

# The Beacon



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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. Lenie Cho, Principal | CEO

The school's organisational values are derived from the list of virtues written by Paul in Galatians 5:22-23. There are nine qualities or virtues in what Paul calls the "fruit of the spirit" - Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Our staff explored each of the qualities and together as a school decided that Love, Integrity and Humility will be the Organisational Values of St Francis Methodist School.

### Integrity

The Rev. R Prabhu mentioned that in Psalm 15, 'David rightly expresses integrity in terms of our conversation (no gossip and slander), action (do what is right), dedication (commitment at all cost) and in every transactions (clean hands in our financial dealings and no exploitation). God's people are called to be people of integrity. It is the "soundness of moral principle and character, uprightness and honesty." It pleases God.

### Humility

We are urged by Paul "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Ephesians 4:1-2)

Humility puts the self in the background so that we can pay attention to others. John 13:34

### Love

Jesus commands "As I have loved you, so you must love one another." "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices, with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves." (1 Corinthians 13: 4-7)

The love that characterises the fruit of the spirit was demonstrated by Jesus during his life and ministry on earth.

Values are the conscious expressions of what the school stands for what it considers good & virtuous. Our staff will formally and informally articulate these 3 Values that embody what the school stands for. They will increasingly communicate the values of Love, Integrity and Humility, model what is important, and tell the story of the school to new staff, new students and new parents and guardians.

The school values and beliefs are condensed into a slogan: Possibilities to Realities, where no one is left behind. It is also embodied in the symbol of an eagle taken from Isaiah 40:31 "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

I hope that our Organisation Values will be communicated in everything we do, in our workplace, activities and relationship with one another as family members of St Francis Methodist School.

## 4 YEARS EDUTRUST CERTIFICATION

We are very proud to announce that we have achieved the renewal of 4-Year EduTrust (validity: 28.10.15 - 27.10.19)!

This award is given to SFMS for having achieved satisfactory to commendable performance in key areas of management and the provision of educational services.



## PEARSON QUALIFICATIONS INTERNATIONAL OUTSTANDING LEARNER AWARD WINNERS

By Mr. Hau Boon Huat

### Pearson Medallion Award Ceremony



Group Photo with His Excellency, Mr Scott Wightman, British High Commissioner to Singapore

10 September 2015 marks a momentous occasion for SFMS as six of our graduates were awarded the Outstanding Learner Awards at the prestigious Pearson Medallion Award Ceremony 2015 held at the Suntec Convention Centre.

Pearson is UK’s largest awarding body offering Edexcel and BTEC qualifications; world class academic and vocational qualifications, globally recognised and benchmarked with education excellence.

In attendance to witness and celebrate the success of our top achievers were Mr James Teo, Vice Principal (Finance & Marketing) and Mr Hau Boon Huat, International GCSE Coordinator. The event was also graced by His Excellency, Mr Scott Wightman, British High Commissioner to Singapore.

SFMS were among a select number of schools to have the opportunity to have an off-stage interaction session with Mr Scott Wightman as well as Mr Steven McGill, Head of Partner Markets, Asia

Chiu Tsz Yu (see picture left) received the Outstanding Learner Award for attaining the “Highest Mark in Singapore” in International GCSE Physics.

The other 5 Outstanding Learner Awards for highest mark in Singapore for Mathematics and Chinese were received on behalf of Xu Xiaowen, JinTong, Yang Jingyi, Yang Ziyi and Zhu Hua by Mr Hau Boon Huat.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt congratulations to our 6 outstanding graduates from SFMS for the accomplishment in winning the Pearson Medallion Award 2015. We are truly proud of the fantastic achievements of all our top achievers. As the school celebrates the student success, this occasion truly testifies to our teachers’ commitment in inspiring lives to be the best that they can be.

### Pearson Medallion Award Ceremony



### Pearson Edexcel Award Winners List of 6 Winners (Highest Mark In Singapore)

Chiu Tsz Yu	International GCSE - Physic
Xu Xiaowen	International GCSE - Mathematics (Joint)
Yang Jingyi	International GCSE - Mathematics (Joint)
Yang Zi Yi	International GCSE - Chinese (Joint)
Zhu Hua	International GCSE - Chinese (Joint)
Jin Tong	International GCSE - Chinese (Joint)

## UPPER-SECONDARY PASTORAL CARE ‘MINDEGE’ WORKSHOP

By Ms. Myers Joy Carol

St Francis Methodist School not only places a high value on the academics but also on the ongoing character development of their students. This is evident in the weekly pastoral care lessons as well as in the character and skills development workshops organized by the Division heads.

Mind Edge was engaged to run an interactive workshop with the Upper Secondary students of SFMS during their Pastoral Care lessons during the month of May 2015. On Day 1 students were encouraged through various activities to begin with an end in mind. They were taught about perseverance and the seven qualities required to be successful, this included study techniques as well as drawing up a study time table.



