



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 4

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1. Principal's Sharing

Dear Parents and Students,

In the twinkling of an eye, we are already in the middle of the second term. The approach of the end of the school year means our students have to start preparing for the coming final term examination again. In the Chinese culture week held in February, our school invited Dr. Zhang Wanmin from the City University of Hong Kong to give a talk on Chinese poems in the school hall. The talk revolved around the features of Chinese poems, particularly those poems which are renowned for their unique characteristics. Dr. Zhang introduced to students a deeper interpretation of the insects, birds, flowers and plants quoted in the poems, improving students' understanding of Chinese poems.

The drama club participated in an inter-school competition earlier this year. Prior to the contest, the drama club members gave a performance in school hall. The involvement and dedication of the students made the performance particularly touching. In one morning assembly this month, the members of the drama club stood on the stage and shared their experiences of the competition. A drama may last for a short time, but there are huge efforts behind the stage. They all realized that achievements do not come easily.

For an exchange programme, our school has contacted the Hong Kong Overseas Studies Centre and strived for an opportunity for our students to study as an exchange student in America. Eventually, our school has secured two places for our students to go for a one year's exchange programme in the United States. To fully experience the culture of America, the chosen students will stay with host families and attend local schools. Students only need to pay for the airline ticket and bring along with them a sufficient amount of money for daily expenses. Other fees, such as accommodation fees, food cost and school fees, will be covered by the concerned institution in America. Students who face financial difficulties can apply for a subsidy from our school. This is certainly a rare opportunity. I always tell students that the breadth of the mind is always expanded with wider exposure. The ability to live harmoniously with people from different cultural backgrounds depends enormously on one's understanding of and sympathy with the different cultures.

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With better knowledge and judgement, students won't be enraged easily by trivial things. And it is conceivable that students with those attributes are usually those who have big success in their fields.

In October, there will be three students from Germany coming to our school for another exchange programme. If parents are willing to provide accommodation and food for them, a priority will be given to your child if they apply for the exchange programme to Germany in April next year. Your child will also enjoy the same care when they live with Germany's host families. I hope parents can cherish this golden opportunity through which students can enjoy a unique and important experience. What's more, our school has succeeded in applying for an international singing festival for secondary students organized in Germany next year. The details are yet to be revealed. Students can apply for the musical festival in the new school year if they are familiar with a variety of musical performances.

Confucius Hall has existed for eighty years (sixty years for the secondary school). In recent years, our hall has attracted the attention of different sectors in the society. In an international symposium organized by Chu Hai College last year, we invited a member of the Board of Trustees of Confucius Hall, Mr. Lee Kam Chung, to give a talk introducing the contribution of Confucius Hall to Hong Kong society. In April, Hong Kong Shue Yan University and the Hong Kong Institute of Education organized the International Conference on the History of Hong Kong: Interpreting History through Culture and Literature. I submitted a thesis titled "The contribution of Confucius Hall to Hong Kong society" to the conference and received a lot of positive feedback. Apart from this, in the Hong Kong Education Expo organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Education, there was even a booth introducing Confucius Hall. In March, staff designated by the Hong Kong Institute of Education come to interview me and invited me to talk about my education statement and the development of Confucian Education in Hong Kong.

27th March, 2015 to 29th March, 2015 were big days for both Hong Kong Rugby Football Union and our school. Students from our school helped the national teams decorate our classrooms. The members of the Board of Trustees of Confucius Hall and our students were invited by Hong Kong Rugby Football Union to watch the Rugby competition.

On 7th April, Professor Chen Qun from East China Normal University (ECNU) visited Hong Kong. I was honored to be invited to take up the post of the Secretary of the East China Normal University Hong Kong Principals Alumni Association and take charge of the duty of liaison between ECNU and principal alumni from Hong Kong. On that day, I had a dinner with Professor Chen at Chung Chi college. I hoped to strive for an opportunity for our students to participate in School Principals' Recommendation Scheme and get admitted to East China Normal University.

This school term, we are very delighted to invite an expert in Latin American Dancing, Ms. Pansy Chow, to teach free course of Latin American Dancing to our students. It is hoped that students can participate in open competition through which they can broaden their horizons and enrich their life experiences. Besides, a disciple of Chen style Taijiquan, Ms. Susan Gu was also willing to provide a free course of Chen style

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Taijiquan to our teachers. Both teachers are renowned in their fields. It is our honor to be able to learn from them. Here I would like to express my gratitude for their kindness towards our teachers and students.

