



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 1

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1. Principal's Sharing

Dear Parents and Students,

The new school year has commenced. I hope that all parents can have a happy and healthy year while students realize their potential to a next level. I believe that most parents are acquainted with the fact that the number of secondary school students has been declining in recent years, which has put most schools in a predicament of insufficient intake of students. However, in a time when the majority of the schools are admitting fewer and fewer students, our school has managed to attract a promising number of applicants from a variety of cultural backgrounds. The success of our school, I believe, can be attributed to our high expectations and our teachers' hard work regarding student behaviors and academic performance.

I taught Junior Form students *Di Zi Gui* "Standards for being a good student and child" for three hours during last year's post-examination period. Regrettably, three hours was not adequate for me to explain the whole book. Probably one more lesson is required for me to explain the book. During the tour to the hometown of Confucius, I tried to explain Mencius' views on courage to parents and students. The so called tremendous courage consists of three essential attributes, namely self-esteem, forgetting about life and death and adhering to ethical principles. I had pointed out that greed is the root of all evil, irrespective of a pursuit of power, wealth or social status. It is important for students to realize that discarding and abstaining from greed are the ways to withstand covetous behaviors.

The bridging course was a great success. The students have developed harmonious relationships among themselves. I told students that our school is promoting Confucianism. We do not tolerate any discrimination or bullying. I hope students will bear this in mind. On the orientation day for new students, I saw many parents coming to our school. I could also see that parents are concerned about their students' study. I believe that in the future, cooperation between school and parents is indispensable to our success. I hope parents who have just joined our big family can understand that we care about the development of your children just as you do.

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Our school took part in a large-scale activity on 30th August, 2014. We co-operated with Hong Kong Dance Company and sponsored the tickets for the large-scale dance drama *The Legend of The Condor Heroes*. The dance drama starred world-class artists Mr. Liu Fuyang and Miss Wang Yabin. The guests invited on that day included principals from affiliate schools, alumni, parents, teachers and students, accounting for almost 300 people. There was even a reception dinner before the commencement of the drama. After watching the drama, one student wrote a reflection telling me that she could not have imagined dance drama is that beautiful had she not watched the performance.

Our school received three donations presented during the school opening ceremony on 1st September, 2014. Alumni Mr. Tsui Ping Kwong has donated HK\$235,000 to our school, of which \$100,000 is established for Dr. Tsui Ping Kwong Bursary. The fund will be used to support students who face economic emergency during their study. Hong Kong Round Table has donated HK\$100,000 to our school. The budget will be used to buy computers for students. The Leung Ho Tong Memorial Scholarships has donated HK\$100,000 for subsidizing student activities and school promotion. In addition, the Memorial Scholarship has so far donated HK\$400, 000 to our school. I would hereby like to take the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the generosity of the aforementioned donors.

2. Good News

2.1 Form 4 student Ma Ming Hui has successfully completed the level 2 and level 3 courses of 2013/14 Education Bureau Web-based Learning Course organized by the Gifted Education Section of EDB. She had passed the assessment and attained level 2 and level 3 certificates.

Event coordinator: Wong Yuk Fan

2.2 5A Tam Chun Kit, 4A Leung Chun Kei and 4A Zhen Chi Wen have successfully completed the five day Military Summer Camp for Hong Kong Youth 2014 jointly organized by the Concerted Efforts Resource Centre, Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration—People & Forces, Moral Education Concern Group, the People's Liberation Army Forces Hong Kong, and the Education Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. They have been awarded a graduation certificate.

Event coordinator: Wong Yuk Fan

3. School News

3.1 Winter Timetable

From 15th September (Monday) onwards, the School will resume the winter timetable. Students must arrive at the School by 8:15a.m. and the lesson time ends at 3:45p.m.

3.2 School SMS

To strengthen parent-school communication, the School will continue to send SMS with mobile phones. We hope all parents can provide their mobile phone numbers for the ease of communication.

3.3 Tuition Fees for S.1 to S.4 Students

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- HK\$3600 annually in 10 installments (HK\$360 monthly) for S.1 students
- HK\$3200 annually in 10 installments (HK\$320 monthly) for S.2 students
- HK\$2800 annually in 10 installments (HK\$280 monthly) for S.3 students
- HK\$1600 annually in 10 installments (HK\$160 monthly) for S.3 students

The adjustments of tuition fees are based on the different current tuition fees in each form this year.

