



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 3

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1. Principal's Sharing

Dear Parents and Students,

2015 has approached us before we knew it. Time flies. I always remind students that “as Heaven’s movement is ever vigorous, so must a gentleman ceaselessly strive along with self-discipline”. Society won’t cease to advance because of our indolence and our inclination to rest on our laurels. Therefore, I hope students can make self-reflection a daily habit. Always ask yourself whether you have done revision, learnt any new knowledge and done something that leaves room for improvement. Those are the thoughts of Confucianism.

On 21st November, 2014, four students (Or Siu Ling, Lam Hon Chung, Lam Wang To, Lai Tin Long) from our school went to Germany as exchange students. During two weeks, apart from normal classes, they had to give two talks about Chinese culture. The Germany families treated them extremely well. They often brought them outside to experience the culture and lifestyle of Germany. Although the weather was freezing, the cities were vibrant with energy because of the coming Christmas Holiday. This unforgettable atmosphere gave our students a special experience of Germany. When they came back to Hong Kong, I discussed with them about their tour. They confessed that they could have done better, but overall it was an unforgettable experience. Two Form Three students told me they still missed Germany.

From November to December, our school invited Chung Yuan Christian University and Jinan University to give talks in our school hall to introduce their schools’ characteristics and criteria of admission. Jinan University promised that the principal can recommend two students to study in their school. This paves a better road for the graduates of our school.

The long history of our school, together with our emphasis on promoting Confucianism over the past two years, has attracted the visit of several organizations involving more than forty scholars from Japan, Korea, China and Taiwan who participated in the International Symposium on Hong Kong in Great Transformation

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organized by Chu Hai College. In addition, HKU school of Professional and Continuing Education invited more than forty current social workers and leaders from Shunde and ZhongShan to have culture exchange with me and our school social worker Ms. Lui. We shared the experience and memory of working in our school. The visiting social workers told us that the exchange has broadened their horizons.

Our school has established a school choir this year. We practiced two songs including “Over the Rainbow” and “Tributes to Teachers”. The music teacher Mrs. Lam devoted all her energy to training our students. Our school choir had the honor of being invited to perform in Wan Chai Festival Closing Ceremony. Although the skills are not extraordinary, it was still a good performance. After that, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups invited our school choir to give a performance in the spring gathering. They believe our students can give an excellent performance in the activity.

Besides the aforementioned achievements, our students also obtained excellent results in inter-school competitions. One example is that He Weiyi received the Commercial Press 100th Anniversary Scholarship outstanding writing prize. What makes me so impressed is that He Weiyi was so moved by his result that he could hardly express any words occasionally when giving his sharing. Apart from this, Wong Ka Yu and Le Ying Kin won the first runner up and second runner up respectively in the HK Mathematics Creative Problem Solving Competition for Primary/Secondary Schools, which adds honor to our school.

Lastly, there is a sorrowful news. The former supervisor of our school Mr. William Cheung passed away in October last year. Mr. Cheung dedicated his life to the study of Confucianism. He also spared no efforts in developing our school. Mr. Cheung is a former president of Confucius Hall. He is also the one of the academic authorities of Confucianism. He established Confucianism Publishing Company in Hong Kong in 1979 and later in Singapore and Canada. He also published six deluxe versions of *Confucian Analects*, which includes 217 colorful pictures. He published 16 translation versions of *Confucian Analects* and *Mengzi* including modern Chinese, English, Spanish and Portuguese. Mr. Cheung has contributed a lot to society. Colleagues, teachers and students of Confucius Hall all felt regretful when they heard about the death of Mr. Cheung.

2. Confucius Sayings

- A. The gentleman is ashamed when the words he utters outstrip his deeds.
- B. What the gentleman seeks, he seeks within himself; what the small man seeks, he seeks in others.
- C. It is these things that cause me concern: failure to cultivate virtue, failure to go more deeply into what I have learned, inability, when I am told what is right, to go over to where it is, and inability to reform myself when I have defects.
- D. In the eating of coarse rice and the drinking of water, the using of one’s elbow for a pillow, joy is to be found. Wealth and rank attained through immoral means have as much to do with me as passing clouds.
- E. I was not born with knowledge but, being fond of antiquity. I am quick to seek it.

- F. The gentleman seeks neither a full belly nor a comfortable home. He is quick in action but cautious in speech. He goes to men possessed of the Way to have himself put right. Such a man can be described as eager to learn.
- G. Men spending all day together merely to indulge themselves in acts of petty cleverness without ever touching on the subject of morality in their conversation are sure to be difficulty!

3. Good News

3.1 The Hong Kong Healthy School Award Scheme

Our school has long been promoting Confucianism’s spirit of benevolence. We put an emphasis on all-round education. The cultivation of healthy lifestyles is one of key areas we strive for. Our school has successfully applied for “QEF Thematic Network on Healthy School” and become one of the resource schools in September 2013. We continue to offer high quality health courses and activities and our students have won many prizes in several inter-school competitions. In May 2014, our school participated for the first time in “Health-promoting School Certification”. The evaluation result reveals that our school has outstanding performance in “Health-promoting School 6 development areas” proposed by the World Health Organization(WHO). Our school received the prize of second runner up in the Hong Kong Healthy School Award Scheme offered by the Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion Faculty of Medicine, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. This prize is recognized by the WHO, confirming our school’s efforts in promoting health education.

