

Confucius Hall Secondary School

Newsletter II

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1. **Principal's Sharing**

Dear parents and students.

Although the school has resumed half-day or full-day classes, the pandemic does not seem to have subsided, so students are still required to conduct daily COVID-19 rapid antigen tests (RATs) before going to school.

During the online classes, several colleagues and I participated in the teachers' online classes to observe the lessons. In general, the students were very engaged. However, I felt that face-to-face lessons were more engaging after all. After the full resumption of classes, the school has designed additional classes to assist the students.

During the pandemic, besides learning progress, the school was most concerned about the emotional changes of the students. After all, students are still young, therefore they are more likely to give up and run away when things are not going their way. On the morning of May 20, teachers and social workers discussed the concept of life and death in the morning assembly, emphasizing that adversity and disappointment are part of life. Adversity and discontent are the two elements that strengthen our wisdom and ability, so don't run away from them, but face them and deal with them. During the school year, the school will work with students to deal with any problems they may have, so that they will be able to cope with the complexities of society in the future. Our school also cooperates with the Education University of Hong Kong to design diversified learning activities to promote positive education, and students have responded enthusiastically and participated in the discussions. Once again, I would like to emphasize that students can work with the school to solve any problems they may have.

Our school advocates the "family spirit" and every student is our family. During the suspension period, I received messages from parents who appreciated our teachers because they often called to ask about their families, and some parent also told me that they were embarrassed to interfere with their teachers' lives because they were giving classes until 10:00 pm. I thank the teachers for their dedication who treat the students like their own children and nephews.



On May 20, the school resumed full-day classes, but daily RAT tests are still required. Every morning I stood at the school gate and watched the students return to school. The students were very cooperative and disciplined and took the initiative to present the result of their RAT tests and temperature records to the teacher on duty. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the different organizations, charities and government departments for their support to our school, so that our teachers and students still do not lack test kits and masks. Due to the restriction on gathering, the school has not had any major events for a long time. Fortunately, the school was able to hold a graduation ceremony abiding by the gathering restrictions. Seeing the excitement of the students, I suddenly felt sorry for the graduates of the past two years, because the school could not hold a graduation ceremony, but I still hope to hold one for them.

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Since NCS students have fewer opportunities to further their studies in Hong Kong than their Chinese counterparts, I invited a post-secondary college that specializes in NCS programs to give a speech on June 10. I hope that NCS students can continue their studies and build up their future. According to the group survey, only about 1% of NCS students in Hong Kong continue their studies after completing secondary school. This number made me very uneasy, as if I had not made enough effort for NCS students.

Although the pandemic is serious and there are fewer public competitions in Hong Kong, our students still have excellent performance. The most exciting news is that our students won the Silver Award and the Bronze Award in the Math Conceptition, a competition that gathered 260 mathematics elites from all over Hong Kong. In addition, our school was selected as one of the seed schools for the All for the Future program of the CUHK Jockey Club. A few students and I were also interviewed.

On June 11, we elected the new PTA members, Ms. To Tam Ping as the Chairman and Mr. Wang Lijun as the Vice Chairman. I would like to thank the former chairman, Professor Lai Tsz Pang, for his dedication to the development of the PTA, but unfortunately, due to the pandemic, many projects could not be started. In addition, the PTA was unable to turn over its duties as scheduled. I am grateful to Professor Lai for his kind assistance to continue to chair the meeting until the election of the new members.

The school's popularity has been increasing, and some websites that recommend prestigious schools have improved the school's ranking by more than 100 places in the past few years based on the school's public examination results and performance. These results are the result of the teachers' dedication and the students' performance. At the end of the school year, the school has conducted a comprehensive survey and the results are that more than 95% of the students like the school and teachers very much or very much. To build a harmonious campus, we must respect each other, and we believe our students have done so.