- Arrangements for payment of tuition fees for September and October:

- i) Students bring the tuition fee for September to the Class Teacher on 2nd September (Tuesday).
- ii) Students bring the tuition fee for October to the Class Teacher on 3rd October (Friday).
- iii) Students can pay by cash or cheque payable to 'Confucius Hall Secondary School'. Postdated cheques are not accepted.

- The tuition fees from November 2014 to June 2015 should be paid via direct debit from banks. The Direct Debit Authorization Form should be completed and returned to the Class Teacher by 23rd September.

3.4 Tuition Fee Grant

In order to help students with financial burdens focus on their studies and join different activities, the school has established the Tuition Fee Grant to help students in need. This grant is open to application all year round. Students may obtain the application form at the General Office. For further information, please feel free to contact Miss Mok Yuk Ling, the Student Affairs Administrator.

3.5 Lunch Arrangements

To prevent junior form students from the risk of being influenced by an unhealthy social climate, S.1 – S.3 students will have their lunch at school during lunchtime. Parents please notice the following items:

- 1) Parents can let students bring their lunch by using a thermos.
- 2) Parents can bring the lunch to school. Staff will distribute the lunches to the students.

Time for collecting lunch: 12:15p.m. – 12:35 p.m.

(Please write down the student's name and class clearly.)

3) Parents can order lunch boxes from our service provider, Vitaland Services Limited. Lunch boxes are nutritiously balanced, varied in styles and cost HK\$19 each. Parents can fill in the monthly order form and students can return the completed form with the fee to the tuck shop. Should parents have any enquiry, please contact the shop manager of the tuck shop at 28955161.

3.6 Winter School Uniform Ordering

For ease of ordering the winter school uniform, the Students Affairs Team has arranged Shing Shun Fat School Clothier Company and Victoria Uniform Company to come to our school and to take orders on 8nd October (Wednesday). HK\$100 deposit should be paid when ordering. Parents can also make the uniforms themselves, but the style should follow the sample. Furthermore, school badges (@ HK\$7), school ties (@ HK\$15), red belts for female students (@HK15) and black belts for male students

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(@HK\$38) will be sold in the tuck shop.

3.7 Health Education

- The Chinese University of Hong Kong ‘QEF Thematic Network of Healthy Schools’
The School has been invited to join the captioned scheme as a partnership school to build a healthy campus to foster students’ healthy habits. Updates on Health Education Information will be delivered via the Newsletter monthly.
- Drinking Fountain
A drinking fountain is placed next to the vending machine. Students can refill their water bottles with cold or warm water.
- Arrangements for Student Health Service (Department of Health)
The Department of Health will provide free shuttles for students in groups from the School to Chai Wan Health Centre for the medical check-up from 7th October to 10th October 2014. The check-up date, departure time for each class and the list of participants will be posted on the notice board in classrooms for reference. Students should wear P.E. uniform on the check-up day. Participants must bring along their HKID and Injection Record Card (if applicable) to help medical staff confirm their identity. For the safety of students, representatives from the Department of Health will take care of the students onboard and representatives from the School will provide assistance in the Health Centre. Students should bring along their textbooks for all other lessons apart from the time slot for the check-up.
- Prevention of Communicable Diseases
With regard to the outbreaks of communicable diseases such as influenza; scarlet fever; hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) and enterovirus 71 (EV71) in recent years, parents please remind students to pay attention to their personal hygiene and environmental hygiene of the school in order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

3.8 To prevent and reduce the outbreaks of communicable diseases in campus, parents please take note of the following measures:

- Seek medical advice as soon as possible if your children develop symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting and skin rash. If symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough or influenza are developed, students should put on a mask immediately and seek medical care promptly. Please also notify the school and let children stay at home for rest until symptoms have improved and fever has subsided for at least two days, or follow the medical advice on sick leave, whichever is longer.
- Children with HFMD should be excluded from school until fever has subsided and all the vesicles have dried and crusted. As an extra precaution, children with EV 71 infection should not go to school for another two weeks after all symptoms have subsided.
- Inform the school immediately if children are sick or have been admitted to hospital for surveillance. Such information and contact details of students may be reported to CHP or relevant government departments on a need basis to help institute effective control measures to prevent the

spread of communicable diseases.