Organizer: Miss Mok Yuk Ling

- 3.2 50 volunteer workers from our guidance team participated in the 26th Reading Carnival and the 19th Hong Kong School Chinese English Penmanship Competition Award Ceremony as student ambassadors and received trophies and certificates from Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union. The students who received prizes are as follows:

PTU Student Ambassador Scheme: 26th Reading Carnival

1B Ma Ming De Muhammad	2A Tsui Chak Kuen	2B Yang Leheng	3B Choi Pan Tsun
3B Chow Ching	3B Haque Iqraa Bibi	3B Poon Chun Chi	4A Chan Wai
4A Chen Zhenwei	4A Cheung Hon Wing	4A Kwok Wan Yiu	4A Liang Meiai
4B Xu Xianxing	4B Chan Pui Ho	4B Chan Yu	4B Chau Ting Ting
4B Lee Lok Sin	4B Lee Wing Sze	4B Ma Ming Hui Zahra	4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy
4B Wong Ho Yin	4B Yuen Wang Fai	4B Zhong Hongchao	5A Chan Ka Keung
5A Ching Oi Man	5A Luo Weilin	5A Tong Po Yee	5B Chow Chun Yin
5B Chung Ho Hin	5B Li Lili	5B Yeung Wing Yan	

Leader and Organizer: Miss Lau Wai Tung

School Social Worker: Miss Lui

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PTU Student Ambassador Scheme: Penmanship Competition

2A Tsui Chak Kuen	3B Choi Pan Tsun	3B Chow Ching	3B Haque Iqraa Bibi
3B Poon Chun Chi	3B Wu Kam Fung	4A Chan Wai	4A Liang Meiai
4B Chan Pui Ho	4B Chau Ting Ting	4B Lam Ming Wai	4B Lee Wing Sze
4B Ma Ming Hui Zahra	4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy	4B Wong Ho Yin	4B Yuen Wang Fai
5A Lam Hon Chung	5A Luo Weilin	5B Li Lili	

Leader and Organizer: Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan

- 3.3 6B Wong Ka Yu and Lee Ying Kin won the first runner up and second runner up respectively in the HK Mathematics Creative Problem Solving Competition for Primary/Secondary Schools co-organized by the Gifted Education Section of the Education Bureau(EDB) and Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers on 20th December, 2014.

Organizer: Mr. Ho Pak Yan

- 3.4 5B He Weiyi participated in the Commercial Press 100th Anniversary Scholarship writing competition. His essay was regarded by the judges as excellent in both content and language. The high quality piece of writing entitled him to receive \$4000 scholarship from Commercial Press.

Organizer: Mok Yuk Ling

4. School News

4.1 Joyful Fruit Day 2015

The School has joined the Joyful Fruit Day 2015 organized by the Department of Health (DH) and other organizations. Please refer to the details at <http://school.eatsmart.gov.hk>. This activity aims to enhance the collaboration between schools and parents and to foster a healthy eating atmosphere on campus and at home. Parents should encourage students to consume at least 2 portions of fruit and 3 portions of vegetables every day with the help of physical exercise to maintain good health. To promote healthy eating, the Health Education Team of the school has successfully applied for a subsidy of \$2000 from the Hong Kong College of Cardiology. The Health Education Team of the School will utilize these funds to organize a series of activities from January to April. Please refer to the announcements during the morning assembly and join us!

4.2 Flower Market for the Year of the Sheep

A flower market will be held in the tuck shop during lunch time on 10th (Tuesday) and 11th (Wednesday) February, 2015. A series of activities about the flower sale, festive traditional food, faichun and a wishing tree will be held during lunch time. All teachers and students are welcome to join the activities and the school encourages students to take the flowers, faichun and fruits back home to celebrate the Lunar New Year with their families.

4.3 Chinese Culture Week

To promote Chinese culture, the Chinese Culture Week will be held from 9th February to 13th February, 2015. All students should take part in the activities. The activities are as follow:

Date	Time	Content	Venue	Remark
9-2-2015 (Monday)	7 th to 8 th lessons	Opening Ceremony	Hall	All students must attend.
		Guest Talk Speaker: Dr. ZHANG, Wanmin Assistant Professor Department of Chinese and History City University of Hong Kong		
		Speech Performance		
10-2-2015 (Tuesday)	3 rd to 4 th lessons	Drama Watching	Hall	For Form 1 to Form 5 students Only.
	Lunch Time	Chinese New Year Carnival	Courtyard (tuck shop)	All teachers and students are welcome to join.
		Traditional Snacks		
		Wishing Sheep Booth		
11-2-2015 (Wednesday)	Lunch Time	Chinese New Year Carnival	Courtyard (tuck shop)	All teachers and students are welcome to join.
		Traditional Snacks		
		Wishing Sheep		
		Booth		
12-2-2015 (Thursday)	4 th to 6 th lessons	Film Watching: “The GuaSha Treatment” Starring: Tony Leung Ka Fai	Hall	For Form 1 to Form 5 students Only.
	9 th lesson	Assembly Last assembly for Form 6 students		All the students must attend.
13-2-2015 (Friday)	5 th to 6 th lessons	Chinese Cultural Knowledge Competition	Hall	For Form 1 to Form 5 Students Only.

