



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 2

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1. Principal's Sharing

5th December 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

Now that the 1st term uniform test and sports day are over, I can see how much effort students put on both study and sport. Once in a while, I reminded students not to underestimate the importance of sports. Not only can it strengthen our health, but also provide students a chance to experience winning and losing. When we lose a match, we need to reflect on whether we haven't had enough training or we the way of training was just inappropriate. What if we win a match, we need to be modest and be careful not to be arrogant and look down on other participants. In other words, students are encouraged to be self-motivated in both academic performances and attitude in order to become well-developed.

On 22nd November, I accompanied students to Harbin for an exchange programme, which was subsidised by the Education Bureau (EDB) and The Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture. We visited the world famous Harbin Institute of Technology and a secondary school in Mohe, a province which is in poverty. I am sure that such visit brought another special experience to our students.

In order to strengthen students' eagerness in learning, I bring them to visit universities every exchange programme. In recent years, many students have consulted me about the possible paths to tertiary education; the school has also provided as much useful and up-to-date information as possible to suit their needs. For instance, we invited a representative from The National United University to deliver a speech to our senior form students.

In October, 4 German students came to the school for an exchange programme. Apart from having normal lessons on campus, our students also led them to visit different places and taste different local food in Hong Kong. When they were about to leave, one of the girls couldn't help crying. I believe that she had already experienced the warmth from the school and the host family, like a feeling to stay home. Later, the German exchange students left us messages saying that the programme was unforgettable; they gained a lot

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unexpectedly. If you would like to know what they shared with us in details, you may go to the school website.

In December and February 2017, our students will be going to the Mt Everett Regional School in the U.S. and the Odsherreds Efterskole in Denmark for 2-week exchange programmes. In mid-October, applicants were busy with the interview. There were more than 20 students applying for the exchange programmes, and it took a few days to conduct the screening session. Every student took it seriously to show the best of themselves in front of the screening committee. How enthusiastic they were! According to teachers in the screening committee, applicants had spent a lot of time doing research for the interview, especially introducing Confucianism in English. Of course, I hope that students can demonstrate well their understanding on Confucianism in these exchange programmes.

May I take this chance to re-state that students' financial conditions are never a factor to be considered in the interview. Once students are shortlisted but facing a financial burden, they will be fully subsidised by the school for their basic costs. Therefore, I am calling for the parents' co-operation, to encourage your children to participate in these kinds of exchange programmes; not only can they broaden their horizons, but also learn the necessary interpersonal and communication skills.

In spring 2017, the Danish exchange students will be visiting our school; thanks should go to those parents of the host families, their support has brought a great success to this exchange programme. Meanwhile, the school has participated in the *Sister School Scheme* with schools in Mainland China coordinated by the EDB. Now, the school is approved to ally with the Nanjing Privately-Run Yuying Foreign Language School. We will organise a wide variety of activities with the sister school in the future in order to strengthen our relations. All the basic expenditures of students will be borne by the school. Details of those activities are still under negotiation, they will be released later; but at the current stage, parents are highly recommended to encourage their children to join.

The establishment of the school's Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) was approved by the EDB on 30th August 2016 and the first meeting was held on 28th October 2016. We need parent representatives to join the IMC so that we can jointly discuss the school's policies and development. The school has been holding an election on the parent representatives. Two parents become the manager of our IMC.

On 3rd November 2016, Ms. Chan Yuk Kwan and I were interviewed by the RTHK Radio 1; officials from the EDB, principals and friends all called us to encourage us and admire our work. They mentioned that they know better what Confucianism is after listening to the interview. I sincerely hope that parents and students can listen to the interview again to have a clearer picture of the thoughts and ideas of implementing Confucianism in the school.

2. Analects of Confucius

- 2.1 Aspire to the way, align with virtue, abide by benevolence, and immerse yourself in the arts.
- 2.2 The gentleman demands of himself. The pretty man demands of others.
- 2.3 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 practise what is imparted.”
- 2.4 The craftsman who wishes to work well has first to sharpen his implements.
- 2.5 Extend your respect for your aged parents to all the aged, and extend your love for your own children to all children.

3. Good News

3.1 The school received a HKD 10,000 scholarship from the The Chinese Manufacturers’ Association of Hong Kong CMA and Donors Scholarship for students’ outstanding academic performance in Mathematics, Science subjects or Business subjects. The following 10 students were selected through a strict and systematic screening system by the panel head teachers, they are:

Class	Name	Outstanding Aspect(s)
3B	Wang Jahui	Economics, Conduct
4A	Tsui Chak Kuen	Economics
4A	Li Xinyi	Biology, Chemistry
4B	Chen Junyuan Willy	Mathematics, Conduct
4B	Chow Tsun Sang	Mathematics
4B	Lau Ho Fung	Physics
6A	Feng Wenxuan	Mathematics
6A	Lei Suxing	Economics
6B	Leung Chun Kei	Physics
6B	Ma Ming Hui Zahra	Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry

These students will attend the scholarship presentation ceremony on 9th December 2016 and each of them will receive HKD 1,000 for encouragement.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.2 3B Wang Jahui and 6A Kiang Ka Yan were recommended to participate in the “*Hong Kong Island Outstanding Students Award (2016)*” organised by the Association of Principals, Wanchai District and they were elected to be the “2016 Wan Chai District Outstanding Student (Junior)” and “2016 Wan Chai District Outstanding Student (Senior)” respectively after going through interviews. Wang and Ma were awarded certificates and HKD 500 book coupons.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.3 The following students participated in the “*Chinese Traditional Arts in Wanchai*” programme to learn traditional paper-cutting in China. They were appointed to be the “Ambassadors of the Chinese Traditional Arts”, they are:

Class	Name
1A	Ramtel Kristi, Grierson Alanna Louisa
1B	Kwan King Hei Matthew, Lai Jonah, Nguyen Eric Gia Tri, Wu Peter
2B	Keung Ming Chung, Tong Yuet Lam, Wong Cheuk Hang, Li Shuhui, Chan Kai Siu
3B	Chan Jeorjia, Fung Yu, Tsang Wing Ping, Lai Ho Yam

Event coordinator: Mr. Lai Kin Man, Ms. Yip Hoi Yi

3.4 The school female rugby team eventually bore the result of 3 wins out of 4 matches in the group stage of the “*Inter-school Rugby Sevens 2016-2017*”, and they are going to attend the matches of the final round matches. The team members are as follows:

Class	Name
2A	Dela Cruz Aleeson Gabrielle Granado
2B	Grierson Morena Maria
3A	Gaire Laxmi, Bishwakarma Salina Rasaily
3B	Limbu Nita, Sadler Jazmin
5A	Tebi Anne Danielle, Tebi Anne Mariz, Chan Ka Yi Katrina Alvarez Kristine Ccollada, Coyoy Sheng Ming Jirah As-III, Domingo Eunice Morales

Event coordinator: Mr. Lai Kin Man, Mr. La Quinson

3.5 The following students represented the school and the Wanchai District to participate in *Demo Cup* of the “18 Districts Rope Skipping Competition”, they are:

Class	Name
2A	Clemente Gervaise Hauge, Landrito Peejay Gallibu, Qazi Alishba, Dela Cruz Aleeson Gabrielle Granado, Rai Samip
3B	Leung Ching Ni Janee, Zhong Kaixuan
5A	Tebi Anne Danielle, Tebi Anne Mariz, Chan Ka Yi Katrina Alvarez Kristine Ccollada, Coyoy Sheng Ming Jirah As-III, Domingo Eunice Morales
5B	Wu Kam Fung

Event coordinator: Mr. Lai Kin Man

4. School News

4.1 The 53rd Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony

Arrangement on 8th December 2016 (Thursday)

The 53rd Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony will be scheduled in the afternoon on 8th December 2016 (Thursday), there will be classes in the morning; prize-winners will be sent to have rehearsal accordingly.

The 53rd Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony

The 53rd Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony will be held from 3p.m. to 4.45p.m. in the school hall on 8th December 2016 (Thursday), **all students must be present**. Parents are cordially invited to attend for your children’s achievement and students’ performance. Here is the rundown of the ceremony:

Time Estimated	Rundown
2:30	Reception (Room 204)
3:00-3:05	Guests enter the Hall.
3:05-3:10	Play the National Anthem.
3:10-3:15	The President of Confucius Hall delivers speech.
3:15-3:20	The School Supervisor delivers welcoming speech.
3:20-3:35	Principal Yeung Wing Hon presents annual school report.
3:35-3:55	Guests present prizes.
3:55-4:10	Guest of honour gives a speech.
4:10-4:15	Student representative gives vote of thanks.
4:15-4:20	Principal presents souvenirs to the guest of honour.
4:20-4:40	Performance of teachers and students
4:40-4:45	Play the School Song.
4:45	Dismal
4:45-5:15	Refreshment

Please note that the following dates and time will be scheduled for rehearsal for a smoother rundown of the ceremony:

Date	Time	Rehearsal	Event Coordinator
22 nd November 2016 to 8 th December 2016	1:15p.m. - 1:40p.m.	Script writing & presentation skills (Masters of ceremony must be punctual and present)	Ms. Mok Yuk Ling
1 st December 2016	3:20p.m.	Rehearsal (In the School Hall)	Mrs. Lam Lau So Yee
6 to 7 th December 2016	4p.m. – 5:30p.m.	1 st Session: Order & manner on stage (All prize winners, student helpers and masters of ceremony must be present and punctual)	Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

4.2 Joyful Fruit Day 2017

The School has joined the “*Joyful Fruit Day 2017*” 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 HKD 2,000 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!

4.3 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 and Form 6 students. Students 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 28th January, 2017. The prices are as follows:

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

4.4 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.

5. School Events

5.1 2 nd December	The School Picnic
5.2 5 th December	Winter Uniform Allowed
5.3 7 th December	Rehearsal of Speech Day
5.4 8 th December	Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony
5.5 20 th December	Inter-House Singing Contest
5.6 21 st December	Christmas Party
5.7 6 th – 18 th January	S.1 to S.5 1 st Term Examination
5.8 19 th – 24 th January	Chinese Cultural Week
5.9 6 th – 16 th February	S.6 Mock Examination
5.10 24 th February	The Last Day of S.6

6. School Holidays

6.1 22 nd December 2016 to 3 rd January 2017	Christmas Holiday and New Year Holiday
6.2 25 th January to 4 th February	Lunar New Year Holiday

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School

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Date: _____ December, 2016

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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