In the past year, our school has invited many prominent figures from the political, business and academic fields to speak or visit our school. The former Director of the Hong Kong Observatory Mr. Sham Chi-ming, Legislative Council Member Mr. Ma Fung-kwok, Director of Hong Kong Palace Museum Dr. Louis Ng, and Deputy Secretary for the Environment Mr. Tse Chin-wan have been invited to give lectures at the school. The school has also been visited and exchanged with scholars including Professor Tsui Lap-Chee, former President of the University of Hong Kong and now Dean of the Hong Kong Academy of Sciences, Professor Ding Xinbao, a renowned

historian, and Professor Lau Chi-pang, Vice President of Lingnan University. In addition, our school was pleased to invite Ms. Michelle Lee, Permanent Secretary of the Education Bureau, to officiate the ceremony and to plant a tree with Mr. Kan Wing-ching, the representative of our land donor family, to commemorate the event. Our teachers and students felt honored to have the support and encouragement of many distinguished members of the community.

Last but not least, I would like to share with you some good news. The Education Bureau has granted about HK\$17 million to the school in the past two years for major repairs and maintenance, including renovation of the school building, replacement of toilet facilities, slope maintenance and so on. The Quality Education Fund has allocated over \$800,000 to establish a STEM LAB at the school, and some of the improvements will be made before and after the summer break. In the new school year, all classrooms will be equipped with electronic whiteboards, which will allow for instant access to the Internet, interaction with outside groups, and even the distribution of questionnaires and quizzes. In the foreseeable future, the school will be at the forefront of education with new and advanced technology. In mid-June, the school will form a sister school with Wenchuan School in Sichuan Province for mutual visits and exchanges.

In the last two years, Hong Kong has seen an outflow of people, and it is an indisputable fact that the enrollment rate has dropped. It is rare that the number of students applying for admission to our school has not decreased, but increased compared to previous years, which is another kind of encouragement to the school. I believe that the school will grow from strength to strength.

2. The Analects

- 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?
- The Master said, "The three Armies can be deprived of their commander, but there is no В. way a common man can be deprived of his purpose."
- 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.
- A craftsman who wishes to practice his craft well must first sharpen his tools. D.
- He cannot be led into excesses when wealthy and hounoured or deflected from his purpose when poor and obscure, nor can he be made to bow before superior force. This is what I would call a great man.

3. Good Tidings

3.1 Sir Edward Youde Scholarship

6B Lai Jonah and Huang Hong Hui were awarded the "Sir Edward Youde Scholarship" and were given a scholarship of HK\$1,000 in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

Event Coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.2 Hong Kong Island Outstanding Student Election (2021)

Our students were recommended to attend the "Hong Kong Island Outstanding Student Election (2021)" organized by the School Heads Association of Wan Chai District. After the interview, 3B Sarah Lai was selected as the "Outstanding Student of Wanchai District (Middle School Group) 2021" and 6B Mai Ze Cheng was selected as the "Outstanding Student of Wanchai District (Senior Secondary Group) 2021", and they were awarded with certificates and book coupons of HK\$500 respectively.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.3 Law's Charitable Foundation

6B Hui Tin Yau was awarded the Applied Learning Scholarship of HK\$1,000 and a Certificate of Appreciation by Roche Charitable Foundation for his studies in Applied Learning.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.4 Tai Shan Charitable Association Filial Piety Star Election

6B Mai Ze Cheng was recommended as "Star of Filial Piety" by our school. 100 kg of white rice and 100 packs of noodles were awarded, and "Mother's Day Rice Donation to Show Filial Piety" and " Cheer for DSE Candidates " were held to benefit more than 160 families, showing the spirit of family.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.5 "Sharing the China Dream - Bank of Communications Hong Kong Secondary School Scholarship Scheme 2021" Scholarship

6B Mai Ze Cheng was recommended by our school for the "Bank of Communications Hong Kong Secondary School Students Scholarship Scheme 2021" and was awarded a scholarship of HK\$5,000.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

3.6 2021 Hong Kong Inter-school Flight Simulation Competition

4B Leung Cheuk-Hin, Li Tsun Yeung Rex, Chen Yu Fei, 6B Hui Tin Yau and Wu Wai Chung participated in the 2021 Hong Kong Inter-school Flight Simulation Competition on 11 December 2021 and were awarded certificates of merit.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wu Pak Lun

