip to Europe. In fact, Peter's group went from one country to another, battling monster elementals at the same time. It gives the movie a bigger and better feel than the first one which was mostly set in New York.

In the middle of he battling a water elemental, Peter meets Mysterio, a superhero who introduced himself as coming from another dimension. Overwhelmed by the responsibility of being the hero in the absence of Tony Stark, Peter decides to give Edith (Stark's shades which can basically control Stark's entire defense computer technology) to Mysterio. As the movie progresses, Mysterio turns out to be the villain, which is another reason why I give this movie a thumbs up.

Mysterio's an interesting villain. He uses nice holograms to trick Spider-Man; Peter has difficulty knowing what's real from the illusion. It's also interesting that he doesn't have super powers at all. He was just a former employee of Stark Industry who got fired after Tony Stark insulted his life's work.

I'd give this movie a 10/10.

Brigada Eskwela

by Athena Christianne Hortaleza, contributor
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Before summer 2019 ended, the Student Representative Coordinating Council (SRCC) contributed to an activity that aims to help our partner public school, Bayanan Elementary School. My friends and I decided to join Brigada Eskwela not just because it's something we have to do as an SRCC officer, but also because we wanted to do something good during summer break that will benefit others.

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What did we do in this activity and how exactly did we help? Brigada Eskwela is an annual program held by the Department of Education (DepEd) every two weeks before the start of classes. In this event, the SRCC officers cleaned and repainted the stairs of the school.

This might look like a lot of work and you're probably asking, why would I want to do this if I could just stay at home? Well yes, it was very tiring but it was really fun and knowing that a lot of people could benefit from it is a good thing.

After Brigada Eskwela, I realized that we are so lucky we get to go to a good school that has fieldmen and kuya janitors who do the repair and cleaning of our classrooms before our school opening. Sometimes we forget that not everyone has a school like that and we should be grateful.



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