



# PTA Bulletin



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## PTA Chairman's Message

Hello, I am grade 11 Abbie's mom. Time went by so fast, and I have already been the PTA chairwoman for a year in the blink of an eye.

First, I would like to apologise to fellow students, parents and teachers. Due to disease prevention measures, both the PTA and the school could not carry out many projects and plans. I sincerely apologise for not being able to fulfil the role as the chairwoman of PTA fully.

However, I am grateful that I had the opportunity to communicate with fellow parents on November 5th during Parents' Evening. It was a great start to more meaningful and beneficial conversations. Communication and trust are both crucial factors. Therefore, I would like to thank all the parents who asked questions and or provided suggestions. I have immediately shared all the recommendations and enquiries raised by fellow parents to Mr Du. He promptly responded and promised to follow up.

This was a challenging year for the school due to the influence of the pandemic and the alteration in both resources and teachers. Despite all these challenges, the school and Mr Du will do everything to improve and fulfil the students, parents and teachers' wants and demands.

It is vital for both the school and parents to work hand in hand to build trust, understanding, respect and acceptance. These are essential factors that would provide our children with a safe, comfortable, and joyful learning space. Lastly, I wish you all good health and happiness.



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the first issue of the 2021-22 PTA newsletter. Despite the impact of Covid-19, we still had a fruitful Quarter 1 where we continue to provide students a full-day of face-to-face lessons and a selected number of extracurricular activities in the school. This is made possible by the dedication of our staff (both teaching and support) and the great support of parents who have their children complied with the vaccination program. Though vaccination requirements and social distancing rules continue to be the major factors that some activities are still not available. However, as an improvement over the previous academic year, we are able to plan a number of activities for students this activity week, so they can enjoy the experiential learning experience outside of classrooms.

This year, we continue to implement action plans with goals to improve parental involvement in academics. We believe parental involvement has a major influence on the child's overall development and academic achievement.

Thank you for your time and support, we look forward to seeing you in the next school events.



## Message from PTA Teacher Members

Greetings parents and guardians, the PTA teacher members extend their warm welcome! The teacher team consists of our Chinese teacher, Ms. Fai and our English teacher, Ms. Balsa. We aim to be the bridge between parents, guardians and teachers. We hope to build connections, relationships and ensure proper communication.

Our main means of communication at the moment is our WeChat group. We encourage all parents and guardians to join this group. We post important messages and announcements in Chinese and try our best to answer any inquiries as quickly as possible. Our team is also in charge of the PTA Newsletter that will be distributed at the end of each quarter.

As stated in our first PTA meeting on Parent Teacher Evening, some of the PTA activities are still under review pending the development of the pandemic and the minimum requirements set on schools by the EDB. We will announce all PTA activities on the PTA WeChat group. We hope that you can join us this year and create meaningful relationships!



Ms. Fai, PTA Leader

Ms. Balsa, PTA Teacher Member



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## First PTA Meeting

The first PTA meeting was held on 3rd September 2021 at the school. On that day, the Principal welcomed everyone to the new school year and shared important information such as the grading system, SWLO programme, external examinations and University details with parents. The activities of PTA in the new academic year were also shared with parents.

## Student Council Election

The Student Council elections are an exciting and crucial annual tradition in Concordia International School conducted at the beginning of the school year. The Student Council is made up of four elected team leaders from Grade 11 and 12, and two representatives from each grade level.

This year, we hosted the elections both on Zoom and in person. Our upper-years students had a chance to visit every homeroom for some face-to-face campaigning, as well as online. We were proud to see the candidates deliver their compelling speeches in front of the whole school and do so professionally. The votes from their fellow schoolmates came in and below are the results.

## Student Council 2020-21



President: Jared Tang



Vice President: James Liu



Treasurer: Caroline Gong



Secretary: Pancy Pun

## Concordia House System

The house system is set up to reward and incentivize students on events or programs outside of their academic work. The house system should also encourage stronger and more supportive relationships across grades and help to create a healthy sense of competition amongst students. Students are allocated into four different houses, namely Air, Earth, Fire, and Water.

