



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Valentine's Day Every Month

Yesterday the Dalat campus was full of "love" as students and staff celebrated Valentine's Day. The holiday itself is the second largest card-sending holiday as over 1 billion cards are sent worldwide. The history of the day dates back more than 500 years with the first recorded Valentine card being sent in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time.

Traditionally the day is reserved for "love birds" and those who are romantically interested in one another. However in the last 4-5 decades the day has transitioned into a more general day with Valentines cards, candy, and gifts being exchanged between parents and children, friends, and family. At Dalat the day was filled with flowers (sold by the PTO), candy (sold by Student Council), and even singing telegrams delivered by the Junior Class.

The great thing about Valentines is that it is a day on the calendar when we are reminded to show our love and appreciation to the people around us. It is a very encouraging day and smiles can be seen everywhere. In the Dalat News and around campus we have been focusing the last few weeks on the importance of encouragement. Human beings were created to live in community and all of us have an innate need to be appreciated. On a psychological level it is as important to us as food is to our physical bodies.

"The deepest principle in human nature is the craving to be appreciated". - William James

"Feeling appreciated is one of the most important needs that people have" -. Steve Brunkhorst

Unfortunately on the calendar Valentine's Day only comes once a year, but the spirit of it should come more often. Here is an idea - on the 14th of March, April, June, and throughout the year, give your children, spouse, or friend a Valentine surprise. Maybe some candy, a note or card, flowers, or even a singing telegram. When the person asks why, explain that the spirit of Valentine's Day is too important to happen just once a year.

Have a great weekend,

[Karl Steinkamp](#)

Director

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Dalat Distance ED Learning

Dalat students are involved in education and learning with students and teachers from around the world. DIS has partnered with Virtual High School (VHS) and Seven Star Academy to provide optional courses to students studying at Dalat and for some of our home schooling families. These online classes from our Dalat approved partners, help our students who have time tabling conflicts, who have a desire for an AP class not available at Dalat; such as AP Economics, or who have need of classes to complete their time table. Dalat also provides online classes through our own staff which has the added advantage of student and teacher being able to meet face to face (f2f) to iron out class difficulties. (Music, Psychology, Bible, Computers, Science)

During the 2007-2008 academic year at DIS, 35 students have studied 25 different VHS classes and 14 students completed 21 different classes through Seven Star Academy. Some of the students have found the online classes very challenging; some have discovered that online learning isn't as easy as they expected. Most have found the experience very rewarding and beneficial to them. The experience will be one that will prepare our students for the future in technology education.

Students will be able to register for classes for the 2008-2009 school year throughout the month of April. Students who will want or need a class through one of Dalat's partners will need to register with Mr. Case or Mr. Parsons by the end of March. Classes with our VHS partner are limited in class size and therefore fill up quickly. Those who register early have the best chance of receiving the courses they desire. Distance education is more and more becoming a part of the daily fabric of Dalat International School. It is very important in helping Dalat meet its goal to partner with families and provide the best education possible for all our children; not forgetting our mission families in remote places.

[Fred Colburn](#)

High School Principal

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Join Dalat's Prayer Team!

The Development Department sends out a list of weekly prayer points for Dalat and its students. If you would like to be added to the email list please email Larry Chinn at: Ichinn@dalat.org.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 17 February	6.30pm Praise & Worship
Tuesday, 19 February	7.00pm Troop 222 Meeting
Wednesday, 20 February	6.30pm Prayer Meeting

Thurs-Fri, 21 & 22
February

Senior Transition Retreat

Sat -Sun, 22 -25 February

Forensics Tournament

MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEK (MEW)

MARCH 26TH -28TH

SPECIAL STUCO SPONSORED ACTIVITY ON FRIDAY NIGHT THE 29TH!

**ELEMENTARY SPEAKERS: [BARB AND EARL CASE](#)
MS AND HS SPEAKER: [WILLIAM \(PAUL\) YOUNG](#)
-THE AUTHOR OF THE BEST-SELLING BOOK "*THE SHACK*"
[CLICK ON THE IMAGE](#) BELOW FOR THE INFORMATIONAL
WEBSITE FOR MEW:**



**ART WORK FROM THE
DALAT INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT
WILL BE FEATURED IN THE CHAPEL. A SILENT AUCTION WILL
BE HELD, AND THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
HELP BURMESE REFUGEES. WE WILL ALSO BE HAVING A
COLLECTION OF VARIOUS GOODS EACH DAY WHICH WILL GO TO
MEET NEEDS HERE IN PENANG THROUGH THE KAWAN HOUSE.**

**SEE THE MEW WEBSITE
FOR DETAILS!**

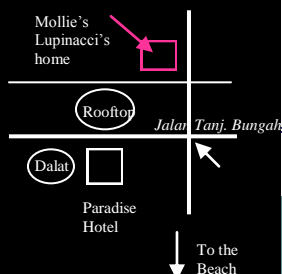
BOOK TALK

MEET THE AUTHOR

Date: March 25th

Time: 4:00 –5:00 pm

Lupinacci's home: Turn left at
light.(Crown Jewel) Their home is the
second house on left with tile roof.



