

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****Exam Period Arrangements**

During the exam period (9<sup>th</sup> December – 20<sup>th</sup> December) the boarding house will remain open for boarders to study. The dormitories and prep rooms will be a place of quiet. Noisier activities will be limited to the 4/F common rooms or outside the boarding house.

Apart from being open during the day for quiet study, the boarding school will run a normal timetable with the exception of evensong, mentor meetings and a late night study room, as indicated below:

**Mon – Fri during exam period**

6:50am – rising bell

7:20am – morning inspection

7:30am – breakfast

8:00am – 5:30pm – dorms open for quiet study (rooms may need to be vacated briefly for cleaning, ~30mins.)

11:30am – morning prayer

12:35pm – lunch (available until late for those with exams over normal lunch period)

5:30pm – Prep 1, assemble in prep rooms for registration (except Fri)

7:00pm – Dinner (Fri at 6pm)

7:45pm – Prep 2 (except Fri)

8:45pm – PAT 2 (5/F, 6/F and 4/F prep rooms remain a quiet area) (except Fri)

8:45pm – 11:30pm – 401 quiet study room open; G9 – U6 only after 10:20pm (Start 3:30pm on Fri)

10:20pm – Lights out 6/F (all G7 & G8 students in their own rooms)

10:30pm – Lights out 5/F

The boarding school will remain closed between 12pm Saturdays and 6pm Sundays during this period, except by arrangement with the Warden.

**Last Call for Room Changes!**

On 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December, the boarding school will be hosting room changes. Boarders who wish to change rooms must apply in writing by Friday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Details and a template letter are available on the boarding website: <http://sites.google.com/site/dbsboarding>

**Soccer Team Victory**

Congratulations to our victorious DBS soccer team! The boarding community is home to a number of soccer team members as well as members from the basketball, badminton, cross-country, handball, hockey, volleyball and other DBS teams. Well done to all for putting in such a great effort so far!

**Christmas Dinner & Party Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

The annual Christmas dinner and party will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. At 7pm, a traditional Christmas dinner will be served. Then the Christmas treasure hunt will take place at 9pm. All boarders are expected to be present by 8:30pm in order to take part in the treasure hunt.

**GARDEN FETE BOARDERS' STALL** by Jason Lee (G7)

The School Fete was held successfully on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 and we had our first boarders' stall in the dormitory! We had five game stalls: rainbow throwing, bottle pulling, ball throwing, can throwing and fishing(lucky draw), a selling stall on 3/F lift lobby, a open dormitory visit on 6/F, and a café on 8/F. Also, we had a music performance on 8/F, too.

All guests, including our headmaster, Mr. Terence Chang, old boys, students and their family felt excitement and enjoyment in our stalls.

Here, we need to say thanks to all boarders who gave out help for our stall. THANK YOU!

**NEWSLETTER TEAM RECRUITMENT**

Got ideas? Want to write an article? Photographer? Editor? Illustrator? Any boarders interested in helping to write articles or being a part of making this monthly newsletter should see Mr. Chiu. Creative and Service credits available of course!

### ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT CELEBRATION

The night of Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November was a celebration for St. Andrew's day. The boarder's dining pavilion was transformed into Scotland, with tartan drapery, a traditional meal, Scottish music and even a Scotsman in a kilt!

After our authentic meal of Scotch broth, steak pie, mashed "neeps and tatties" and clottie dumpling dessert, boarders were offered fruit in the form of a traditional apple duke – they had to spear apples bobbing in water with a fork aimed from between their teeth. Hats off to the chefs and Asia Pacific Catering for the wonderful experience!



Clottie dumpling and custard



Scottish dancing – "Dashing White Sergeant"

Later in the evening, boarders had a choice of celebrating St. Andrew's the Scottish way. Those that came down to celebrate in the gym played a number of games (balloon tower building and "hot potato") and finished off with learning to dance the "Dashing White Sergeant" – a traditional Scottish dance. This upbeat ceilidh intertwined groups of three in a spinning, clapping and mingling escapade around the dance floor. Given the high tempo and complexity of the dance, it was a real accomplishment for our boarders to learn it within five minutes, even if it did involve sometimes ending up with your bottom on the floor! This ended with dancers getting to taste Irn-Bru – a Scottish soft drink.

All in all it was an enjoyable evening for everyone that participated. A big thank you to Rev. Robertson, Mr. K Lau and the caterers for their month-long effort in organizing the event!

#### MUSICAL APPRECIATION - CINDERELLA by Jason Lee (G7)

On 25<sup>th</sup> of November, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Zen, Eugene Yeung, the chairman of Creative Cultural Club and several junior boarders enjoyed the famous musical – *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella* in Hong Kong Cultural Centre Grand Theatre. The romantic musical is starred by Lea Salonga. Here are some comments from the viewers:

**Mr. Robertson:**

*"I thought the show was well staged and light-hearted. It was great fun, especially the step sisters. Also, the musical had a happy ending, of course."*

**Jason Lee:**

*"It is not just romantic, but also funny. Gags in the show made me felt relaxed. This is the first time I watch a musical which is spoken in English and it is easy to watch because Cinderella is a famous story."*

**Alex Yue:**

*"Some parts are very funny in the musical, but some parts are wretched. The plot becomes more real with the live music performance. Also, the English is very easy to understand because the actors spoke clearly."*

**Mr. Zen:**

*"I thought the staging of the show was very good, because it had cool lighting and shadow effects. Also, the mouse puppets were very funny."*

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