

## **Annual Report of SSCPSPTA for 2018-19**

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) has organized and arranged a variety of activities over the year. I am so proud and blessed to work with an amazing group of parents and teachers executive committee this year. The work of the PTA would not have been so successful without the support and participation of parent volunteers and the members of the St. Stephen's College Preparatory School (SSCPS).

### ***Parents' Lunch***

A luncheon for Grade 1 to Grade 6 parents was held on 24 September 2019 for parents to get to know each other and to share their parenting experience, as well as their kids' lives at SSCPS. This year, we had 299 parents joined the luncheon and it reached the highest attendant on record. We are pleased to have Dr Agnes Wai joined us and shared her insights with parents. Class Representatives were announced during the lunch gathering.

### ***Hug Hug Teachers' Day***

This school year's Hug Hug Teachers' Day was held at school on 11 October 2019. There was "Hug Hug" time on the playground where students showed their appreciation and gratitude by giving their teachers a big hug and presenting them with paper roses.

### ***Parent-Child Community Service***

We have continued to perform elderly home visits in Sai Wan Ho district operated by YWCA Ming Yue District Elderly Community Centre on 11 November 2018. The parents and students learnt how to help the elderly feel loved and cared for during home visits and presentations of gifts (noodles and daily personal care products). The event received a very good response with more than 239 applicants registered and we could accommodate most of participants. Priority was also given to SSCPS Grade 3-6 students and allotments were drawn by SSCPS accordingly.

### ***Family Fun Day***

The annual Family Fun Day was held on 9 December 2018 at the school football pitch. Unlike last year, the weather was cold and rainy prior to the event day. We were so blessed to have cool weather with a little breeze on the event day which was the perfect weather for this very special annual activity. This year, we incorporated the theme of STEM into our Family Fun Day, which aligned with the series of STEM education activities of which our school was carrying out. We also encouraged every participant of the event to "Bring Your Own Utensils" and water bottle to enjoy tasty food and drinks at the food kiosk. It was a great success with record numbers achieved in all aspects including both the number of tickets sold (2,354 tickets and over HK\$159,000 in ticket revenue) and the number of participants (1,752 participants). The kids had great fun bouncing on the giant inflatables, and playing at the game booths that were run by the parents of individual classes. We received cash and gift sponsorships from more than 80 families, and were able to raise around HK\$330,000 for the event and a total net income of more than HK\$420,000 from the Family Fun day was transferred to our Charity and Education Development Fund for donation to the needy and for the school to use on the children development programmes and facilities upgrades. Thanks must go to Dr Agnes Wai, all the teachers, school supporting staff and parent volunteers for the great support and enthusiasm which made the event so successful!

### ***Gifts Transfer Programme***

This year, we have collected over 200 gift items from all grades following the Chinese New Year in early February 2019, and they were donated to the People's Food Bank of St. James' Settlement. It is so great that our children are so ready to share the joy of festive food with those in need.

### ***Parents' Seminars***

Two parents' seminars were successfully held for SSCPS parents. The first seminar was conducted on 28 March 2019 by Mr. Rex Wu, head of HealthyMind Parents Academy on the topic "Positive Parenting at Home" and 74 parents attended. The second seminar was held by Dr Allan Yuen, associate professor of The University of Hong Kong on the topic "Nurturing the Digital Generation" on 23 May 2019 with 70 parents attended.

### ***Joint Schools Event – Tea gathering with SSC parents and SSCPS Grade 5& 6 parents***

The 2-hour tea gathering was catered for Grade 5 & 6 parents who wished to gain an insight from existing SSC parents was held in the evening of 8 April 2019 at the "Frites Belgium on Tap" restaurant in Central. The event received very positive responses with 76 parents of SSCPS and SSC attended. We were privileged to have Ms Carol Yang and Mr Gordon Wong answering questions from the parents on the event day.

### ***Joint Schools Event – Celebration for SSC and SSCPS music and sports achievements***

The PTA co-organised an "One Student One Ice-cream" event for all students, teachers and supporting staff with SSC PTA, Friends of SSCPS and the Alumni Association to celebrate the school's music and sport achievements on 23 May 2019. We were glad to see a lot of happy faces on our students and special thanks to the executive committee members (Exco) of AA, both PTAs and Friends of SSCPS for sponsoring the ice-cream in this event.

### ***Students' Seminar***

We were glad to invite the local not-for-profit organization, EcoDrive Hong Kong which had been released an award-winning documentary film "A Plastic Ocean" about Hong Kong's plastic problem for our Grade 3 to Grade 5 students on 24 June 2019. Ms Sherry Fung Wong, co-founder of the organization explained and facilitated discussions about the film with all attending students. She hoped that the film would provide inspiration for the next generations to rethink their consumer choices and reduce their single-use plastic consumption.

### ***Souvenirs to PTA members***

As a token of appreciation for joining the PTA, a set of stainless straws was given to each of the student member in June this year. For teacher members, power bank chargers were presented as gifts to the teacher representatives by the PTA Exco and student representatives at the year-end assembly on 27 June 2019.

### ***Newsletter***

Two issues of the PTA newsletter were published in November 2018 and June 2019. Besides reporting on PTA and school events (including overseas tours), teachers, parents and students were invited to write for the newsletter on a particular subject or share their experiences at the PTA and school activities. The newsletter also reported on students' achievements in various external competitions.

### ***Graduation Yearbook***

This was the eighth year that the PTA coordinated the production of the graduation yearbook for Grade 6 which records the precious moments and happy memories of their school as well as those boarding lives at SSCPS.

### ***e-Time Capsule***

As in previous years, we also facilitated the formation of a working committee for the e-Time Capsule project among Grade 6 parents. Besides this, we have started to liaise with the parent representatives of students who graduated in this year from 2012 to 2018 to arrange our inaugural 10-year graduation gathering which will be scheduled to launch out in 2021.

### ***SSC and SSCPS Music Concert***

Following on from the great success of the Parents' Choir performance at the School's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert last year, we have jointly organized with the SSCPTA and Friends of SSCPS the holding of a "SSC & SSCPS Parents' Choir Performance" at Music Concert on 11 July 2019. We are honoured to have the presence of both principals, Dr Agnes Wai and Ms Carol Yang to perform with almost 100 present and past parents in the event day. It was joyful and memorable to share with the precious moment and enjoy the magic of music.

### ***Charity and Education Development Fund***

This year, HK\$ 485,578 raised at the Family Fun Day and the YWCA Elderly Home Visit Community Service was transferred to the Charity and Education Development Fund. Donations were made from this Fund to the charities and into our school:

- School facilities and children development programmes (HK\$300,000)
- School English Debate Competition (HK\$1,000)
- SSC & SSCPS Music Concert (HK\$ 15,000)
- YWCA (HK\$28,900)
- Raffles tickets for charities (HK\$ 2,000)

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