3.7 Home Affairs Department awarded Inclusion Scholarship 2021-2022

Class 1A, Afreen, 5A, Areebah, 5A, Joven, 5A, Numa, 5B, Chau Euphemia and 5B, Huang Qi, were nominated by our school to receive the Home Affairs Department's Inclusion Scholarship for the 2021/22 school year in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement and conduct in school and community service, especially in activities that promote racial harmony. The scholarships are awarded in recognition of outstanding school and community service (especially activities that promote racial integration), academic achievement and conduct. Students were presented with certificates and scholarships. Event coordinator: Mr. Wu Pat Lun Felix

3.8 Recognition Scheme for Outstanding Students in Extra-Curricular Activities 2021

4B Leung Cheuk Hin, who has demonstrated outstanding performance in the area of extra-curricular activities and enthusiasm in participating in student activities in the 2020-21 school year, has been awarded in the "2020 Hong Kong Extracurricular Activities Outstanding Student Recognition Scheme" of the Hong Kong Association of Extracurricular Activities Officers. Students will be awarded a certificate and a trophy.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wu Pat Lun Felix

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3.9 World Record of Robotics Collective Programming

During the summer vacation, the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) organized the "World Record of Robotics Collective Programming" activity. Four students from our school, 2B Kwok Tsz Ho and Lo Lok Fung, 4B Li Tsun Yeung Rex and Leung Cheuk Hin, participated in the "World Record in Robotics Programming" organized by the HKPC during the summer vacation and successfully completed the challenge in one hour with 550 students in Hong Kong, setting a new "Guinness World Record".

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

3.10 Future Skills Workshop for Banking Industry

Between February and April, the QF Banking Advisory Committee commissioned the HKPC to organize the "Skills for the Future of Banking" workshop, which was attended by over 500 students from all over Hong Kong. Speakers for the three workshops came from UBS, Bank of China and Standard Chartered Bank.

A total of 8 students attended the workshop and received certificates of attendance, including 5A Areebah and Minani, while 5A Numa, 4A Teresa (Lam Chui Shan), 4B Chan Ho Kei, Dong Xiao Lin, Lu Yi Ning and So Ching Ching attended the individual workshops. Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

3.11 The "Smart Future" Project of the Grand Central Jockey Club

Our school was selected as a peer school with the aim of promoting excellence in ICT inventions and applications. In February, the school has purchased 40 sets of "Artificial Intelligence Programming Robot" for the junior high school students to experience the Artificial Intelligence curriculum developed by the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

3.12 "Science and Innovation. Start. Commitment

During the month of October, all S1 and S2 students participated in the "Science and Technology - Rise and Shine" organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers (HKFEW). Start-Up. The "Youth Innovation and Technology Education Program" was organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Education Workers (HKFEW). Upon completion of the program, participants will receive a certificate of completion of the program. Classes completed include 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

3.13 "Math Conceptition" (Math Conceptition)

A total of 7 students participated in the "Math Conceptition" organized by MathConcept Education on May 9. Among them, He Zhong Lei (3B) and Wang Wing In (3B) won the Silver Award and Bronze Award respectively in the individual competition, and ranked 26th and 46th in the 2022 Hong Kong Competition.

Event coordinator: Mr. Wong Kwok Wai

3.14 The 73rd Inter-school Speech Festival

This year, a number of students participated in the Chinese and English Speech Festival, and received excellent and good grades, the list is as follows

Chinese Speech

Chang Wai Yu(2B) Kwok Tsz Ho Victor(2B) Lo Lok Fung(2B) Lou Jia Qi(3B) Ho Ka Wai(3B) Chen Yufei(4B) Dong Xiao Lin(4B) Lin Ze Ni(4B)

- 2nd Runner-up

Shum Wing Sze(5B) Chen Xian Lin (6B) Chen Jing Qi(6B) Chen Qi Ying(6B)

