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e-Newsletter

Dear FSA Members,

On behalf of the FSA EXCOs, we wish you a year filled with prosperity, joy, and contentment. Come back to school on 13 April to join our popular Annual Baking Fun!

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- Box of Hope (Nov 2018)
- Christmas Gift Wrapping at Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital (Dec 2018)
- Legal – Finance Networking Luncheon (Jan 2019)
- FSA's Support to our school
- MCS Educational Trust Donation Drive
- Upcoming events

Don't want to miss out ? Please make sure we have your updated PERSONAL email address to stay connected with the FSA and our alma mater. Simply send email to membership@mcfsa.com for any updates. Thank you for your support!

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

NOV 2018



Over 1,000 Maryknollers and families came back to the Primary Section for an afternoon of fun and reunions at our beautiful campus. The Covered Playground and the ground floors of the Primary New Wing hosted games, crafts and STEM workshops for kids of all ages while adults were able to enjoy drinks and snacks at the food stalls. Needless to say, no homecoming event is complete without shopping for the latest Maryknoll souvenirs from the Floral series, the FSA and the PTA souvenir booths.

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all sponsors of activities, gifts and food and the 200 volunteers (secondary students, primary parents and alumnae) who have made 2018 Autumn Fest a success. Together we have raised over HK\$370,000 for the Maryknoll Convent School Educational Trust from the event and souvenir sales on the day.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2018



Thanksgiving Donation Drive

Alongside the Autumn Fest, the FSA also promoted the Thanksgiving Donation Drive among alumnae on giving back to our beloved school. It was encouraging to see the increase in donations in 2018 to the Maryknoll Convent School Educational Trust. With such generous support, the Trust has been able to continuously improve the school's educational facilities, in terms of both hardware and software of students and staff.

Giving back can indeed happen any time of the year (class reunions would be a good opportunity). Learn more about the MCS Educational Trust at the website www.trust.mcs.hk or email to donations@mcs.hk

Box of Hope

Box of Hope is an annual charity project aimed at providing useful/ educational gifts to underprivileged children in Hong Hong and Asia donated by Hong Kong school children. The PTA of our Primary section has supported the programme for years and kindly offered the MCSFSA Trust the opportunity to get involved in the recent collection.

We took the opportunity to gather and assemble gift boxes at the Autumn Fest and with the help from donors, volunteers as well as parent helpers, the FSA Trust had donated 50 boxes to the program. We take the opportunity to thank them all, including Joyce Lam (1997), Wendy Yu (1989), Bright Industrial Co. Ltd., and the JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong.



MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL (PRIMARY SECTION) WALKATHON 2018



On November 28, 2018, our Primary students gathered at Kowloon Tsai Sports Ground for the Annual Sports Day. We were blessed with mild weather and our girls enjoyed the action as much as the cheers.

So glad to have Asian Games gold-medalist gymnast (Men's Vault) Mr. Shek Wai Hung address the girls and present the awards. Through his inspiring words, may our students continue to pursue excellence in sports as well as in other areas.



Besides cheering for the girls, FSA Excos were among other guests who participated in the Annual Walkathon. Through the support of the parents, funds were raised for the MCS Educational Trust for the betterment of the school's facilities. It was crucial to maintain continual support for the Educational Trust to meet the school's ever-changing needs. Learn more about Educational Trust at www.trust.mcs.hk. Every contribution counts!

X'MAS GIFT WRAPPING AT THE OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL DEC 2018



Every Christmas, former and present Maryknoll students gather to prepare gift bags for the patients at the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital. This year, we were pleasantly surprised by an impressive number of Maryknoll primary students that showed up to volunteer.

Similar to the previous year, we adopted a 'division of labour' system to speed up the process of gift-packing. Combined with the energy from our exuberant, little Maryknollers, our efficiency was further improved, and we were done packing in a matter of minutes. Once the gift bags were packed and ready, it was time for us to deliver them to the hospital patients.

For me, delivering the gift bags was the most effortless, yet most fulfilling part of the volunteer service. Although most patients were too fragile and exhausted to move or say "thank you", the slight pinching of the corners of their mouths and the faint tingling of their emaciated fingers were enough to warm my heart. I haven't had many opportunities to interact with hospital patients, and so I took every smile and every nod to heart.

We all know that Christmas is a time of giving and spreading joy, but how many of us are *actually* doing something to advocate the cause? To most people, the Christmas holidays serve as a break from their hectic school or work life. Many of us have prioritized our own leisure and well-being, and left volunteering and helping others as their least important obligations. Well, this Christmas, grab a thick winter coat, step out of your warm, heated homes, and try giving back to our community. Start with the little things, like helping out at the Our Lady of Maryknoll Hospital. If our little Maryknoll primary girls can do it, then so can you!

Megan Ho (2019)

LEGAL-FINANCE NETWORKING LUNCHEON JAN 2019



MCSFSA held its first alumni networking event of the year in the form of the Legal/Finance Networking Lunch at the Shanghai Fraternity Association in Central. The luncheon, which was fully subscribed to the tune of 5 tables, was duly attended by each and every registrant, which is testament to the event's popularity. Alumnae from legal, regulatory, securities, finance, accounting and professions ancillary to these, renewed old ties and forged new networks. Added to the mix were a good number of university students who were eager to find their first career footsteps. Please do stay tuned for our other networking events in the pipeline, and let us know of any ideas for future gatherings that you might be interested in.

Abigail Wong (1995)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Promotion time! We have a few upcoming events so please mark your calendar. FSA is proud to be the partner of MCS Educational Trust and MCS Foundation, as we are all members of the Maryknoll Family who would be glad to give back to our alma mater. Mark your diaries and tell your classmates:

13 Apr 2019 (Saturday)	Our Baking Fun Day is surely one of our most popular events on our list. Come join us for a happy baking session at our Cookery Room! Thank you for the enthusiastic support!
15 Jun 2019 (Saturday)	This year, FSA is working with Hong Kong Red Cross again to hold a course "Children in War" for parents and their children. It is a unique, 90-minute journey to mimic the experience of living in a war zone. Stay tuned.
22 Aug 2019 (Thursday)	Maryknoll Convent School Former Students' Association Annual General Meeting

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

The FSA started a new term in Sep 2018. One of the first initiatives since was a gift to the school. We gave a scholarship of \$30,000 to the Secondary Section to support our girls on exchange programs. For the Primary Section, the FSA has purchased some air purifiers for use in the staff rooms. We the FSA hope that this initiative will help contribute to the wellbeing of the staff and their working environment.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR MCS 95th ANNIVERSARY (2020)

Enjoy joining our events every year? Why not step up and be a volunteer?

Volunteers are essential to make every event a success. We are looking for alumnae who can volunteer their time and sweat, and in return you'll get to meet many other fun-loving alumnae and share the joy!

The MCSFSA will organise a series of events to celebrate the glorious years of our beloved alma mater. At this moment we are looking for you who have the following expertise: writers, filming and editing, IT support (website development and maintenance). We plan to organise the next meetup in April 2019.

Sign up with us ([online form](#)) and be notified for all Maryknoll activities that you may contribute!