House	Air	Earth	Fire	Water
<b>House Master</b>	Ms. Fai	Mr. Cardinal	Mr. Sorby	Ms. Jagdev
<b>Captain and Co-Captain</b>	Jared Tang (Gr. 12) Kobe Kan (Gr. 10)	Jhiromi Singco (Gr. 11) Tony Hua (Gr. 11)	Maryam Ahmed (Gr. 12) Enoch Chan (Gr. 8)	Abbie Tang (Gr. 11) Matthew Ho (Gr. 10)



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## Extracurricular Activities

Our school provides Extracurricular Activities to students from Monday to Thursday. Every student in the school is required to join at least one of these ECAs. We believe that school is not only about academic development but also about social, cultural and athletic enrichment.

During Quarter 1, students have enjoyed a range of sport-related ECAs. Choir is also a new addition this year for the younger grades. We hope they continue to take part in these bonding activities!

### Current ECAs:

Table-tennis -- Monday, all grades	Basketball -- Thursday, all grades
Badminton -- Tuesday, all grades	Cross-country -- Thursday, all grades
Choir -- Wednesday, grades 7 & 8	Reading Club -- Alternate Tuesday, all grades





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## YMCA and Service Learning

The YMCA and Service Learning activities are held every Friday after lunch. This is something that the students most look forward to in the week. Activities include visiting the YMCA Sports Center and various volunteering activities. In the first quarter, the students participated in sports at the YMCA Sports Center and joined the Community Used Clothes Recycling Bank Scheme. Students also participated in Dialogue Experience.

This Years, Service Learning Programme collaborated with Y.C.H. Chiu Tsang Hok Wan Primary School. Students will be divided into 5 Groups to do the video shooting to introduce the historical place in Hong Kong.





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## School Activities - 1st Quarter

So far this year, we have had a chance to enjoy two different cultural events in school.

### Mid-Autumn Festival - Tuesday, 21st September, 2021

Students and Staff were encouraged to dress up in traditional clothing to celebrate the festivity.

First, in the afternoon, there was a spot of fun inter-house competition. The SC prepared a presentation on the Mid Autumn Festival, followed by a Kahoot game.

Afterwards, everyone got to enjoy the different Courtyard Activities available: Lantern Riddles, Festive Goods Sale, and a fancy Photo Corner!



### Halloween - Thursday, 28th October, 2021

Another day of Sartorial Choices! Everyone brings out their best spooky threads.

Celebration starts with a Ghoulish Poetry Recital from our current Drama Students. (Please contact Ms. Balsa for access to the video) After everyone is duly awed and frightened, the array of activities across all school areas begins!

Board Games, Pumpkin Carving, Photo Booth, and Shop





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## We hope families can join us next time!

Parents can get involved in their child’s journey at Concordia in different ways. The most enriching for everyone would be to volunteer and take part in school activities like class projects, the annual SWLO project, school events (ie, Christmas, CNY, etc), and school community opportunities.

Parents can suggest their innovative ideas for academic, sports or any other learning activities and the school will gladly consider them. Please join our wechat group CISPTA to mingle with the community and know more about what your child is doing at school. Remember that parents can influence their child’s learning in many positive ways and get to know them better at the same time!

## Winter Uniform

Starting from Quarter 2 (Monday, 1st November, 2021) all students will need to wear their winter uniforms.

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-Sleeved White Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Black Dress Shoes with Black Socks</li> <li>• Dark Blue Trousers</li> <li>• Black Belt</li> <li>• Dress School Tie</li> <li>• School Blazer/School Sweater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-Sleeved White Dress Shirt</li> <li>• Black Dress Shoes with Black Knee-High Socks or Black Tights</li> <li>• Winter Skirt</li> <li>• School Blazer/School Sweater</li> </ul>
<p><b>The school uniform can be purchased from:</b></p> <p>Golden Dragon School Uniform  194, Prince Edward Road West, Ground Floor, Mongkok, Kowloon (Prince Edward MTR B1 Exit)  Phone number: 2381-1408 (Please make an appointment).</p>	