## SFMS FAMILY CARNIVAL DAY 2015

By Ms. Beatrice Tan



‘Your Word is a Lamp to my feet and a Light to my path’ (Psalm 119:105) was the theme to the 2015 SFMS Family Carnival. This year’s family carnival T-shirt was designed with this theme to reflect that God is light (John 1:5) and our fellowship with God and with one another. As Singapore marks 50 years of independence this year, at SFMS we celebrated Singapore’s Golden Jubilee together with SFMS Family Carnival on 6th of August 2015.

The yearly SFMS Family Carnival brings the whole school together into one big salad bowl to soak up the festive atmosphere of food and games. This event reinforces our pastoral care value of ‘getting along’ and also aims to cement the bond among staff and students.



All teachers, students and administrative support staff actively participated and supported this event making it possible to post record coupon sales in 2015. The profit from this event was entirely channelled to School Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

Students enthusiastically set up food stalls where they sold food from their home countries. Being an international school with students coming from over 20 countries, many varieties of international food were displayed. For the food lovers, it was indeed a gastronomic experience in a warm and buzzing atmosphere. One can smell the fragrant Szechuan hot pot in the air; fumes of sizzling Japanese teriyaki chicken; steaming hot Chinese dumpling and savour the colourful assortment of food such as Japanese sushi, Japanese sweet egg, Thai mango sticky rice, Thai ice milk tea, Malay Nasi Lemak, Korean rice cake, Italian beef spaghetti, burgers, Indian snacks, English muffins and cakes.



Besides enjoying the food at the family carnival, there were also games stalls that provide fun and opportunities even to win attractive prizes. To add to the excitement, the “haunted hotel” attraction was bigger and scary in scale than previous years. The scary make-up, ghostly costumes and spooky acts made this attraction simply thrilling and exhilarating. Year after year, it remains a favourite crowd puller!



On behalf of the organising committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, administrative staff and students for their wonderful efforts; and also thanks to the kind vendors in their generous support of the SFMS Family Carnival in making this event a success.

## RESULT RELEASE - INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL

By Mr. Eric Yeong

The school is pleased to announce that our first batch of International Advanced Level (IAL) students had done very well for their June 2015 external exam (final). On average they managed to achieve 2 A\*, 2 A and 1 B for their Advanced Level subjects (final result). This will give them a fighting chance to apply for local universities which require a good pass in 4 Advanced Level subjects.

Student	Accounting	Core Maths	Further Maths	Chemistry	Physics	Chinese	Overall
Lin Chia Jung	A*	A*	-	B	A	A	2A* 2A 1B
Wang Yu Wen	A	A*	A	B	-	A	1A* 3A 1B
Li Qing Yang	A*	A*	B	-	B	A	2A* 1A 2B
Lin Yi Chen	A	A*	A*	-	B	A	2A* 2A 1B
Liu Ai Ai	A	A*	A	B	-	A	1A* 3A 1B

## 18TH STUDENT COUNCIL INVESTITURE

By Ms. Wong Kah Yan



SFMS 18th Student Council

On 10 July 2015, the school held its 18th Student Council Investiture. The theme of the Council in 2015 is 'Dare to Soar' and it is heartening to see that the councillors have taken on many new challenges this year. The outgoing President congratulated the new President, Victoria Novianti, and also encouraged the 18th Council to give of their best in 2015-2016.



The 17th Student Council President, Toby Zheng addressing the school



Rev. Tan-Yeo Lay Suan, in her address to the Council spoke of St Francis of Assisi, who served the multitude with a willing heart.



Mrs Cho presenting certificates of service to the graduating councillors

## SFMS PROM NIGHT

By Ms. Wong Kah Yan

The theme for Prom Night this year was 'Rock n Roll!' and some students and teachers came decked in their best rock and roll outfits. The event was held at Novotel Clarke Quay and fortunately the haze cleared in time for everyone to have a good time.

The Student Council organised the auditions for the performances and students responded with enthusiasm. The evening saw outstanding vocal performances from Elva, Thiofanny, lola and Emily. The boys were not to be outdone, with Xiancan and Erwin's band putting up a rocking good performance.

The special performers of the evening were none other than the all male Bruvs comprising Mr Wee, Mr Ganesh, Mr Ang and Mr Tito. Despite the short notice and their busy schedules, the quartet managed to wow the crowd with their 'vocals'.



Our very own Ed Sheeren in time to come?



Local boy band 'The Bruvs' won the hearts of the screaming crowd



Talented singers and guitarist – lola and Emelie



Young but not so dangerous

This year's Prom King and Prom Queen were Salath and Ada who won the titles convincingly after the votes were counted.



Elva mesmerising the audience with her rendition of 'Don't Know Why'



Prom King ,Prom Queen Salath & Ada