English Speech

Afreen (1B) Uyazi(1B) Sherul(2A) Victor(2B)
Gurnoor(2B) Anjalika(3A) Mannat(3A) Pawanpreet(3A)
Mae(3A) Eurygale(3A) Jeofrey(5A) Bea(5A)

Aliyah(5A)

Event coordinator: Mr. Yu Kong Ho, Mr. Chen Ting Tser

3.15 The 3rd Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macao Greater Bay Area Life Education Essay Competition

Our school participated in the "The 3rd Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macau and Greater Bay Area Life Education Essay Competition" organized by the Hong Kong University of Education, and a total of three students won the "Outstanding Entries Award", including CHAU EUPHEMIA (5A), YAU YUK MEI (5A) and SZE YIN FAI (5A)

Event coordinator: Mr. Chow Shung Kwan

3.16 New PTA Standing Committee List 73rd Inter-school Speech Festival

The new PTA Standing Committee was elected on June 11, and the list is as follows

President: Ms. To Tam Peng

Vice-Chairmen: Principal Mr. Yeung Wing Hon, Mr. Wong Lei Kwan

Secretary: Ms. Yip Hoi Yi, Ms FATEMA

Finance: Mr. Chan Shu Chun, Ms. Lai Chui Hua Activity Liaison: Ms. Lam Kwok Ming, Ms TRIEN

PTA Coordinator: Ms. Lin Rong Ping

3.17 Joyful Fruit Day 2021

The School has joined the "Joyful Fruit Day 2021" organized by the Department of Health (DH) and other organizations. The purpose of this program is to promote home-school cooperation and to create an environment and atmosphere conducive to eating more fruits at school and at home. To complement the above activities, parents are encouraged to encourage their children to eat a balanced diet with at least two servings of fruits and three servings of vegetables daily, and to exercise appropriately to promote good health. In addition, the Health Education Unit has successfully applied for a HK\$2,000 grant from the Hong Kong College of Cardiology to organize various activities from January to July to promote home-school cooperation to create an environment and atmosphere conducive to eating more fruits.

Event coordinator: Ms. Mok Yuk Ling

4 School News

4.1 Adjustments to Tuition Fees in 2022-2023

The fees are subject to change upon Education Bureau's approval:

- HK\$5,190 annually in ten installments (HK\$519 monthly) for S.1 students
- HK\$5,190 annually in ten installments (HK\$519 monthly) for S.2 students
- HK\$5,190 annually in ten installments (HK\$519 monthly) for S.3 students
- HK\$5,190 annually in ten installments (HK\$519 monthly) for S.4 students
- HK\$5,190 annually in ten installments (HK\$519 monthly) for S.5 students
- HK\$5,190 annually in ten installments (HK\$519 monthly) for S.6 students
- The adjustments of tuition fees are subject to students' admission to our school for the year.
- The tuition fees from October 2022 to June 2023 should be settled via direct debit from banks. The transaction is scheduled for the first working day of each month. The Direct Debit Authorization Form should be completed and returned to the Class Teacher for handling.

4.2 PE Uniform Rules in School

Students are prohibited from wearing PE uniforms on days without PE lessons. Students violating the rule may be demanded to return home to get changed before they are allowed to enter the school.

4.3 Application for "Fee Remission Scheme" and "Subsidy" (2022-2023)
We are dedicated to providing support to families with financial difficulties and helping students as they grow. In the coming academic year, we provide inside- and outside-school subsidy schemes. Details of application are as follows:

Subsidy Scheme	Application Procedure	Application Deadline
Fee Remission Scheme (2022-2023) (eligible for low-income families or Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA)-receiving families)	 Complete the application form All Application forms are available at the General Office. Parents can also download the forms from our school website. Submit the application form Parents/students should submit the completed forms, together with a copy of the required income statement, to the General Office. Applications without the income statement will not be processed. The application for 2022-2023 is not invalid. Applicants must re-submit an application for the new academic year before they can be granted subsidies. Announcement of Application Results The application results will be announced within 14 days from the day of application submission 	The deadline for S1-S6 Fee Remission Scheme Application is 2 Sep, 2022 (Fri). Late applications will not be considered.
"The School Textbook Assistance (TA) Scheme" and "The Student Travel Subsidy (STS) Scheme" from HKSAR	 Application forms were distributed to students, Parents with financial difficulties should prepare income documents and complete the application form and submit it by themselves. 	Parents in financial need should submit an application to the Student Financial Assistance Office as soon as possible.

