



# Confucius Hall Secondary School

## Newsletter 3

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## 1. Principal's Sharing

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

As the Year 2016 has just started, may I wish you all the best and good health. Although the weather in January is unexpectedly cold, the school is always warm.

A report of the Shanghai Bund Pic and Professor Lu Weiluan (aka "Xiaosi") visited the school in November. On the one hand, they visited the historical school hall; on the other hand, they took a look at the school where it used to be the root of literature writing of Xiaosi, especially the kapok tree. Another highlight of the event is the visit of Mr. Tom W. Hagedorn, the principal of a secondary school in Denmark. We are delighted to have him entering classrooms to share with our students. To show our sincerity, a few administrative staff accompanied Mr. Hagedorn to visit the Wong Tai Sin Temple. While walking around, I introduced him to our traditional Chinese cultures. At night, we enjoyed some seafood in Tuen Mun. Mr. Hagedorn had never thought that there could be this many methods to cook seafood after having the meal. Most importantly, Mr. Hagedorn is currently negotiating the details of a possible exchange programme between the 2 schools with me, it is foreseeable that the programme will kick off next year.

Apart from the exchange programme in Denmark, I also visited Guangzhou Jinan University and attended its seminar to share my thoughts. The objective of this move is to negotiate the possibility to offer Bachelor Degree programmes for non-Chinese students. Since local universities require students to have a certain level of competency in Chinese Language which non-Chinese students still have a long way to go in order to attain it. Universities in the Mainland of China do exercise discretion to take into consideration ones' nationality on the result of Chinese Language. Thus, non-Chinese students will have a greater chance to enter universities to further their study. At the same time, I also invited a couple of representatives from a few tertiary institutions to give presentations so as to motivate our students.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, representatives from a few secondary schools in Shenzhen visited the school. The Student Union was responsible for accompanying, one of the main courses of the visit was about leadership training.

We are delighted to have invited Mr. Eric Berti, the Consul General of Consulate General of France in Hong Kong to be the guest of honour on our annual Speech Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, his colleague, Ms. Anne Denis-Blanchardon, the person-in-charge of Education issues was also one of our guests. Mr. Berti introduced the diversified French cultures in his speech. After the ceremony, Mr. Berti hoped the school could encourage our students to further study in France. Not only did we have Mr. Berti as the guest of honour, but also more than 10 representatives from different organizations to attend the ceremony, especially the Shenzhen Fuyuan Education with 8 representatives

About 20 students participated in “*Rail Watch*” organized by MTR and the Hong Kong Police Force (Wan Chai District) to fight against crimes in MTR. There were a lot of high-ranking officers attending the opening ceremony, which encouraged a lot of our students to participate in the activity.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, China Ethnic & Folk Culture and Arts Exchange Association (HK) Limited and the school jointly organized “*Di Zi Gui Culture and Arts Festival*”, the school hall was reserved for the speech competition for kindergartens and primary schools in Hong Kong. First of all, I led about 40 students, who were from different countries, to perform “*The Great Age of Harmony*”. Afterwards, reporters interviewed me for how we could train our non-Chinese students to perform the Confucius’ wisdom. It’s simple. Every student in CHSS has to memory “*The Great Age of Harmony*” regardless of nationality. I also explained and shared with students what it is about during hall assembly, the day of Confucius or Mencius. Reporters therefore showed their respect and appreciated us for the effort paid and enthusiasm on the promotion of Confucianism. Moreover, it is also our honour to be invited by the organizer to perform the script before the dancing show of “*Di Zi Gui*” at Hong Kong Cultural Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Once I am available, I will never reject one’s invitation to share with the public Confucianism in other schools because CHSS aims to promote it, attending seminar and sharing with on stage are also one of the major paths to promote Confucianism. As the Lunar Chinese New Year is approaching, I wish, not only could Confucianism be promoted in school successfully, but also in society.

## **2. Analects of Confucius**

- 2.1 A Gentleman must be strong and resolute, for his burden is heavy and the road is long.
- 2.2 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.”
- 2.3 It is desirable for a gentleman to be slow of speech but quick in action.
- 2.4 The man of wisdom is never in two minds; the man of benevolence never worries; the man of courage is never afraid.
- 2.5 While the gentleman cherishes benign rule, the small man cherishes his native land. While the gentleman cherishes a respect or the law, the small man cherishes generous treatment.
- 2.6 A man should not be unaware of the age of his father and mother. It is a matter, on the one hand, for rejoicing and, on the other, for anxiety.
- 2.7 In instruction, there is no grading into categories.
- 2.8 The gentleman seeks neither a full belly nor a comfortable home. He is quick in action but actionous 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.