You are invited to meet
William (Paul) Young and
dialogue about his novel over
light snacks at the
Lupinacci home.

(If the group becomes too large, we
will move the location to the Dalat
chapel. Please check the Dalat.org
website for updates.)

www.theshackbook.com

Pick up tickets at the front desk at Dalat

THIS WEEK MENU

Monday	Chicken Rice, Cucumber Salad Sandwich Bar - PB&J and Fried Rice Salad Bar, Ice Cream, Milk, Milo, Water
Tuesday	Cheddar Beef Enchiladas, Corn, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar - Tuna Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice, Water
Wednesday	Tandoori Chicken, Roti Canai Sandwich Bar - Chicken Salad and PB&J, Homemade Bread, Salad Bar, Fruit Milk, Milo, Water
Thursday	Tau Yu Pork, Rice, Veggies Sandwich Bar: Ham & Cheese and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Juice, Water
Friday	Barbeque Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Asian Noodles Sandwich Bar: Egg Salad and PB&J Salad Bar, Fruit, Milk, Milo, Water

PTO Social Event

Do you ever really have enough friends?
Its a wonderful thing to get to know new people.
Come and Join the PTO for a lunch social event.

When? **Wednesday Feb. 20**

Time? **12 noon**

Where? **Tanjung Country Club, near Dalat School**

Who? **Any parents of Dalat students**

How much? **Everyone pays their own way.**

We look forward to meeting you.

See you there !

[The PTO](#)

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Greetings Sports Fans!



The 2008 version of MSSPP is nearly upon us! This coming week sees competitions in T&F as well as U15/U18 Boys' Soccer.

Zone T&F: Kelawai Zone competitions begin Mon, Feb 18th & end on Tues, 19th. The 12 member Dalat team will travel at various times over the 2 days to City Stadium.

State T&F Competition is scheduled for March 24th – 28th for those athletes who advance.

U15/U18 Soccer: Games begin for both teams on Mon, Feb 18th @ Westland's school ending on Mar 7th. The full schedule is not available quite yet but our #1 Seed U18 boys meet Haji Zainul Abidin in the 1st game on Mon, Feb 18th. Coaches Holden & Merusi have their eyes set on capturing Penang Island North Zone again this year as they hope to meet Westland's in the final! U15 Boys meet last year's champs St. Xavier this same day.

Cricket: Don't forget, Malaysia is hosting the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2008 specifically Johor, KL, & Penang. Penang is group C & includes Australia, Sri Lanka, Nepal & Namibia.

The neat thing about this is that there is no charge for being a spectator during any of the games! I would imagine that you may wish to be there a little early if you are worried about getting a good seat. Follow this link if you need more info:

www.itsonlycricket.com/entry/657/

Schedule:

Penang Sports Club: Feb 17– Australia Vs Namibia; Feb 18 Sri Lanka Vs Nepal; Feb 22 Australia Vs Sri Lanka;

USM: Feb 19 – Australia Vs Nepal; Feb 20 – Sri Lanka Vs Namibia; Feb 21– Nepal Vs Namibia;

That's all for this week folks. See if you can catch some football at Westland's or some Track & Field at City Stadium. Contact me for directions if you want!

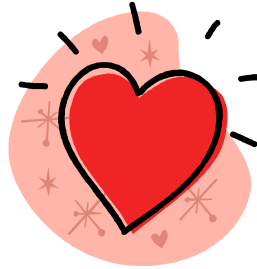
[Gerry Steiert](#)

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Praise & Worship

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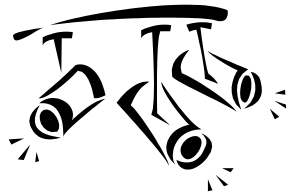
This Sunday @ 6:30



You Are Loved!

The entire Dalat community is invited to join the Dalat Ambassadors for an hour of Praise & Worship this coming Sunday evening, February 17, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. Please join us in celebrating the love of our heavenly Father!

