



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 2

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1. Principal's Sharing

Dear Parents and Students,

From the beginning of the new school year, teachers and students have been busy with academic work and extra-curricular activities. I have long held the belief that extramural activities are as vital as regular schooling. The saying "let relaxation and enjoyment be found in the polite arts" teaches us that extramural activities not only can increase our confidence and resilience, but can also refine our way of getting along with people.

20th September is the birthday of Confucius. That day, teachers and students from our school gathered in the hall and bowed three times before the portrait of Confucius. Flowers were offered to show our respect towards Confucius. I also gave a speech about "Great Harmony of Record of Rites". I believe that 'great principle' in the sentence 'When the great principle prevails' can be interpreted as people entering into the realm of benevolence. When this happens, people will develop compassion for other people. They will show sympathy towards other people, as suggested by scholars in western countries. If everyone can hold the belief that "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others", then the great way will not be in the far distance. Undeniably, this is the long term goal we all strike for.

In return for our school's donation of vegetables, Feeding Hong Kong invited a great chef to cook in our school on 25th September, 2014. Principals and teachers in Wanchai district were invited to join the event. That day, Co-organizations of Feeding Hong Kong and more than 10 school principals joined the dinner party. Ms. Gabrielle Kirstein, the director of Feeding Hong Kong, told me that her organization is the largest source supplier for food banks. The organization is devoted to distributing food to those who have difficulty purchasing enough food to avoid hunger. Hereby I would like to thank in particular principal Tam Kwok Wai from G.T. (Ellen Yeung) College and principal Wong Kwan Bo from Ebenezer School, who came from afar.

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The education bureau called for schools to suspend classes from 29th September, 2014 to 3rd October, 2014. In response to this announcement, I convened a meeting and discussed with the Crisis Management Team about class suspension and ways to cope with student strikes. The resolution was sent to members of the school board immediately after the meeting. Classes were resumed on 6th October, 2014. On that day, I arranged a special morning assembly and discussed the issue of Occupy Central with students in the hall. This was intended to provide students with a platform to reflect on the issue. The Social and Guidance Team created a ‘voice your opinion’ board to allow students to express their comments on the Occupy Central movement. I also received two groups of students and discussed with them about Occupy Central and student strikes. From the statistics gathered in the assembly, we found that around 10 students from our school had taken part in the Occupy Central movement. There was no student strike.

Teachers and students from German and Indian schools (Stormarnschule Ahrensburg, Bishop Cotton Girls’ School and St. John’s High School) visited our school on 9th October, 2014. Our school arranged a series of activities including a campus tour, student exchange, lunch and tram tour to let our guests know more about our school and Hong Kong. They applauded our students after the activities and told us that the tram tour was the most unforgettable activity for them.

From 10th October to 14th October, 2014, I led 6 students (Wong Tsz In, Chiu Ka Kiu, Or Siu Ling, He Weiyi, Zhao Meng, Li Lili) to attend the Symposium of Water Resource Protection for Secondary School Students in Nanjing. The whole activity was funded by the Ministry of Water Resources. The participating schools come from 6 countries. Apart from the aforementioned three schools, Mt. Everett Regional School, HKBUAS Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School and Nanjing Yuying Foreign Language School also took part in the symposium. There were around 70 teachers and students taking part in the event. We visited several water resource departments such as the Yangtze River Drinking Water Sources and the Yangzi Petrochemical Sewage Treatment Plant. We also visited local scenic spots and memorial halls.

13th October, 2014 was a big day for the students. They had to report their team’s research findings on the stage. Numerous professionals including Secretary Zhang Xiao Ke and leaders from his department had attended the event. Although our students appeared to be nervous during the presentation, they did a great job overall and received praise from teachers of other schools. Our students got along well with other students, particularly the German students. One teacher told me privately that our students were the most courteous students he had ever met. At the farewell party, students from different schools performed onstage. After Chiu Ka Kiu from our school sang a song, all students read aloud “Great Harmony of Record of Rites”. Quite a number of students from mainland China also stood up and read aloud “Great Harmony of Record of Rites” together. This was undeniably an unforgettable night. Many students looked reluctant to leave.

From early October, our school started to select suitable candidates to participate in the Germany exchange student program. There were in total 17 applicants. Finally, 4 students were selected and they will stay in Germany for 2 weeks starting from 22th November, 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to thank two parents who agreed to receive Germany students in April next year for the exchange program.

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However, our school still needs two more families to take part in the program. I hope that parents can lend your supportive hands and make it possible to organize this meaningful program every year. With your support, our students not only can widen their horizons, but can also experience different cultures and enrich their life experience.

On 6th November, I and several teachers went to Pat Heung, Sheung Shui to visit Form four students who are undergoing training in the Fire Services Training Camp. They had to learn to take care of themselves and undergo basic discipline training such as marching in the camp. As the training is harsh, they acted like spoiled children when they saw teachers come to see them. They complained about the hardships they had endured in the camp. It was fine to make complaints after the training. The most important thing is that they had learnt to follow the discipline first. The students told me that the hardest stages were the first two days. They started to get used to it after the harsh beginnings. I encouraged them to stand tall and see far. When they experience more, they will sharpen their understanding and increase their resilience. After all, why do we need to follow discipline and be punctual? Following discipline is a good way to increase our willpower, and willpower is the first step towards success. I wish students further success in their future endeavors.

2. Confucius Sayings

- A. The Master said, "It is virtuous manners which constitute the excellence of a neighborhood. If a man in selecting a residence, does not fix on one where such prevail, how can he be wise?"
- B. The Chinese Philosopher, Tseng Tzu, said, "Each day I examine myself on three counts: whether or not I am loyal to those in whose behalf I act; whether or not I am trustworthy in my dealings with friends; whether or not I practice what is imparted."
- C. The Master said, "When I walk along with two others, they may serve me as my teachers. I will select their good qualities and follow them, their bad qualities and avoid them."
- D. The gentleman understands righteousness, the petty man understands profit.

