



Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter 2

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1. Dear parents and students,

The Chinese New Year is coming. Let me wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

In October last year, 3 students from our school joined the Mt Everett Regional School's exchange conference---Rhythm and Rhyme Gala. Students from our school played the piano and also did recitals, benefiting a lot. The students' performances were shared with other schoolmates on videos after they came back. The students' performances were really wonderful. There were also performances from students from other schools. The standard was so high that we did not want to miss their performances.

In addition, Eckhard, the retired principal of the famous German high School---Stormarnschule Ahrensburg, and his wife Gillian paid a special visit to our school in Hong Kong and thanked us for the exchange activities over the years. In early February 2018, there will be around 12 teachers and students from Danish secondary schools coming to visit our school. It will be another festive occasion.

In October 11, twelve professors and students from Shanghai Normal University visited our school to exchange the methods of Confucian education. Our school is the only non-religious school in Hong Kong that educates students with Confucianism. Therefore, the teachers and students selected our school for exchange. They visited our school hall. Our school hall has more than eighty years of history. Many celebrities have given speeches here. The students were very enchanted. Standing in the hall feels as if you are gathering with the sages - Xiao Hong, Guo Kui Ruo, Mao Dun, Qian Mu, Tang Junyi and other authors and famous scholars.

On November 14, more than 20 teachers and students from Chua Cha Kang Secondary School came to our school for exchange activities. We watched shows together. What we failed to find out was that a student from Choa Chu Kang Secondary School had prepared a performance and he performed it at the hall. The performance was rich in Southeast Asian features, the singing and dancing were rich in tropical style. After that, I gave them a speech on Confucianism and also gave a copy of the "Confucian Analects" to them each.

In early February, our sister school Nanjing Yuying Foreign Language School visited our school. Hua Mingyou principal, several teachers and students came to celebrate my school's graduation ceremony. The students also performed musical instruments and dances, the

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performances were so memorable. Our school was the host. We led our friends from the school to enjoy Hong Kong's night scenery. Of course, we also brought them to try local Cantonese cuisine. The cutest thing is that Yuying school's students wanted to take the ferry to travel across the Victoria Harbour. I hope they have an unforgettable journey in Hong Kong.

The graduation ceremony took place on December 7, the school's first generation of alumni, Professor Liang Tianwei (currently Head of Department of Journalism and communication of Hong Kong Shue Yan University) acted as officiating guest. Professor Liang talked with me about the situations when he studied at our school. Each piece of memory is worth retrospection. He encouraged our students to educate themselves in order to face the ever-changing society.

During Christmas, our school participated in the visit to Fujian. The purpose of the activity is to reach the local for a deeper understanding of Fujian. In case students feel uncomfortable, our teachers in both Hong Kong and Fujian will try their best to arrange the best possible care. Every time our students go abroad, I am most worried about their health. Apart from insurance, teachers in Hong Kong will answer phone calls 24 hours a day. In case any accident arises, we will arrange instant help.

To broaden our students' horizons, our school invited Ethiopian Circus and Cape Town South African troupes to our school to perform last year. The circus performance was very attractive. A rattan ring was used to do extremely difficult action. Our primary schools' students were so impressed by the performance. The Cape Town theater's performances mainly focused on singing, their voices were high pitched and bright. The performers also knew how to lead the atmosphere, actively involving our students.

In recent years, our school has actively participated in activities of primary schools in our district, gaining a reputation with other schools. On January 17, I was invited by the principal of Gold and Silver Exchange Society Pershing Tsang School to attend their closing ceremony and to officiate the ceremony. At the ceremony, I made a speech on "Determination, Expanding Horizons, and Contributing to the Community". My speech was affirmed by the principal. She thinks that the teaching approach of our school is correct and effective, which makes me very encouraged.

On 27 January, I attended the opening ceremony of "STEM Market @ Lee Tsz Ho School" at TWGHs Lee Tsz Ho Primary School. Apart from our school, there are other primary and secondary schools which participated in the event. There were around ten booth games which were science and technology-based. The booth prepared by our teachers and students of our school was to teach how to make bubbles. There was a long queue of people waiting to participate in our booth.

