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PTA Chairperson’s Message

Hello Parents of Concordia International School Hong Kong,

My name is Fion Ma, My daughter is Bailey Macias. It is my honor to serve as the chairman of the PTA and I'm excited to be a part of our vibrant and diverse educational community.

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at Concordia International School plays a vital role in bridging the gap between our school, parents, and the wider community. Our primary purpose is to enhance the educational experience of our students by fostering a sense of belonging and involvement. The PTA works to facilitate communication between parents, teachers, and administrators, ensuring that the needs and concerns of all stakeholders are addressed. We are committed to creating a warm and supportive environment that empowers our students to thrive academically and socially.

Invitation to Parents:

We extend a warm invitation to all parents to actively participate in our upcoming events and initiatives. Your involvement is essential in making our school community function harmoniously. By participating in PTA activities, you can contribute to your child's educational journey and help shape the future of our school. We look forward to your valuable contributions, whether it's attending meetings, volunteering, or simply attending school events.

Please join us in the wechat group!



Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2023-24 edition of the PTA newsletter. We have had a busy and successful 2022-23 school year where our team worked very hard to complete the WASC Self-Study for the second cycle of accreditation for CISHK in 2023-24. The WASC visit will take place in April 2024 and we continue to make the last preparations for the visit.

As an accredited school, we are committed to continuous improvement in bringing the overall development of every student.

Our goals for this year is to enhance students’ academic performance, improve their sense of belonging and foster parents’ involvement in their child’s education. We believe that through parental involvement, the school is able to develop a good relationship in working together to help the student grow.

With your continuous support, we appreciate you sharing your valuable time and effort to make Concordia a better school. Thank you!





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Message from PTA Teacher Members

Hello Concordia Community,

A warm welcome from Ms You, Mr. Wong and Mr. Cha, who are your PTA Teacher members for the year 2023-24.

PTA is part of a strong network of Concordia teachers and parents working towards one goal - keeping parents well-informed while giving children the best educational experience possible. We would like to take this time of year as an opportunity to thank each parent and school member for your hard work and support. In order to get you all the school information, PTA will send you a quarterly newsletter and the same is posted on our school website in the 'Parent's Portal' page. We would like to take this opportunity to announce that everyone is welcome to attend our meeting on 3th November 2023 and please feel free to contact us in the wechat group or at ryou@concordiaintl.edu.hk (Ms. You's email) if you have any ideas, questions or concerns. I am so excited about this year & look forward to seeing you around in the school at the upcoming Parents evening and Christmas celebration.

As part of the school's action plan, we would like increased parental involvement (compared to previous years) in various school activities and events. Additionally, this school year we are planning on hosting a few additional PTA gatherings which include short workshops or talks arranged by our school's social worker, Mr. Ho. These workshops or talks are designed to help improve parental understanding and communication with teenagers. We look forward to seeing you there.

Open House and The First PTA Meeting

Our Open Day was held later than planned in the evening of 15th September 2023 due to a typhoon on our originally planned date of September 1st. We thank you for understanding this unexpected change due to inclement weather, and we also are grateful to so many of you who were able to attend

This served as an introductory and informational sharing session for parents and guardians, which is very helpful in assisting parents and guardians to be aware of the events and activities in the school. Items covered included introduction of the teaching staff, the school house system, new Schoolwide Learning Outcomes, overview of the school curriculum and learning support, showing the updated school website, external exam arrangements for this 2023-24 academic year, WASC accreditation in 2024, increased parental involvement as part of the school's action plans, extracurricular activities, and we even had World Volunteer share about the proposed Overseas Trip. Therefore we strongly encourage parents and guardians to attend this Open Day held at the beginning of each school year, even for parents and guardians of returning parents as there will be some changes every year. Additionally, knowing about upcoming events helps make it easier to prepare for it and we hope to increase your (parental/guardian) involvement, which is part of the school's action plan.