FINE ARTS ANNOUNCEMENT



Upcoming Performing Arts Events:

"Valentine" Praise & Worship

Sunday, February 17, 6:30 PM

Ambassadors at Hillside Baptist Church

Sunday, March 9, 10:30 AM

Jazz Band and Ambassadors performance at

"Ria" Arts Event--Uplands

Thursday, March 13, early evening

Palm Sunday Praise & Worship

Sunday, March 16, 6:30 PM

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Concert

Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 PM

High School Concert

Wednesday, March 19, 7:00 PM

Grades 5 & 6 Musical

Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 PM

Middle School Drama

Friday, March 28, 3:10 PM

INTERMEDIATE MUSICAL

SIMON SAYS

THE ROCKIN' TRIAL OF SIMON PETER

Dalat Intermediate Musical Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM

This quarter, Dalat's Intermediate students have been preparing their own musical, "Simon Says: the Rockin' Trial of Simon Peter." Rehearsals are taking place during music classes and P period. The choir and cast for this production include all students in grade 5, plus those sixth-graders who have elected to participate.

The performance will be presented just after Easter on Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. Please note that **this is a date change** from what was previously stated in the school calendar. Parents, if you have any questions you may contact Mrs. Valeri Brokaw at school extension 7326 or at vbrokaw@dalat.org.

We look forward to performing for you on March 25th!

SENIOR TRANSITION RETREAT

The time is fast approaching when our seniors are going to be leaving Dalat and moving either to their home country or a new country to start college. In preparation for this transition, we are going to be having a "Senior Transition Retreat" at the Paradise Hotel on February 21st-22nd.

During this retreat, we will be covering topics that will help seniors in the upcoming transition. Some of the topics that will be discussed are; saying good-bye, grief, values, relationships, identity and various aspects of college life, including time management and finances.

It is our hope that, as a result of this seminar, the seniors will begin to process their upcoming departure and begin to look ahead to some of the things that they may need to think about and prepare for in the coming months.

RECYCLING CENTERS

It is wonderful that we have the opportunity to do our part in helping the environment and at the same time helping out a non-profit organization (Eden Homes) that cares for those with disabilities through a recycling program. We need your help in making sure only those items that are currently accepted for recycling are dropped off at the bins. These items include the following:

- Paper of any kind
- Plastic
- Cardboard
- Metal

Other items such as glass and Styrofoam are not recyclable and should be placed in the regular trash bins. We appreciate your cooperation and hope you enjoy the satisfaction that comes from recycling.

CHARITY AND COMPASSION

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I wanted to take a moment and reflect on what we are able to accomplish each month through your donations.

- *We have adopted 4 needy families in Penang and provide them with basic food supplies each month.*
- *We have adopted 2 needy families in Sungei Petani and provide them with basic food supplies each month.*
- *We provide bus fare for 4 little boys in Nebong Tebal so they can go to school each day.*
- *We provide a handicapped 2 year old with fortified milk powder each month.*
- *We provide assistance to elderly individuals who need specific items on a monthly basis.*

- *All recycling at Dalat is collected by Eden Home on a weekly basis and provides jobs and cash to handicapped individuals and poor families.*

In addition to these things we also provide assistance to the following organizations when it is requested.

*Sunshine Home, Kulim
Dyhana Ashram Boys Home, Kulim
Eden Handicapped Center, Penang
Eden Children's Hostel, Penang
Chrystal Home, Taiping
Elite Athletes with Disabilities, Penang
SSVP, Sungei Penang
Refugee Relief, Penang & KL
Bethesda Home, Penang*

If you would like more information about Charity & Compassion projects please contact Beth Steiert at bsteiert@dalat.org or call 012 430 2231.

*Where Charity & Love exist, God is there.
Thank you for your donation.*

MOVIE REVIEWS

Movie

Rating

Acceptable

Dan in Real Life US- PG-13, MY-U

Some innuendos but overall a good family movie

The Eye US-PG-13, MY-U

Some violence, terror and disturbing images. High school only.

Unacceptable

Eastern Promises US-R, MY-18PL

Brutal and bloody violence, inappropriate language and sexuality

John Rambo US-R, MY-18SG

Strong graphic bloody violence, grisly images and language

Meet the Spartans US-PG13, MY-18PL

Crude and sexual content throughout, inappropriate language

One Missed Call US-R, MY-18PL

Intense sequences of violence and terror, inappropriate sexual and thematic elements

P2 US-R, MY-18PL

Strong violence, gore, terror and inappropriate language

Sweeny Todd US-R, MY-18PL

Graphic bloody violence

Not Yet Reviewed

Jumper US-PG13, MY-U

Sequences of intense action violence, some language and brief sexuality. High School

only.

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