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Ground Zero: School Library



Anderson LAM 5D As we all know, during the rainstorm, our beloved library suffered the most.

The cause of the severe aftermath of the library was surprisingly the main entrance door of the library not being fixed in time. Why? Due to the prolonged rainfall, a huge flow of rainwater from

the slope right next to our school campus broke into the library, so the place was immediately filled with water. However, since the water had nowhere to go, the library was partially submerged within a few hours, and over ten thousand books were "swimming" in the flood. According to Ms. Lau, the teacher in charge of the library's management, the highest level of the flood was approximately over a metre tall.

However, when the glass door was broken, the rainwater further washed away many of the books that were already floating in the water, resulting in a large number of books and even personal belongings of the library staff being washed to Chai Wan Road and even Shau Kei Wan Road. So you can see, the library was severely damaged after the flood; the floor was covered in dirty water and books, which made the library smell quite unpleasant.

The fortunate thing is that most of the SBA books, as well as some computers, were not harmed during the flood. If you love the library, you're in luck! Because the library will take about 2 to 3 months to be fully repaired. This time, the library will replace all the furniture with the assistance of the Education Bureau. Cabinets of different colours will be expected; however, the library will still be the same old place where we learn different knowledge and enjoy the peace. Are you looking forward to the restored library?



Why Us? Now What?

discovered that a landslide behind the allocated for the library alone. Salesian Missionary House caused blockage of the ditches, resulting in The school was damaged by a severe not sufficient to cover the expenses. restoration would not be possible.

Some of you might be curious about destruction to the first three floors of situation. The library was particularly Drainage Services Department, and the destruction of our campus. Why our campus. According to Mr. Chow, devastated, with shelves and books Highways Department. Although the were we the victims of this rare the damaged library might be able to completely destroyed. Therefore, the EDB covered most of the costs, the phenomenon, while other campuses be restored within this academic year. school's first priority is to repair the school's funds were still insufficient. like SKWGSS were not affected? In the The total loss in this incident was damaged library to provide students Fortunately, the school also received a interview with Vice Principal Chow, we around 1.8 million, with 1.3 million with a safe and comfortable place to generous donation from our Old Boys

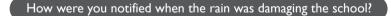
muddy water entering our football flood, leaving the staff with a sense of Thankfully, the school received unconcourt. This led to overflow and major despair, but we are not in a hopeless ditional support from the EDB,

Andre LAU & Alvin SO 5D

study. However, due to the significant and the PTA. Without the generosity financial loss, the school's funds were and efforts of different parties, the



Most people know the devastating effects that the black rain had on our library, but did you know that there was a place that was equally or even more severely damaged than the library? Here, we ask Joseph, the security guard at the school's reception, some questions about the untimely event.



Students and Teachers' Responses

Edric LEE 5B

situation.

Although being able to relax at home different rooms after each lesson. Mr. and have lessons through the use of So, however, gives a big sigh as he Zoom, students state that the thinks that it is a dull way of learning, damage disrupts their school life. The making the experience super boring. use of facilities is reduced due to the He wishes that things will get back to massive impact of the flood. Everyone the way they were through everyone cannot visit the library as usual, thus cooperating and lending the campus a being unable to learn more through hand.

With the catastrophic damage done On another note, both students and to our school and its facilities, teachers have gotten used to Zoom students and teachers express their during the pandemic. Andy Wong thoughts and concerns regarding the (2D) thinks that it is genuinely a great and convenient way of learning. He can easily access and navigate to



My colleagues informed me around 5 or 6 am. By the time I clocked in at 7 am, the devastation had already occurred.

Did you take any measures to minimise or prevent the damage?



There was nothing we could do. The stream was too intense and fast, so we were instructed to evacuate as soon as possible.

What did you lose in the flood that affected your work or personal life?

A lot, actually. Everything was submerged in water, even our guard uniforms became unusable.

Has the office been fully repaired yet? If not, how long will it take?



I believe it will take at least six months. There was just so much that was lost.

When you pass by the school reception on your way in and out of the school, take a glance at it to spot any signs of the storm.

reading. Getting closer to DSE, Hobie Teng (6C) was disappointed by the Do you still remember how you felt fact that he couldn't access the when you first heard that face-to-face lessons were suspended due to the library and the lack of research material from books. The reconstruction

process for the library will most likely take a long time, delaying the students' learning progress.





rain? Were you excited or worried?

The Leader of the Disciplinary Prefect Team Martin Tsui 5C

Within the prefect team, a student is chosen annually to become the head leader for all of them. This year, Alvin So, from class 5D, has proven himself worthy of the prestigious position of Head Prefect. We conducted an interview with the newly appointed Head Prefect to learn about his journey to this position.

Alvin is very grateful for this experience and is ready to take on the duties. His experience as a project holder in the Joint School Science Exhibition has helped improve his leadership skills and is what made him the perfect candidate for this position. As the Head Prefect, Alvin has expanded his social circle and gained the respect of his fellow students. However, it's not always easy for him. Sometimes, students become uncooperative, and he has to persuade them to do the right thing, which is a major challenge. But despite all the

hardships he will face, he will gladly take on the responsibilities of head prefect because, as a teacher once told him, "It is your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude."