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Student Council Election

The Student Council has a very important role at Concordia. This student body helps to make a difference in all areas of school life. Each class, from Year 7 to Year 12, has 2 Student Council Representatives who attend weekly meetings, suggest ways to make Concordia an even better place to be and help make important decisions about the school. Student Council Representatives are independent, reliable, enthusiastic and responsible students who work together as a team to give all students a voice within the school.

Elections take place at the beginning of each school year to appoint new Student Council representatives. The Council conducts weekly meetings and agrees on their own agenda for items to work on throughout the year. These could be based on observations students have had or general ideas about how to make school life a more interesting place to learn. They also consult their class about ideas and suggestions to find out their response before further discussion. The Student Council also plays an important role in building intercultural understanding within the school community and acts as advocates in helping celebrate successful action that takes place within and outside the school.

Students formed different committees for specific tasks with around three members in each committee. The aim of forming these committees is to expose more students to taking responsibilities, improve the team spirit & to improve leadership skills in them.



Student Council 2023-24



President: Yeung Cheuk Lam



Vice President: Daniel Sit



Treasurer: Lui Jyun Wing Ivana



Secretary: Lian, Xiaoxia



Grade 12 Representative



Grade 11 Representative



Grade 10 Representative



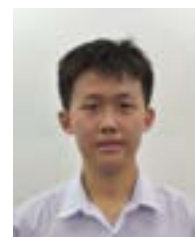
Grade 9 Representative



Grade 8 Representative



Grade 7 Representative





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Student Council Activities

Hot Dog Competition

On September 29th, the Student Council organized a thrilling Hot Dog Eating Contest that brought together teachers and students for an unforgettable experience. The event was a resounding success, filled with laughter, excitement, and a healthy dose of competitive spirit. As the contest kicked off, cheers and applause erupted from the crowd, encouraging the contestants to devour their hot dogs with gusto. President Peter Yeung and Vice President Daniel Sit were handing out the hot dogs to the contestants. Both teachers and students showcased their impressive appetites, devouring hot dogs at an astonishing pace. The competition was fierce, as each participant vied for the coveted title of the ultimate hot dog eating champion. Congratulations to our winners Mark (Grade 9), Kevin (Grade 10), Dylan (Grade 10), and Colin (Grade 12)!



Halloween Activities

On October 31st, the school embraced the spirit of Halloween with an array of exhilarating games and events that filled the air with excitement and laughter. The day was packed with a variety of activities, including Tag, a Pool Noodles fight, Manikin decoration, Haunted house, and Treasure hunting, all strategically set up around the campus. The sight of enthusiastic faces was everywhere as children eagerly participated in the games, posing for photographs, and immersing themselves in the festive atmosphere. Laughter echoed through the hallways, creating an infectious energy that spread throughout the school.

These engaging activities not only provided entertainment but also served as a platform to promote teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills among the students. Happy Halloween!





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Bible Assembly



After the suspension of the Bible Assembly at CISHK for a few years due to the pandemic, I am thrilled to see it getting restarted in the new academic year of 2023. I am Rev. Gene Fung, the Vice President of Concordia Theological Seminary, and I am very glad to accept Principal Du's invitation to become the Chaplain of CISHK, which allows me to give talks to the students at the Bible Assembly once or twice each month.

It is important for the students of CISHK to get to know something about the Bible, as well as the Lutheran teaching, because CISHK is a Christian school belonging to the Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod. Even though it is not required for students to become Christians in order to study at CISHK, we do uphold the basic principle that Christian faith will always benefit the students, for the values that we are teaching will by all means make them better persons.

The first resumed Bible Assembly took place on 19th September. As a starter, I shared with the students about how the people in the world, though not realizing it, are being surrounded by Christian elements. For example, the year 2023 is based on the birth of Jesus Christ, and the week of seven days is based on the creation accounts in the Bible. Even the so-called unlucky number "thirteen" has something to do with the Last Supper, in which the twelve disciples dined with Jesus (12 + 1), though Christians should never consider "thirteen" unlucky, for Jesus' death signifies new hope.