4.4 "Uniform Recycling and Giveaway" Event

In order to raise students' awareness of environmental protection and making good use of resources, the Student Affairs Office is organizing an event called "Winter/Summer Uniform Recycling and Giveaway". This meaningful event provides a conduit for parents to give away uniforms no longer fit and avoid being wasteful, and encourages parents and students alike to take actions in safeguarding our environment. We hope, through this event, we all learn to utilize our resources more effectively and promote warmth within the community. We hope that parents can actively support us by joining us in this event.

Schedule for Uniform Collection

Date:	20-29 July 2022
Time:	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Types of Uniform:	Winter/summer uniforms: two-in-one winter coats, sweaters, wool vests, boy/girl button-up shirts, trousers and dresses
Venue:	General Office
Remarks:	 Uniforms collected/recycled will be organized, sorted and distributed. To ensure personal hygiene, please wash the uniforms beforehand. The uniforms collected will be given away to students in need for free.

Schedule for Uniform Fitting

Date:	1-5 August 2022
Remarks:	 Students wanting to receive uniforms must register at the General Officer by 20 July 2022 The teacher-in-charge will assist students with body measurements and fitting, and will notify parents for collection by 29 July 2022 All uniforms are given away on a first come first served basis. No requests for exchange will be considered after the uniforms are given out. Please prepare a reusable bag for uniform collection. For those who do not receive a call by 29 July 2022 can consider their application unsuccessful.

4.5 Passport Photo-taking Service

The Student Affairs Office has commissioned *Powerful Colour Image* to provide a passport photo-taking service for our students at school on the morning of Friday, 2 September 2022. Details are as below:

Item	Format	Price	Remarks
Digital passport photo (Background colorpink)	1.5 x 2 inch	HK\$10 (12 photos)	 Students can decide if they want to use the service Please prepare the exact payment amount; no changes will be provided.

4.6 School Lockers

We assign each student a locker in the hope that students can develop the self-care ability, while it lightens the janitors' workload cleaning the classrooms after school. Students should keep their locker keys with care, while parents can prepare one or two replicas to be kept at a safe place as backup keys. The Student Affairs Office will no longer provide backup keys. In case loss, damage of lockers, or violation of use, students concerned will be disentitled to the right of using the lockers. Please remove all personal belongings from the lockers by August 12 to prevent mold and pests.

5. **School Events**

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5.1	18 th July – 28 th July	2 nd Term Examination
5.2	20 th July	Release of HKDSE
5.3	28 th July–29 th July	Registration (New S1 Students)
5.4	29 th July	2 nd Term Examination(Back up)
5.5	29 th July–10 th August	Post-Examination Activities
5.6	1 st August	Staff Development Day
5.7	2 nd August	S.1 class placement test
5.8	3 rd August-4 th August	Post-Examination Script Checking
5.9	11 th August	Closing Ceremony and
		Distribution of Report Card
5.10	12 th August	Registration (Current Students)
5.11	15 th August-16 th August	2 nd Term Re-examination (S4-S5)
5.12	15 th August-19 th August	F1 to F3 Summer Course

School Holidays 6.

- 1st July 6.1
- 15th July 31st August 6.2

HKSAR Establishment Day Holiday

Summer Holiday

S1 Bridging Course

Regards,

Dr. Yeung Wing Hon

Principal

Confucius Hall Secondary School

28th June, 2022

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This is to confirm that I have read and understood the content of Newsletter II.
Name of student:
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