Another good piece of news is that the Chinese University conducted a survey targeting form three students, teachers and parents. One of the findings is really encouraging. In 100% of the parents' questionnaires, they all agree that our school is free from discrimination and bullying. This result is the efforts of our school's parents and students. No matter which ethnicity our students are, I repeatedly encourage students that we should to love other and act like a family.

The year of the dog is coming, I hope that our children can have a happy life, gaining wisdom and moral each day.

2. Analects of Confucius

- 2.1 Let the will be set on the path of duty. Let every attainment in what is good be firmly grasped. Let perfect virtue be accorded with.
- 2.2 Gentleman seeking self, villain beg all means. et relaxation and enjoyment be found in the polite arts.
- 2.3 Everyday I check three things in myself: do I plan my behavior without loyalty? do I make friends without confidence/trust (or deserving confidence - sincerity)? do I propagate (disseminate) the Practice.
- 2.4 If a workman wishes to do a good job, he must first sharpen his tools
- 2.5 Care for my own aged parents and extend the same care to the aged parents of others; love my own young children and extend the same love to the children of others

3. Good news

- 3.1 Our school has received \$10,000 scholarship from the Chinese Manufacturer's Association of Hong Kong to reward students for excellence in Mathematics, Sciences or Business Administration. After a rigorous selection by the relevant department heads, a total of 10 students with excellent academic qualifications are eligible for the award. The list of winners is as follows:

Class	Winners	Area of excellence performance
4A	LUCERO CLAIRE CERVALES	Economics
4B	CHAN CHEUK LAM	Mathematics
4B	CHAN KIMANI	Biology
4B	LAU SIU TO	Physics
4B	LIN GANGHUI	Chemistry
4B	WANG JAHUI	Physic
4B	TAN WEICHANG	Chemistry
5A	LI XINYI	Chemistry, Biology
5B	CHEN JUNYUAN WILLY	Mathematics
6A	GILLOW SHANAH TRELAWNEY	Biology

The above students will attend the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong's Scholarship 2017 Award Presentation Ceremony on December 12, 2017. Each of them will

receive a scholarship of HK \$ 1,000 from the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong.

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3.2 Our students are recommended to attend the "Hong Kong Island Outstanding Student Election (2017)" organized by the Association of Principals of Wanchai District. After the interview, 2B Jonah Lai was successfully elected as "2017 District (Wan Chai District) Outstanding Student (Junior form)", 6B Chow Ching was voted "Outstanding Student in 2017 (Wan Chai District) (Senior form)". The two students were awarded a Certificate of Merit and a HK \$ 500 book coupon respectively for reward.

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3.3 To promote the common sense of stroke in youth and promote a healthy campus culture, the Liberal Studies Department of our school participated in the Hong Kong Stroke Fund's stroke quiz---"Talking and Laughing with Brain". 6A LAI SZE WAN , Class 6B and Chow Ching achieved excellent results and were rewarded a \$400 coupon from the organization.

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3.4 5B Kwong Clarissa participated in The Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science & Technology's 2017 Beijing, Xi'an Aerospace Science and Technological study tour and was rewarded with the second-runner up.

3.5 5B Lau Ho Fung participated in The Hong Kong Association for the Advancement of Science & Technology' in collaboration with Shine Tak Foundation 's 2017 Science and Technological study tour and had outstanding performance. He was awarded a certificate of appreciation. At the same time, he was rewarded with rocket seeds from Professor Rusen Tian. Our school was selected as rockets seed school.

3.6 4B Tan Wei Chang and 5B Lau Ho Fung was awarded with 2nd runner-up and a \$500 book coupon in Hong Kong Science Museum's 2018 Fun Science Competition 《SAVING ALL》 .

4. School news

4.1 Chinese Cultural Week

To enhance students' awareness and interest in Chinese culture, the Chinese Department will hold a Chinese Culture Week from February 7 to February 13. Parents, teachers and students are welcome to participate.