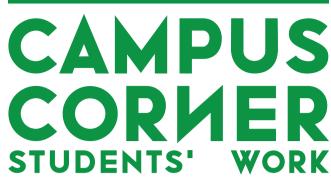


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Newlyweds at SS

Mr. Cheung and Ms. Chau were recently happily married. Let us congratulate them and give our blessings to this new couple! Are you curious to know more about the love story that blossomed in a boys' school?

The newlyweds got to know each other because they were both new to the Salesian Family when they started as teachers. As time progressed, they slowly developed their relationship from friends into closer friends. As time went on, their bond was strengthened.

Anderson LAM, Andre LAU & Alvin SO 5D

Now you may ask what their first date was like. Well, one time, they got stuck in a traffic jam for nearly an hour on the same bus. They then had dinner together and took a half-hour walk. And that's how they slowly fell in love with each other. Their relationship then developed into marriage! They were married in a church where they exchanged their vows and rings in June 2023 with the witness of their family and friends, and many of our teachers too!



Welcoming New Teachers

Aeron LEE 4E

It's a new school year for everyone, and a fewnew teachers have joined the big Salesian family. We interviewed the new teachers in the school to know why they teach English and what their hobbies are.



Mr. Ko, who is a returning 'new' teacher, teaches English in the school.

"The reason why I teach English is that, for one, I've always wanted to be a teacher, and for two, English is one of those subjects that can be applied in our daily lives. My hobbies are playing football and video games, as well as football video games. I also enjoy playing board games, especially on Thursdays in the English Corner during lunchtime."



We have two new NET teachers, and **Mr. Sala** is one of them. "I had wanted to be a teacher since I was young. I think that in Asia, it is

the best thing to teach as a Westerner, and it is also my first language because I'm from Canada. My hobbies are photography and travelling."



Mr. Kevin is a new teacher who also teaches English in school.

"English is like a key that can open up many doors of opportunities, regardless of academics or for fun. For example, exchange students, if you don't have confidence in speaking, you will have a barrier in communication. I also hope that I can set myself as a good example to students for learning English. As for my hobbies, I like playing netball and basketball."



Mr. Steven is the second NET teacher in school.

"I teach English because I enjoy teaching it, but I'm also okay with other subjects. One of my hobbies is travelling. That's why we have World Tour Tuesday at the English Corner. Also, I've worked in 6 regions including Japan, Mainland China, and Canada."

Teachers' Bizarre Hobbies

Edric LEE 5B



Everyone has their memorable childhood moments, and that includes playing with toys. Mr. Yip enjoys collecting mini toy buses as a hobby. He has loved buses ever since he was young, and now he owns an astonishingly large collection, with over 100 toy buses! It sure brings back good old times and a sweet scent of nostalgia.





On the other hand, as a person who loves trying out new things, Miss Lam often seeks out something unique and bizarre to experience with others for one sole, simple purpose - for fun! Her hobby mostly revolves around trying new food. Broadening horizons through new experiences can improve a better understanding of many things in life, and it



This may come across as a violent act, but it is actually a quirky hobby – bumping into others while supporting rock bands at concerts. Mr. Ko really enjoys the thrill and the unity of everyone screeching and cheering for rock stars. The activity is often seen at the center of the stage, known as a mosh pit. He describes it as a cathartic activity, a way to

is something that she and her friends can both release stress through strong emotions. Therefore, it gives him a sense of relief and enjoyment. enjoy.

From Player to Writer

Writing allows us to create a world entirely from our imagination. But writing also takes effort to decorate the space and make it look me to a world entirely different from my ordinary school life. Last Summer, I participated in the "Fromplayertopage Writing Competition," a writing competition for secondary school students in Hong Kong about games, by submitting two pieces of writing. I was truly grateful to be one of the finalists in the competition, and the prize presentation ceremony was eye-opening experience for me.

the organizers put in a decent amount of more welcoming. I was warmly welcomed and immediately invited to do a podcast. It was guite nerve-racking for me since I haven't done one in the past, but thankfully, the host created a relaxed atmosphere, so I was able to overcome this unexpected challenge more easily.

another Since "games" is the main theme of the entire writing competition, we naturally "awarded" by playing games with other finalists from

To begin with, the venue is really modern, and different prestigious schools in Hong Kong.



One of the games was a Super Mario Kart Race in which you could compete with others using a wheel-like console. Another game was a guessing game that asked you to guess how many chocolates were in the chocolate box, and well, I didn't win, but being able to play with other like-minded students who enjoy both writing and playing games is just another level of enjoyment.

Edward LEE 6A

All in all, I had not expected that writing could provide me with such a unique experience, so having the courage to step out of my comfort zone can definitely be a great start for more exciting things in my life. Last but not least, I would like to thank my English teachers for assisting me throughout this contest and making this success possible.