3. Good News

3.1 4B Ma Ming Hui and 5B Or Siu Ling were recommended to participate in 'Hong Kong Island Outstanding Students Award 2014' organized by Association of Principals, Wanchai District. They passed the interviews and were selected as outstanding students of the Wanchai District. They were awarded certificates of merit and book coupons.

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.2 6A Chiu Ka Kiu was awarded the 'Senior Secondary Applied Learning (ApL) Scholarship' special prize issued by the Law's Charitable Foundation(LCF). She was also awarded a scholarship of \$2000 for her outstanding academic performance.

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

- 3.3 5A Li Tsz Lok and Mo Weikuang were recommended to participate in Student Health Captain Scheme co-organized by CUHK Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion and Quality Thematic Network on Healthy Schools to praise their contribution to promoting healthy school education.
Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling
- 3.4 6B Wong Tsz In was awarded ‘Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prizes for Senior Secondary School Students’ and a scholarship of \$1000 to praise her efforts in academic pursuit.
Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling
- 3.5 5A Li Tsz Lok was selected to be one of the actors in Wanchai District Crime Protection Micro-film after successfully passing the interview.
Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling
- 3.6 5B He Weiyi had successfully completed the ‘2013/14 the “Chemists Online” Self-study Award Scheme’ organized by the I.T. In Education Section, EDB. He passed the appraisal and received the platinum award.
Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan
- 3.7 Alumni Ngok Wing Ka and Li Anni studied in the Associate Degree Program in the College of International Education of Hong Kong Baptist University and received outstanding academic performance awards.

4. School News

4.1 Recruit for “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:

- Receiving dates: from 11th April to 24th April, 2015
- Each host family has to provide accommodation and meals for free to one or two German students (Year 10 -12) for 2 weeks.
- 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 home.
- Our school will arrange students in the same gender as your children to live in your home.

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 friendships. 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.

4.2 Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony

The 51st Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony will be held at the School Hall from 3:00p.m. to 4:30p.m. on 10th December, 2014 (Wednesday). We are honored to have the head of Rugby Operations of Hong Kong Rugby Football Union, Mr. Robbie McRobbie, to be our guest of honor. All students must attend the ceremony and parents are welcome to join us to share the happiness with your son or daughter and enjoy the excellent performance of our students. The rundown of the ceremony is as follows:

Time Estimated	Rundown
2:15	All students must return to the classroom by 2:10p.m. for the roll call.
2:30	Awardees enter School Hall.
2:40	Students gather on the playground.
2:45	Students follow instructions to enter the Hall and to be seated.
3:00-3:05	Guests enter the Hall.
3:05-3:10	Play National Anthem.
3:10-3:20	Dr. Benjamin Chan Wai Kai (School Supervisor) gives welcoming speech.
3:20-3:30	Principal Yeung Wing Hon presents annual school report.
3:30-3:55	Guests present prizes.
3:55-4:05	Guest of honor gives a speech.
4:05 -4:10	Student representative gives vote of thanks.
4:10-4:15	Principal gives souvenirs to the guest of honor.
4:15-4:30	Performance of teachers and students
4:30	Play School Song.
4:35	Guests leave the Hall.
4:35-5:00	Tea time

For the sake of running the ceremony smoothly, rehearsals are scheduled as follows:

Date & Time	Rehearsal
24 th November to 3 rd December 2014 1:15 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	Script writing & presentation skills (Masters of ceremony)
8 th December to 9 th December, 2014 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Order on stage & courtesy training (All awardees, student helpers and masters of ceremony)
10 th December, 2014 (Wednesday) 9: 45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Final rehearsal (All awardees, student helpers, uniform teams, performers and masters of ceremony)

4.3 Parents' Day

The Annual Parents-Teachers Meeting will be held in school on Saturday, 22nd November, 2014 to foster better understanding and cooperation between parents and teachers. You are cordially invited to attend the small group meeting at the following interview time to discuss matters pertaining to your child's conduct and academic progress with the class teacher.

Schedule of Parents' Day

Time	Venue	Event
9:30-10:15	Classrooms	Meet the Class Teachers and Collect 1 st Term Uniform Test Report
10:15-11:15	Hall	AGM of the Parent Teacher Association
11:15-12:00	Room309-310	Tea Party

4.4 Obituary notice

Our school colleagues expressed our sincere condolences to the former school supervisor Mr. William Cheung, who passed away in November, 2014. Mr. William Cheung's funeral will be held at Universal Funeral Parlor at 12:30 p.m. on 19th November, 2014.

5. **School Events**

5.1	From 17 th November to 21 st November, 2014	English Writing Competition
5.2	22 nd November, 2014(Saturday)	1 st Parents' Day
5.3	27 th November, 2014 (Thursday)	Election of Student Association
5.4	1 st December, 2014 (Monday)	Winter Uniform Required
5.5	5 th December, 2014 (Friday)	School Picnic
5.6	From 8 th December to 9 th December, 2014	Rehearsal of Speech Day
5.7	10 th December, 2014 (Wednesday)	Speech Day
5.8	18 th December, 2014 (Thursday)	Inter-House Singing Contest
5.9	19 th December, 2014 (Friday)	Christmas Party

6. **School Holidays**

6.1	From 22 nd December to 3 rd January, 2014	Christmas Holiday and New Year Holiday
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Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School
19th November, 2014

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Date: _____ November, 2014

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 2.

Name of student : _____

Class : _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

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