

Autumn Around the World

Do you realize that the weather is getting windier? Autumn is coming! As we know, Chinese has Mid-Autumn Festival and Double Ninth, which is also known as Chung Yeung Festival, in Autumn.

Around the world, there're also some festivals being celebrated during the season. In ancient time, Autumn is an important period for agriculture society since it's the harvest time (of course, due to the variation in climate and crops, the harvest time of some regions may be different). Therefore, there's a variety of harvest festivals around the world. Let's take the U.K. as an example.

At the beginning of the harvest season on 1 August, Lammas was celebrated there. People sing hymn and decorate churches to thank God for the first corn to be harvested. Farmers would

make loaves of bread which are made by their new wheat crops and give them to the churches. The custom ended until Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church after his divorce. Nowadays, people have harvest festivals at the end of the season. It was brought by the early English settlers to North America and gradually evolved into "Thanksgiving Day" which is on the second Monday of October, not for harvest but for surviving the long journey from England through the Atlantic Ocean to Canada.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is held on the Fourth Thursday of November though. Americans value it as Chinese to Chinese New Year. They'll gather with their families no matter how busy they are. "Laternelaufen" is held in Germany around 11 November for the memorial



of St. Martin who gave his coat to a beggar to protect him from freezing to death and became a bishop afterwards. Children of kindergarten, or younger, will walk along the streets with lanterns.

In Israel, "Sukkot" or "Sukkos", which is a biblical ceremony, is celebrated for seven days between September and October. There're some laws and customs during "Sukkot".

There're still a number of festivals holding in or related to Autumn around us. If you're



interested, you can find out more about them from books or websites.

Friendly Reminders (especially people who have nasal allergy):

- * As the weather is getting cold, be aware not to catch a cold! Our nasal mucous membrane easily gets dry in Autumn and it will make us sneeze.
- * Besides, there are different categories of nasal allergy. It is important to know the cause to prevent them. For example, if you're allergic to pets, keep away from them!

Interview with Ms. To & Ms. Fung

Our reporter, Trevor, has spent some time to interview two of our teachers. They are our principal, Ms. To and one of our most popular teachers, Ms. Fung. Ms. To and Ms. Fung both have their stories to tell in the interviews. Sit back and enjoy!

Ms. Fung as F

Trevor as T

- T:** Good afternoon, Ms Fung. I'm glad to have an interview with you. I know you like travelling a lot. Can you tell me which country you like most?
- F:** I like Australia most because a couple of years ago, I've spent half a year in Australia for an immersion programme. Australian people are very nice, especially my host family. They took good care of me when I was in Australia.
- T:** Do you miss the country?
- F:** I miss that place very much and I enjoy watching the big blue sky and the birds chirping all the time.
- T:** Other than travelling, what do you like to do in your spare time?
- F:** I like watching movies and listening to music.
- T:** Which types of movies do you like most?
- F:** I like drama film most.
- T:** Which film is your favorite?
- F:** My favorite movie is a film called "Pay It Forward". It's about a boy who launched a "good mood movement". He suggested that everybody should do something good for others and people who are treated well will do something good to other people so we can pay the love forward.
- T:** Thank you very much for your time.
- F:** You're welcome.

Trivia of Ms. To and Ms. Fung

	Ms. To	Ms. Fung
Favourite food	Sushi and sashimi	Vegetables and fruits
Favourite country	Korea	Australia
Hobbies	Drama and music	Movie and music
Favourite kind of people	Optimistic and active	Courteous and diligent

Ms. To as J

Trevor as T

- T:** Good morning, Ms To. Thank you for being my guest today. As I know that you love drama and acting very much, I would like to ask you a few questions. Let's not waste no time. Why do you like acting?
- J:** I have played different roles such as a mother, a sister, a brigand and even Fr. Don Bosco in dramas; and it gives me some extra-ordinary experiences that I could not get in my life, so I like acting a lot.
- T:** Where did you first get to know drama?
- J:** From Kung Kao Po, a newspaper about Catholicism.
- T:** What kind of drama do you like most?
- J:** I like musical most because I enjoy listening to the music in it.
- T:** So which is your favorite drama? Why?
- J:** My favorite drama is Shooting Star. It is a local drama. The background of the drama is based on the story of two famous pop singers in the 80s and 90s, Danny Chan and Leslie Cheung. I like it because the message of the drama is very positive. It encourages the teenagers to save their precious lives and not to commit any crimes.
- T:** Who are your favorite actors?
- J:** They are Gary Tam and Mike Wong. They both had a part to play in Shooting Star and were graduated from The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA)
- T:** What potential do you think is important for a person to be a successful actor?
- J:** Being a successful actor requires strong observation because an actor has to play different people and they should be able to discover the characteristics of them. Also, he should be obedient and punctual in order to be a good actor.
- T:** I think these two personalities are essential for students too! Thanks for having an interview with me.
- J:** Don't mention it!



UBER CREEPY - The City of Darkness: The Kowloon Walled City I

Brief Introduction

The Kowloon Walled City, also known as “No Man’s Land”, is a zone rife with thousands of trillions of corruptions that even the police would not manage. Besides, it was the biggest area that featured the most drug barons, prostitutes and gambling dens in Hong Kong.