The summer holiday is approaching. Our school has already prepared a variety of extra-curricular and academic activities. Students should cherish the secondary school life as it is a buffer zone in the transition from teenagers to young adults. We have to acquire the appropriate attitude of getting along with others. We have to learn different knowledge and skills before entering into society. I hope that students can treat school as their second home and develop a sense of belonging to our school. I also hope that students can regard teachers and staff as their family members with whom they solve problems together. Dear students, we care about your knowledge development and your physical and mental foundation. Please try not to waste a single moment and seize every opportunity to enrich yourself.

2. Confucius Sayings

- A. Extend your respect for your aged parents to all the aged, and extend your love for your own children to all children.
- B. One should have feelings of family affection for the members of one's family, but human-heartedness for people; human-heartedness for people, but love for things.
- C. A craftsman who wishes to practice his craft well must first sharpen his tools.
- D. There is no point in people taking counsel together who follow different ways.
- E. The Master said, "A man is worthy of being a teacher who gets to know what is new by keeping fresh in his mind what he is already familiar with."
- F. In his errors, a man is true to type. Observe the errors and you will know the man.
- G. Is benevolence really far away? No sooner do I desire it than it is here.
- H. I do not complain against Heaven, nor do I blame Man.
- I. It is desirable for a gentleman to be slow of speech but quick in action.
- J. Is it not a pleasure, having learned something, to try it out at due intervals? Is it not a joy to have like-minded friends come from afar?

3. Good News

3.1 Congratulations to 4B Chan Pui Ho on his completion of 'The 6th Healthy Information Student Ambassadors Scheme' organized by the Office for Film, Newspaper and Article Administration. He received a certificate for his active participation in a multitude of activities. Also, 3A David Wu and 3B Chow Ching were nominated to participate in 'the 7th Healthy Information Student Ambassadors Scheme'. They successfully passed the interview and were chosen as the Healthy Information Student Ambassadors.

Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Cheng Tsz Yan

3.2 39 Volunteers of the School's Counseling Team offered help in the 12th Booklist Scheme, the 26th Good Booklist Prize Giving Ceremony and the Inter-school Talent Singing Contest. They received certificates for commendation from Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union. The awardees are as follows:

The 12th Booklist Scheme, the 26th Good Booklist Prize Giving Ceremony

1B Ma Ming De Muhammad	2A Tsui Chak Kuen	2B Yang Leheng	3A Wu David	3B Chow Ching
3B Haque Iqraa Bibi	3B Poon Chun Chi	3B Wu Kam Fung	4A Kwok Wan Yiu	4A Liang Meiai
4B Chan Pui Ho	4B Chau Ting Ting	4B Lam Chun Yi	4B Lee Lok Sin	4B Lee Wing Sze
4B Ma Ming Hui Zahra	4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy	5A Ching Oi Man	5A Luo Weilin	5A Mok Wai Hong
5A Tam Chun Kit	5A Tong Po Yee	5A Wang Ting Ting	5B Chung Ho Hin	

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Lau Wai Tung

The inter-school Talent Singing Contest- Audition

1B Ma Ming De Muhammad	3A Wu David	3B Poon Chun Chi	3B Choi Pan Tsun	3B Chow Ching
3B Wu Kam Fung	3B Haque Iqraa Bibi	4A Kwok Wan Yiu	4A Chen Zhenwei	4B Ma Ming Hui Zahra
4B Tong Yuet Yi Ivy	4B Lam Ming Wai	5A Mok Wai Hong	5A Lam Hon Chung	5B Or Siu Ling

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Lau Wai Tung

3.3 Form 3 students from our school organized the activity "gathering with the elderly" in Happy Valley and Causeway Bay. The activity was successfully held on 19th May, 2015 and received positive feedback from the community and the participating candidates. The name list is as follows:

3A Lai Tin Long	3A Kwok Mei Lam	3A Lau Jude	3A Mak Ting Fung	3A Lam Wang To
3A Mang Tsz Fung	3A Wu David	3B Choi Pan Tsun	3B Chow Ching	3B Haque Iqraa Bibi
3B Hung Sze Tung	3B Kwok Yuk Lung	3B Lam Ho Yan	3B Leung Hoi Ki	3B Miwa Kazua
3B Poon Chun Chi	3B Sung Ka Yan	3B Tam Kin Yip	3B Wong Chun Him	3B Wu Kam Fung
3B Zhang Weiguang	3B Zhang Zihan			

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Lau Wai Tung and Social Worker Ms. Lui Wai Yi

3.4 To recognize our school's contribution to society, our school was awarded the second runner up for "Anniversary Theme Prize 2014-15" by Education Bureau Community Youth Club (Wan Chai District). Special thanks to Social Worker Ms. Lui Wai Yi and the Guidance and Counselling Team for their contribution.

Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.5 The multicultural Student Ambassadors of our school were invited to meet the Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht- Bresges, JP and shared with him the difficulties and challenges faced by Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong. Their performance was outstanding. The name list of the students is as follows:

2A Adnan	2A Mikee	2A Eirka	3A Kristine	3A Karina
3A Simran	3A Jirah	3A Shanah	3A Lam Wang To	3A Milo
3A Louise	3A Danielle	3A Mariz		

Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Lau Wai Tung and Social Worker Ms. Lui Wai Yi

3.6 4B Tong Yuet Yi was awarded “Outstanding Youth Leagues Member 2014-15” by Education Bureau Community Youth Club (Wan Chai District) for her dedication to social service over the past few years.

Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.7 The following students were keen on social service. To praise their active participation in social service, the following awards were granted according to the criteria of Education Bureau Community Youth Club:

Secondary School (Foundation Level) (Yellow Badge)

4A Chen Zhen Wei, Cheung Hon Wing, Kwok Wan Yiu, Liang Meiai, Yao Zongsheng

4B Chan Pui Ho, Chan Yu, Chau Ting Ting, Lam Chun Yi, Lee Lok Sin, Ma Ming Hui, Tong Yuet Yi, Wong Ho Yin, Zhong Hong Chao.

Level 1 (Green Badge)

4A Chen Zhen Wei, Cheung Hon Wing, Kwok Wan Yiu, Liang Meiai, Yao Zongsheng

4B Chan Pui Ho, Chan Yu, Chau Ting Ting, Lam Chun Yi, Lee Lok Sin, Ma Ming Hui, Tong Yuet Yi, Zhong Hong Chao.

Level 2 (Orange Badge)

4A Kwok Wan Yiu, Liang Meiai

4B Chan Yu, Tong Yuet Yi

Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

3.8 4B Ma Ming Hui has joined the “ ‘Train’ for Life's Journeys Program 2015” and was offered a summer internship by the MTR.

Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan

- 3.9 The following students were nominated to participate in an Education Bureau Web-based Learning Course organized by Gifted Education Section.
- 2B: Kwong Clarissa, Ou Xiaoqing, Xian Mojun, Yang Leheng
3A: Lai Tin Long, Mang Tsz Fung, David Wu
3B: Choi Pan Tsun, Chow Ching, Haque Iqraa Bibi, Lam Ho Yan, Miwa Kazua
Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan
- 3.10 3A Lai Tin Long and 3B David Wu have been granted the opportunity to participate in the Nature Works Hong Kong Environmental Innovation and Leadership programme organized by the Nature Conservancy. On 4th July, 2015, Students need to communicate the ideas of their projects and report the initial progress to several hundred audience members such as teachers, business leaders, environmental organizations and representatives of the community. The outstanding team will become the Hong Kong Ambassadors of “Nature Work” and take up the responsibility of promoting Hong Kong Environmental Innovation and Protection. All ambassadors can enjoy a free visit to the environmental protection events in Asia Pacific or America from April to July next year.
- Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan
- 3.11 3B Choi Pan Tsun, Chow Ching and Zhang Weiguang were recommended to participate in the 15-day “Military Summer Camp for Hong Kong Youth 2015” co-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.
- Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan
- 3.12 4A Xu Xianxing and 4B Dumadang Jensen Bernard Tizon participated in Centum Charitas Foundation “beHERORun2015” on behalf of Hong Kong Award for Young People. They successfully completed the 10 kilometre race.
- Teacher-in-charge: Mr. Wong Yuk Fan
- 3.13 5B Or Siu Ling participated in the essay competition “love letter of life” and was granted the Award of Merit.
- Teacher-in-charge: Miss Yeung Tse Wai
- 3.14 Five students from our school participated in the 17th Hong Kong Inter-school Putonghua Speech Competition and received the Award of Merit.
- Award of Merit: 5B Or Siu Ling, 5A Lam Hon Chung
Award of credit: 1B Wang Ja Hui, 5B Li Lili
Teacher-in-charge: Ms. Lau Wai Tung
Chaperone of the activity: Mr. Chan Hing Shing