4.4 Influenza Information

According to the most recent surveillance data from the Centre for Health Protection (CHP), there was an increase in influenza activity in Hong Kong, which signals that Hong Kong has entered its winter influenza peak season. The Public Health Laboratory Centre has also detected increases in a number of respiratory viral infections. If a trip outside Hong Kong is planned during the Lunar New Year vacation, parents should take notice of the health conditions of their children after returning to Hong Kong. In case fever or symptoms of respiratory diseases are noted, they should consult their doctors promptly and notify the school immediately.

4.5 The arrangement for ordering group photos and graduation photos.

Student Affairs Team has arranged for Kitman Photo Services to take group photos for every class on 23rd January, 2015. Student can decide whether or not to buy the photos. For those who would like to buy any photos, please fill in the ordering form and hand in the form together with fees to class teachers for handling on or before 11th February, 2015. The prices are as follows:

Size of the photos	prices
5R	HK \$ 10 (with cover)
8R(graduation photos)	HK \$ 20 (with cover)

4.6 Stop using lockers for Form 6 students

As Form 6 students will sit for the public examination in April, all Form 6 students should clear their lockers and return their locker keys to school on or before 13th February, 2015.

4.7 Application of extracurricular activities 2014/2015 (procedure of add/drop)

To broaden students' horizon and fully utilize school's resources, Form one to Form five students can add or drop extracurricular activities from 22nd January(Thursday) to 2nd February(Monday) 2015. For details, please refer to appendix one.

5. School Events

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| 5.1 26 th January to 6 th February | S6 Mock Examination |
| 5.2 9 th February to 13 th February | Chinese Culture Week |
| 5.3 13 th February (Friday) | Last Day of S.6 |
| 5.4 13 th February (Friday) | 2 nd Board Decoration Competition |
| 5.5 15 th February (Sunday) | 2 nd Parents' Day |
| 5.6 16 th February (Monday) | The day following Parents' Day |
| 5.7 9 th March to 13 th March | 2 nd Evacuation Drill |
| 5.8 23 rd March (Monday) | 2 nd Teacher Development Day |
| 5.9 24 th March to 27 th March | Second Term Uniform Test |

6. School Holidays

6.1 17th February to 28th February

Lunar New Year Holiday

6.2 30th March to 8th April

Easter Holiday and Ching Ming Festival Holiday

Yeung Wing Hon

Principal

Confucius Hall Secondary School

28th January, 2015

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

Date: _____ January, 2015

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 3.

Name of student : _____

Class : _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

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2014/15 Application for extracurricular activities (add/drop procedure)

To broaden students' horizon and fully utilize the school's resources, all Form One to Form Five students are allowed to add/drop extracurricular activities by filling out the form below from 22nd January (Thursday) to 2nd February (Monday). Notice that the activities available for adding/dropping are confined only to non-Uniform Teams. After adding/dropping, every student should participate in no fewer than 2 clubs and no more than 3 clubs.

The clubs available for adding/dropping are as follows:

A. Academic Societies A001 Chinese Society A002 English Society A003 Mathematics Society A004 Sciences Society A005 Integrated Humanities Society A006 History Society	D. *Interest Groups (2) D001 Cartoon and Comic Class D002 Beauty Care Class <i>* Restricted by the funding requirement, students can only select at most 1 activity in this session.</i>
B. Community Services Groups B001 Student Librarian B002 Junior Police Call B003 The Hong Kong Award for Young People	E. Physical Development E001 Orienteering Club E002 Football Club E003 Rugby Club
C. Interest Groups (1) C001 Japanese Club C002 Visual Art & Photographic Club C003 Chess & Board Game Club	F. Aesthetic Development F001 Drama Club F002 Dance Club F003 Chinese Calligraphy Club F004 Musical Instrument Class (Guitar) F005 Musical Instrument Class (Chinese Zither (Guzheng) Class)

2014/15 extracurricular activities add/drop form

Guidance Notes:

1. The clubs available for adding/dropping are confined to the above clubs. All Uniform Teams and events involving the whole school are not included for adding/dropping.
2. If students took part in 3 extracurricular activities in the first school term, they should fill in the dropping column. Failure to do so will result in application not being accepted.
3. Students should return the form to school by 2nd February whether or not they want to apply for adding/dropping clubs.
4. The allocated clubs will be displayed on eClass. Students can access to the information after 9th February.

	Add
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Student Name : _____ Class : _____ Class No. : _____ Gender : M /F

Signature of Student : _____

Parent /Guardian's Name : _____

Parent/ Guardian's Signature : _____

Date : _____

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