### 3. Good News

3.1 A total of HKD 10,000 CMA and Donors scholarship was presented by The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong for the hard-working and positive motivation of students in Mathematics, Economics or Science subjects. The following 10 students were selected through a serious screening:

5A	Kiang Ka Yan		5B	Ma Ming Hui Zahra	
6A	Lam Hon Chung	Wang Ting Ting	6B	Zhao Meng	He Weiyi
	Mok Wai Hong	Yip Kwan Ling		Zheng Tiandong	Or Siu Ling

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.2 The school was recommended to join "*Hong Kong Island Students' Achievement 2015*" by the Wan Chai District Headmasters' Conference. 3B Kwong Clarissa was rewarded the "*Wan Chai District Outstanding Student Award 2015 (Junior)*" and 5B Ma Ming Hui Zahra was rewarded the "*Hong Kong Island Outstanding Award 2015 (Senior)*" after the interview. They were both presented certificates and HKD 500 book coupons.

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3.3 4A Tang Long Tin and Wu David were rewarded certificates for the completion of "*Fire Safety Training Camp*" jointly organized by the Home Affairs Department (Wan Chai) and the Fire Services Department.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.4 The following 22 students were appointed by the Hong Kong Police Force (Wan Chai District) to be the "*Fight Against Crime Ambassadors*" of "*Rail Watcher*". These students will be receiving training sessions at the control centre of Wan Chai MTR Station and Tsing Yi MTR Station in the afternoon on 28 Jan and 18 Feb.

Kwok Mei Lam	Lam Wang To	Mak Ting Fung
Mang Tsz Fung	Tang Long Tin	Miwa Kazua
Choi Pan Tsun	Chow Ching	Chow Lok Yin
Haque Iqraa Bibi	Hung Sze Tung	Kwok Yuk Lung
Leung Hoi Ki	Zhang Zihan	Ng Man Chun
Sung Ka Yan	Tam Kin Yip	Tong Yuet Yi Ivy

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

### 4. School News

#### 4.1 Joyful Fruit Day 2016

The School has joined the "*Joyful Fruit Day 2016*" 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 “The Lunar New Year of Monkey” Fair Stalls Market

“The Lunar New Year of Monkey” Fair Stalls Market will be held during the lunch hour on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at the school mini playground. There will be flowers on sale, red banners writing with lucky messages, and fruit selling. All staff members and students are welcome. You are strongly encouraged to bring the flowers, red banners and fruit home to share the joy and happiness of the Chinese Lunar New Year with your family members.

#### 4.3 Health Information

Parents are reminded to avoid bringing your children to places with poor ventilation during the Lunar New Year holiday; in case of any sickness after travelling outside Hong Kong, you are advised to closely monitor your children’s condition. If continuous fever and syndromes of influenza are present, please consult doctors and inform the school as soon as you could.

#### 4.4 The Arrangement of Class Photos and Graduation Photos Ordering

Student Affairs Team has arranged for Powerful Colour Image to take group photos for every class. 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 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. The prices are as follows:

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

#### 4.5 The Termination of the Locker Service of S.6 Students

Due to the HKDSE in April, all S.6 students shall clear the personal belongings in their lockers and return it accordingly for maintenance.

#### 4.6 The Chinese Cultural Week

To promote Chinese culture, the Chinese Cultural Week will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> February to 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. All students should take part in the activities. The activities are as follow:

Date	Time	Content	Venue	Remark
22-2-2016 (Monday)	2 <sup>nd</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> lesson	Opening Ceremony	Hall	<b>All students must attend.</b>
		Guest Talk <b>Speaker:</b> <b>Mr Chan Hon Sum</b>		
23-2-2016 (Tuesday)	Lunch Time	International Food Carnival & Booth	Courtyard (tuck shop)	All teachers and students are welcome to join the carnival.
24-2-2016 (Wednesday)	Lunch Time	International Food Carnival & Booth	Courtyard (tuck shop)	All teachers and students are welcome to join the carnival.
25-2-2016 (Thursday)	4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> lessons	Film Watching:	Hall	<b>For Form 1 to Form 5 students Only.</b>
26-2-2016 (Friday)	5 <sup>th</sup> lesson	Chinese Cultural Knowledge Competition	Hall	<b>For Form 1 to Form 5 Students Only.</b>

**5. School Events**

- 5.1 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> February Chinese Cultural Week
- 5.2 26<sup>th</sup> February Last Day of S.6
- 5.3 28<sup>th</sup> February The 2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Day
- 5.4 14<sup>th</sup> March Summer Uniform Allowed
- 5.5 17<sup>th</sup> March The 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Decoration Competition
- 5.6 21<sup>st</sup> March The 2<sup>nd</sup> Teachers Development Day
- 5.7 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April Final Term Uniform Test
- 5.8 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April TSA (Oral)
- 5.9 22<sup>nd</sup> April TSA (Oral) Reserve

**6. School Holidays**

- 6.1 8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February Lunar New Year Holiday
- 6.2 29<sup>th</sup> February The day following Parents' Day
- 6.3 21<sup>st</sup> March The 2<sup>nd</sup> Teachers Development Day
- 6.4 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday and Ching Ming Festival Holiday

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon  
Principal  
Confucius Hall Secondary School

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ February, 2016

To: Confucius Hall Secondary School

I have read and understood the content of Newsletter 3.

Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ (            )

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_