

Annual Report of SSCPSPTA for 2020-21

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 PTA members of St. Stephen's College Preparatory School (SSCPS).

Games Day

Although annual PTA Family Fun Day could not be launched during the school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we worked with the teachers for organising Games Day for our children on 25th, 26th & 27th November 2020 (for G4-G6) and 14th, 17th & 18th May 2021 (for G1-G3). For senior grade students, we arranged various outdoor mass games and experience training tasks for them. G4 & G5 student showed interest for participating in the STEM game by using recycled materials for designing and making parachute. G6 student experienced the developing countries daily life through barefoot walk activity. For junior grade students, they enjoyed playing eight game booths and getting gifts according to different degree of game achievement. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all parent volunteers who have put in their creativity and time in preparing for and manning the game booths and gifts booths. We were so blessed to have perfect weather for the special Games Day. It was a great success achieved in all aspects including children's enjoyment and parents' involvement. Thanks must also go to Dr Agnes Wai, Wong sir, Lo sir, Tsui sir, Ms Carol Chan, school supporting staff and parent volunteers for the great support and enthusiasm which made the event so successful!

Parents' Seminars

Two parents' seminars for SSCPS parents were successfully held during this school year. The topic of first seminar was "Be Prepared: The Thriving Adolescent". Since our child will soon enter into a challenging time of adolescence, we had to be prepared to cope with the rapid changes of the society leading into a very different way of living and intergeneration modes of learning as well as modes of thinking. The seminar was delivered by Dr Alman Chan Siu Cheuk, the Principal of Christian Zheng Sheng College, on 9th December 2020 at School Campus TV Room. This is our first time for hosting the online seminar. Very positive response rate was achieved with 160 parents attended due to easy access by parents via Zoom arrangement.

The second seminar for SSCPS parents was held on 26th March 2021 by a specialist in Ophthalmology, Dr. Kendrick Shih, who was also an Assistant Professor of the Department of Ophthalmology, LKS Faculty of Medicine of The University of Hong Kong on the topic "How to Protect Our Children's Eyesight during COVID-19" with 146 parents attended via Zoom.

Zoom Gathering with SSC Parents and SSCPS Grade 4-6 Parents

Although the traditional tea gathering was changed to Zoom gathering under the pandemic, overwhelming response was obtained from Grade 4 to 6 parents, with 161 parents joining the gathering in the evening of 30th March 2021. We were delighted to have Ms Carol Yang, Dr Wai and SSC parents from both IB and DSE stream gathered at the School Campus TV Room sharing their insights about the College's academic and school life. Special thanks also go to the school I.T. supporting team.

Gifts Transfer Programme

This year, we had requested parents to donate and send gift items to the People's Food Bank of St. James' Settlement following the Chinese New Year in late February 2021. It was great that our children were so ready to share the joy of festive food with those in need.

Special gifts to all teachers, staff and students

Year 2020 had been a challenging year for everyone. The “Alliance” comprising SSC Alumni Association, SSC PTA, SSCPS PTA and Friends of SSCPS launched a charity sale of St Stephen’s disposal face masks this year. The organising committee had prepared for two stylish designs of face masks (one colourful scheme and one grey monotone scheme) as special gifts to all school teachers, staff and students of both the College and Preparatory School and as charity sale for school parents and alumni in limited quantities. The “Alliance” received an overwhelming response and all masks were sold out quickly. The excess profits after deducting the production cost were fully donated to the St Stephen’s Foundation.

Souvenirs to PTA members

As a token of appreciation for joining the PTA, we presented drawstring bags of their own house mascot to all student and teacher members in June this year. Special thanks to the school for sharing of nice house mascot graphics design.

Newsletter

One issue of the PTA newsletter was released in June 2021. It featured an interview by Campus TV student reporters with the School Principal and PTA Chairman as the headline news. Besides reporting on PTA and school events, teachers, parents and students were invited to write for the newsletter to share their experiences and thoughts at the PTA and school activities. The newsletter also reported on students’ achievements in various external competitions.

Graduation Yearbook

This was the tenth 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 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. We had also started to liaise with the parent representatives of students who graduated in 2012 to arrange our inaugural 10-year graduation gathering which will be scheduled to launch in 2022.

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