3.15 There were in total 30 students from our school taking part in the 130th Anniversary “Sharing Happiness” drawing activities organized by the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Their products will be exhibited in Sha Tin Racecourse. All participating students will receive one International Circus CAVALIA Ticket and enjoy an renowned race performance. The name list is as follows:

1A Angela	1A Khushi	1A Parami	2A Tsui Chak Kuen	2A Yiu Hau Kit
2A Mikee	3A Jirah	3A Eunice	3A Shanah Gillow	3A Louise
3A Kristine Alvarez	3B Chow Ching	3B Haque Iqraa Bibi	3B Hung Sze Tung	3B Lam Ho Yan
3B Leung Hoi Ki	3B Poon Chun Chi	3B Wong Chun Him	4B Chan Yu	4B Chau Ting Ting
4B Lee Lok Sin	4B Lee Wing Sze	4B Wong Man Ching	5A Lam Hon Chung	5A Li Tsz Lok
5A Mok Wai Hong	5A Tam Chun Kit	5A Yip Kwan Ling	5A Choi Ka Yan	5BNgan Hiu Yi

Teacher-in-charge: Miss Hung Pan Kan

4. School News

4.1 German cultural experience scheme 2015-16

Our school is organizing a German cultural experience scheme in April or May next year. The scheme is now open for application for Form 2 to Form 4 students. Three eligible students (2 boys and 1 girl) who pass the interviews will spend two to three 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.

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 29th May, 2015.(Friday)

4.2 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 October this year. We are inviting parents to take part in the host family scheme. The details are as follow:

- Three German students participate in this year’s exchange programme. Each host family has to provide accommodation and meals for free to the German students (Year 10 -12) for 2 to 3 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 apartment.
- Our school will arrange students in the same gender as your children to live in your apartment.

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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 Student Affairs Officers Ms. Mok Yuk Ling at 2576 6427.

4.3 Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA) - Written Assessments

The TSA will be held on 23rd and 24th June, 2015. If classes are suspended due to bad weather, the assessments will be postponed to 26th June.

All Secondary 3 students should arrive at the school by 8:15 a.m. on the days mentioned or they will be deemed as being late for school. Also, no personal leave will be approved during this period. Sick leave will only be approved with a doctor's proof. Any unreasonable absence will be treated as skipping class and penalty will be imposed. Please encourage the students to work hard for the assessments.

Timetable for Territory-wide System Assessment

23 th June, 2015 (Tuesday)		24 th June, 2015 (Wednesday)	
8:45-10:00	Chinese Language (Writing)	8:45-9:25	English Language (Writing)
10:30-11:00	Chinese Language (Reading)	10:00-11:20	English Language (Reading and Listening)
11:30-12:15	Chinese Language (Audio-visual and Listening)	11:50-12:55	Mathematics

Venue: 3A (Room 202) 3B (Room 203)

TSA Assessment Administration Supervisor: Mr. Wong Hau Ming

5. School Events

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| 5.1 21 st May, 2015 | Staff Meeting |
| 5.2 22 nd May, 2015 | Distribution of Report Cards (S6) |
| 5.3 8 th June, 2015 | 3 rd Teacher Development Day |
| 5.4 9 th June, 2015 to 19 th June, 2015 | Final Examination |
| 5.5 23 rd June, 2015 to 24 th June, 2015 | TSA (written) |
| 5.6 25 th June, 2015 to 26 th June, 2015 | Post-Examination Script Checking |
| 5.7 26 th June, 2015 | TSA (written) Reserve |
| 5.8 29 th June, 2015 to 6 th July, 2015 | Post-Examination Activities |
| 5.9 7 th July, 2015 to 9 th July, 2015 | Registration (New Admission) |
| 5.10 10 th July, 2015 | Closing ceremony and Distribution of Report Cards |
| 5.11 13 th July, 2015 | Registration (Current Students) |
| 5.12 14 th July, 2015 | S1 Attainment Test (New Admission) |
| 5.13 15 th July, 2015 | Release of HKDSE Results |

6. School Holidays

6.1	19 th May, 2015	The Birthday of Mencius
6.2	25 th May, 2015	The Birthday of Buddha
6.3	20 th June, 2015	Tuen Ng Festival
6.4	1 st July, 2015	HKSAR Establishment Day
6.5	16 th July, 2015 to 31 st August, 2015	Summer holiday

Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School
21st May, 2015

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Date: _____ May, 2015

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 4.

Name of student : _____

Class : _____ ()

Signature of parent/guardian: _____