The truth behind the City

You may think people who lived there were extreme devils. They had to be black sheep of their families and total outcasts of the society. As a matter of fact, each of them had a miserable story. For example, there was a six-year-old girl who was compelled to be a prostitute for sixty

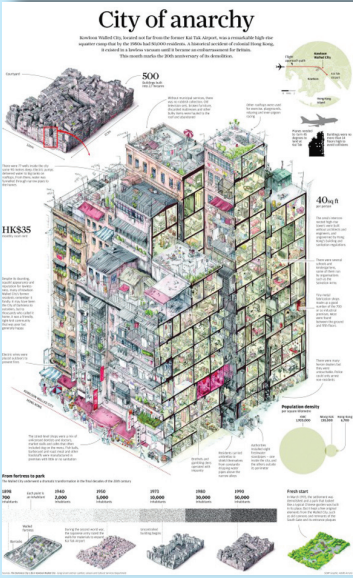
years. When the government planned to clear the zone, she chose to commit suicide because she didn’t know how to survive outside!

Interesting facts

This city is also one of our important cultural heritages. In the early 1840s, the city played an important role of military fort. Illegal doctors, dentists and restaurants were all over the town. If this town still exists, you guys need to be really careful when you pay a visit. (To be continued)

Find out more :

<http://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/1191748/kowloon-walled-city-life-city-darkness>



Vocabulary :

Heritage (n) : historical buildings

Compelled (v) : forced

Gambling dens (n): a place where is illegal for people to bet money, similar to casino but much smaller

Drug barons (n) :

a powerful person in organization that deals in illegal drugs

Miserables (adj) :

extremely unhappy and uncomfortable

Technologeek

Do you think that you can take a photo simply by blinking your eyes? Google Glass is an evolutionary design that is developed by the I.T. tycoon, Google. It attracts market attention since its launch because of its innovative design.



Users can use Google Glass for photo taking, video recording, messages, navigation, translation and voice control etc. Users can speak to send a message and take photograph in an eye-blink as well. In addition, for the navigation function, Google Glass can help fix the location and find out a nearby road on Google Maps. Moreover, it can show you how to get to your destination. The most mesmerizing technique it uses is probably bone conduction. Equipped with this technique, Google Glass enables the conduction of sound to the inner ear through the bones of the skull. Users can

make use of this technique to make commands. How cool !

Despite its innovative functions, it is highly compatible with the electronic devices we use every day. Firstly, it functions with bluetooth and wifi. Secondly, it uses flash storage and micro USB cable. Lastly, it works well with Android market.

It is quite easy to control, strong and light. Although it looks really cool and very attractive, I don’t think we are obliged to pursue the tide. We should instead contemplate our actual need in order to be a smart and rational consumer!

Find out more:
<http://www.google.com/glass/start/>

The Commentator – Soccer Rewind

The last decade of the 20th century was arguably the most glorious era of Italian football. There were seven top teams, and all of them are still competing in Serie A today. They included 2 teams from the capital city, Rome: SS Lazio and AS Roma. Two teams were from the city of Milan: AC Milan and Internazionale. If you are a football fan, you must have heard of the famous San Siro. San Siro stadium is the home turf of the Milan teams. The other three were Fiorentina, Juventus and Parma. The last one was relegated to Serie B (the second division of professional football in Italy) a few years ago.



Nowadays, many fans of football would argue over whether the La Liga (the highest tier football league in Spain) or the English Premiership is the best league in the world. However, some 20 years earlier, there was emergence of a number of rare talents in Italy which attracted attention of football fans from all over the world.

The fierce competitions between the above teams were, of course, hot topics in bars and restaurants. However, it was the calibre of the players that captured the fans’ attention. Each of the seven teams had an established leader in attack. As all of these world-class players played in the centre of the park; wingers, however brilliant they were, were overshadowed. These world-class attacking midfielders were Juan Sebastian Veron, Rui Costa, Zinedine Zidane, Roberto Baggio, Zvonimir Boban, Alessandro Del Piero and Francesco Totti.

With their dazzling technique and brilliant goal-scoring ability, they helped balance the competitions between the top teams they played for and made Serie A the most eye-catching football league in the 90s.

Respect Life Sunday

In this article, you will find information about “Respect Life Sunday”, which is an important day for the Salesian community. In the provincial’s weekly letter to the Salesian Family dated Oct.3, 2013, Rev. Timothy Ploch, SDB mentioned about the Respect Life Program.

So, what is Respect Life Program? It begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October.

Source:
<http://www.salesianfamily.org/news/2013/10/03/recite-rosary-learn-with-mary-become-mystic-spirit>

The program is titled ‘Open your hearts to life!’ The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. These materials are especially helpful for priests, parish groups and other organizations. If you are interested, you can google “Respect Life Sunday 2013” for more information.

Box Office

The definition of “conjure” is “to play tricks”. Moreover, it can also mean “to call upon supposed supernatural forces by spells and incantations”. The movie “The Conjuring” exactly refers to the latter! The movie is based on a true story. Those characters really existed and the haunted house in the movie is still here.

The movie talks about the Perron family: a father, a mother and their 5 daughters, who moved into a colonial farmhouse in Harrisville in the 70s. Within the first several days, they’ve encountered demonic spirit haunting and spirit possessions. If you are looking for a movie that can send chills up your spine, this is the one!

Next, let me introduce the paranormal investigators - Ed Warren & Lorraine Warren. They both are American paranormal investigators that founded the New England Society for Psychic Research in

1952. The “Warrens’ 10,000-plus career cases” include the alleged haunting depicted in ‘The Conjuring’. Other than the Harrisville’s case, they also have some notable investigations. The Warrens are best known for their involvement in the Amityville Horror case in which New York couple George and Kathy Lutz claimed that their house was haunted by a violent, demonic presence so intense that it eventually drove them out of their home.

There are more articles about the Warrens’ paranormal cases on the Net. Go check them out and be prepared to be frightened!



Find out six superheroes from the below table and get a prize from Mr. Kwan or Ms. Wong! To help you start, one of them is “THOR”.

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Talents never go unnoticed !!!