The second Bible Assembly took place on 17th October, just before the term break, and I shared about the meaning of the anticipated 31st October. It has become a tradition of CISHK to celebrate "Halloween," as part of the experience of Western culture. Even though there is no harm in having some fun, it is important for the students to be aware that the date is recognized as the Reformation Day in church history, for Martin Luther initiated the most important change in the world right on this day in 1517, which has marked today's Christianity. The so-called "Halloween" is but one example of "dechristianization" in the world that causes people to forget about the Christian meaning of this date. Other examples include the use of "B.C.E." (Before Common Era) and "C.E." (Common Era) in place of "B.C." (Before Christ) and "A.D." (Anno Domini, i.e., Year of the Lord) in the calendar, and also "Santa Claus" in place of Jesus Christ in Christmas celebration.

Hopefully, this has helped students to realize that Christian faith is not merely some Western idea that has nothing to do with them. I look forward to sharing more with the students in the future concerning how Christian faith can help them face the challenges in their lives with courage and wisdom.

Teacher Feature (Ms. Yiu) Concordians Care and Serve!

Service learning is one of our main curricula to nurture students to be global citizens (SWLO 2) and responsible and ethical people (SWLO4). Service-Learning gives academic learning, service experience and reflection central roles in learning. All Grade 9 and 10 CISHK students are offered plenty and ongoing opportunities to contribute to society. Ms Yiu is the Service Learning Coordinator and the theme of Service Learning is "Heart-to-heart" for the A/Y 2023-2024.

Hooray! Services learning kicked off on 25th August 2023 with the Earth House. We had been to the Mei Ho House at Sham Shui Po, the Crossroads and the Lutheran social service center in quarter 1. Students are introduced to different facets of society and apply their academic knowledge and skills to serve the community while community members benefit from students' voluntary and quality service.



25th August 2023
Mei Ho House



22nd September 2023
Lutheran Social Service Center



29th September 2023
Crossroads



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Students' Reflections on Service Learning

Grade 10 Kevin Yoon

During my service learning term, I started to have a strong passion for volunteer work, especially within the Lutheran Elderly community. I applied my prior experiences to support them and watching the impact of my efforts on elderly individuals motivated me to work even harder. This experience helped me to expand my perspective. Moreover, I would recommend this to many of the students who are currently attending Concordia. I guarantee that it would be a good experience for your life-long term, and you would find interest in this activity.



Grade 9 Anson Liu

This has been my first year to have Service Learning. I have learnt a lot of different skills this year. For example, I have improved how to communicate with different people. I have made a lot of friends from this experience which has been very pleasant and positive. I have gained from helping others like making a difference in one day of seniors and contributing to the community, by inventorying some kettles to be distributed to people in need. I feel like I'm very fortunate to have had this experience of service learning. Therefore, I would like to thank Ms. Yiu and Mr. Cardinal for giving me this valuable opportunity.

Sports @ Concordia

After 3 years of COVID, the Wolves have finally gotten their chance to compete against other secondary schools in the Hong Kong School Sports Federation (HKSSF) in the Badminton Heats. Though it has been a while since the Wolves have been in actual competitions, they have done valiantly against tough opponents. To which they have gained much experience as well as made new friends. Everyone of our athletes has gone into their tournaments with a positive attitude and have also come out with their head held high through perseverance.

Go Wolves!





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Concordians Shine and Inspire!

We proudly celebrate the remarkable achievement of Alan Sze Shun Sum, a Concordia Lutheran School (North Point) alumni, who recently won the contract bridge gold medal at the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou in October, 2023. Alan's passion for bridge began during his time at Concordia when his teacher introduced him to the game in Grade 7. Through dedication and research, he honed his skills. Alan emphasized the values of hard work, collaboration, and optimism, which resonate with the principles Concordia instills in students. His success serves as an inspiration to current and future Concordians, showcasing the significance of nurturing unique talents and encouraging students to pursue their passions.

Alan's achievement brings pride to our school community and highlights the diverse capabilities fostered within. It reminds us of the importance of creating an environment where students can explore their interests, discover their talents, and develop the skills needed to achieve their dreams. Let us celebrate Alan's success and use his story to support and encourage our children in their pursuits!



Transforming Lives Together.....