Details of the Chinese Cultural Week 2017-2018 are as follows:

Date	Time	Content	Venue	Remark
7-2-2018 (Wednesday)	8 th to 11 th Lesson	Cultural Study Tour	Hong Kong Museum of History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Form 3 to Form 5 students only. ● Please see this activity notice for more information.
8-2-2018 (Thursday)	1 st to 2 nd lesson	<p>Guest Talk Speaker: Dr Au Chi Kin Assistant Professor Hong Kong Shue Yan University Department of History Topic: The Significance of Chinese Culture in Modern Society</p>	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Form 1 to Form 5 students only.
		Dancing Lion(Sing See) Performance Yim Ho Wang Martial Arts Association		
	Lunch Time	International Food Carnival & Booth Games	Courtyard (tuck shop)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All teachers and students are welcome to join our carnival. ● Chinese New Year Carnival will be organized by Student Affairs Team, Student Union, Visual Art and our department.
Whole Day	Book Fair	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All teachers and students are welcome. ● All students will be sponsored \$20 to buy the Chinese book by the school. ● The Book Fair will be organized by School Library Reading Team and our department. 	
9-2-2018 (Friday)	4 th to 7 th lesson	Film Watching: “Dancing Lion (Sing See)” Main Case: Francis Ng, Anthony Wong, Teresa Mo	Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Form 1 to Form 5 students only.

12-2-2018 (Monday)	8 th to 11 th Lesson	Cultural Study Tour “Lunar New Year Fair Stall”	Victoria Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Form 1 to Form 2 students only. ● Please see this activity notice for more information.
13-2-2018 (Tuesday)	Chinese Lesson	Chinese Cultural Knowledge Competition	Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Form 1 to Form 5 students only.

4.2 **Graduation class assembly**

Time flies, in the blink of an eye, our form six students are graduating. They will enter another stage of life, to continue their studies or join the workforce. Each of them will pursue a different pathway. No matter what, this means that they are about to separate themselves from a group of teachers and classmates who they have spent with in their studies. In view of this, we will hold a graduation class assembly in the school hall at 3:00 pm on February 13, 2018 (Tuesday) so that every one of you will be able to leave a wonderful memory with our teachers and classmates. Parents are welcome to attend and share the job of growth.

4.3 **Joyful Fruit Month ---fruit promotion program 2018**

The school has participated in a school fruit promotion program jointly organized by the Department of Health and the relevant organisations. Details of the program can be viewed at <http://school.eatsmart.gov.hk>. The purpose of this activity is to promote home-school cooperation and create an environment and atmosphere conducive to eating more fruits and vegetables in schools and families. To tie with the above activities, parents are kindly requested to encourage their children to take a balanced diet. Eat at least two servings of fruit and three vegetables per day together with proper exercise to promote good health. In addition, the Health Education Unit has successfully applied for a grant of HK \$ 2,000 from the Hong Kong College of Cardiology to hold a number of health education activities from January to February. Students are kindly reminded to pay attention to the announcement in the morning assembly and take an active part in the project.

4.4 **Health Information**

The Lunar New Year holidays are approaching. parents are reminded that if not necessary, do not bring your children to crowded places with poor air circulation. If you travel abroad during the Lunar New Year holidays, please pay attention to your children's health condition after coming back to Hong Kong. If the child has any fever or flu-like symptoms, seek medical advice immediately and call the school immediately to follow up.

5. School events

5.1	7/2-13/2	Chinese Cultural Week
5.2	24/2	Last day of S.6
5.3	4/3	2 nd Parents' Day
5.4	12/3	Summer Uniform Allowed
5.5	16/3	2 nd board decoration competition
5.6	19/3	2 nd Staff Development Day
5.7	20-23/3	Final Term Uniform Test
5.8	24-25/4	TSA (oral)
5.9	30/4	Distribution of Report Cards (S6)

6. School holidays

6.1	14-24/2	Lunar New Year Holiday
6.2	5/3	The day following 2 nd Parents' Day
6.3	26/3-7/4	Easter Holiday and Ching Ming Festival Day

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon
Principal
Confucius Hall Secondary School

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Date: _____ February, 2018

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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