- Co-operate with the school by picking up children not feeling well from school and consulting the doctor immediately.
- Provide children with handkerchiefs or tissue papers and remind them not to share towels or tissue papers with others.
- Remind children to keep hands clean, cover nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing and dispose of used tissue paper properly.
- During peak epidemic periods, parents should measure students' body temperature, record the reading and sign the temperature record sheet before sending students to school. Students should bring the student handbook to school. The handbook will be checked by class teachers on a daily basis.
- If students are absent due to illness, we will provide learning support for them so that their learning progress will not be affected.

We will keep track of any outbreaks of communicable diseases, as well as the advice of Education Bureau (EDB), and update our measures. Please note announcements of EDB and our school.

3.9 Five days' cultural exchange in Xi'an

Goal: To deepen students' understanding of the history, culture and development of China

Dates: 12th Nov, 2014 to 16th Nov, 2014

Target: Form 2 to Form 6 students

Budget: The original fee is HK\$5599. Under our school's sponsorship and the Senior Secondary School Students Mainland Exchange Programme Subvention Scheme 2014 sponsored by EDB, senior form students only need to pay \$2500 while junior form students only need to pay \$3760. (The subsidies include five days' ticket(direct flight), transportation, accommodation, meals, personal travel insurance, tour leader, tour guide, local drivers service charges. Personal expense is not included.)

Senior Form students can apply for subsidy from Senior Secondary School Students Mainland Exchange Programme Subvention Scheme 2014.

Students with financial difficulty can apply for extra subsidy from our school in written form.

3.10 German cultural experience scheme

Our school is organizing a German cultural experience scheme to take place in late November this year. The scheme is open to students from Form 3 to Form 5. Four eligible students who pass the interviews will spend two weeks in Germany to experience German life and culture. The fees for accommodation and meals will be paid by the host family. Students only need to pay the flight ticket fees (airport tax and fuel surcharge), passport, travel insurance and personal expenses. Our school will arrange for one teacher to accompany the students. The teacher will stay in Germany for one week to monitor students' study and assist them in adapting to the foreign culture.

To help students who have financial difficulty to take part in the scheme, subsidy of flight tickets fees (airport tax and fuel surcharge) and travel insurance is granted to CSSA students who have passed the interview. However, students still have to pay for their personal expenses.

Students who are interested in the above scheme can apply for the scheme on or before 25th September, 2014. (Thursday)

3.11 Friendly family – foreign student homestay scheme

To help German students deepen their understanding of Hong Kong culture and lifestyle, our school will receive German students to live and study in Hong Kong in April next year. We are inviting parents to take part in the host family scheme. The details are as follow:

- Each host family has to provide accommodation and meals for free to two German students (Year 10 -12) for 4 days and 3 nights.
- One of the family members can speak fluent English. All family members should be friendly, have healthy lifestyles and are willing to accept foreign students to live in their apartment.
- Our school will arrange students in the same gender as your children to live in your apartment.

The scheme is meaningful as it allows your children to communicate with students from foreign countries and provides an opportunity for them to learn from others and build up their friendship. The success of the scheme depends upon the support of parents. For parents who are interested in the scheme, please contact Principal Yeung at 2576 6427.

3.12 Contact Details of the School

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4. School Events

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| 4.1 | 1 st September | Opening Ceremony |
| 4.2 | 2 nd September | Health Talk |
| 4.3 | 3 rd – 12 th September | Summer Timetable |
| 4.4 | 12 th September | 1 st ECA Enrollment Day 2014 |
| 4.5 | 20 th September | Birthday of Confucius |
| 4.6 | 22 th September – 26 th September | 1 st Evacuation Drill |
| 4.7 | 7 th – 10 th October | Student Health Service |
| 4.8 | 13 th – 17 th October | Chinese Writing Competition |
| 4.9 | 17 th October | 1 st Board Decoration Competition |

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4.10 23rd October
4.11 27th – 30th October
4.12 31st October

Staff Meeting
1st Term Uniform Test
1st Teacher Development Day

5. School Holidays

5.1 9th September
5.2 1st October
5.3 2nd October

Day following Mid-Autumn Festival
National Day
Day following Chung Yeung Festival

Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School
18th September, 2014

-----**Reply Slip**-----

Date: _____ September, 2014

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 1. I agree / disagree to provide my contact information.

Mobile phone number : _____

Name of contact person : _____

Name of student : _____

Class : _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

**Please delete the inappropriate.*