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Quarter 2 Highlights

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hope this festive-filled newsletter finds you healthy and well!

The quarter 2 is always a busy one and seems to flash by in an instant when preparing for the numerous events such as parents evening, career talk, activity week, and the fun Christmas celebration. Here are the highlights of those important happenings.



Parent teacher evening

The parent teacher evening on 3rd November 2023 was an extremely busy evening for the teachers. The principal addressed the important topics of the School's SWLOs and Parent Workshop, learning support we provide (the learning of study skills), November PD days and Activity Week, Perception Survey etc. He encouraged more participation from parents for the success of our students. Social worker Mr Ho conducted a workshop about positive discipline for parents to learn about different strategies and concepts such as positive reinforcement and negative reinforcement.

PTA General Meeting was held on the same day where the discussions on involvement of parents in Sports Day and the Christmas Charity Food Sale were on the agenda. The PTA committee has shared about this PTA bulletin and Co-chairperson -G10 Sylvia's mother (Alina) was elected. Parents were asked to fill out a feedback form where upcoming events are introduced. We sincerely thank all the parents for their presence and extend our invitation to many exciting future events.

The evening is a wonderful opportunity for parents to discuss with every subject teacher about their child's progress. If you have missed this day, you have another opportunity on the 19th April 2024. The best way to get maximum benefit out of these meetings is to attend them with the student and have a face to face conversation with the subject teachers about their progress, problems and the next step in academics.





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Career talk

On November 7th, we had the esteemed privilege of hosting Ms. Karine Yoakim Pasquier at Concordia. She graced us with her presence and graciously shared her journey as a distinguished writer. Ms. Pasquier enlightened us with the revelation that a mere 6% of writers are able to sustain a full-time livelihood solely from their writing endeavors. In addition to her prowess as a writer, she also assumes various roles as a director, teacher, and actress. During her insightful presentation, Ms. Pasquier elucidated the intricate process involved in crafting a book and the arduous journey it undertakes prior to finding its rightful place on our bookshelves. Moreover, she captivated our audience by reading an excerpt from one of her own literary works. The students were enthralled by the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with such a distinguished figure, and our esteemed principal, Mr. Du, extended his gratitude by presenting Ms. Pasquier with a token of appreciation. Witnessing the profound impact of her visit, we are delighted by the invaluable knowledge and wisdom our students have gleaned from her expertise.



“Before I was not very interested in books and now I think that books are cool. Thank you!”
-Casper Chow (Grade 7)

“Can you sign my book?”
-Gary Lam (Grade 7)



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Activity week

Our activity weeks have a tradition of being based on past wishes that we try to fulfill. This year's activity week was successfully planned by Mr Cardinal, thanks to the great weather, with a right balance between academic and well-being components.

Day 1 & 2 Overnight Camp

CISHK went to the Sai Kung Jockey Club Outdoor training Campsite for an overnight camp arranged by the Hong Kong Oceanic group. Students went hiking through a gorge on the Hau Tong Kai stream in Sai Kung, playing archery tags, learning the skills of kayaking and building Roman Cannons to shoot water balloons to fight against each house. These were demanding but fun wet days!



Day 3 Tai Tam Reservoir

Our school went on a relaxing and scenic hike along the Tai Tam Trail priorly well planned by Ms. You. Students also had a chance to visit the Woodside Biodiversity Education Centre so as to learn about the natural environment and special wildlife species in Hong Kong. There's so much to explore in Hong Kong!



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Day 4 Dim Sum Cooking Class

It was the first time for CISHK to have a Dim Sum Cooking class at the Star Chef Management School during the activity week. Thank you Ms. Yiu for organizing, students learned to make 4 types of dim sum: lotus cream pumpkins, custard hedgehogs, lotus cream chicks and taro cream piggies! Wow, what do you think of it? Every student is a Master Chef! It was a good activity to give ourselves a chance to re-energize and just in time for the Geocaching, organized by Mr. Wong, that followed in the afternoon to learn more about Hong Kong through treasure hunting.



Day 5 HK Botanical and Zoological Garden

After some morning sport activities, CISHK visited the HK Botanical and Zoological Garden and had an enjoyable drawing moment there to end the activity week. It has been an exhausting but fascinating week and we are all filled with so many memories to treasure.



Thank you all for your feedback that will help us to plan for next year!

By Mr. Cardinal & Ms. Yiu, Global Leadership & Service Learning Activities Organizers

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Christmas Celebration

On December 21st we had a fantastic Christmas celebration with student performances, secret Santa, dirty Santa and of course, our PTA food sale with the help of student council members. Thanks a ton to our dedicated parents for your generosity and support of the community we live in!

From 12pm, delicious food such as Siumai, chicken wings and wonton were served warmly by our Chairwoman and Vice-chairwoman. We also had the luck to taste mouth-watering cookies and cupcakes baked by Grade 9 Mark's mom Mrs. Dettmer. We are glad to see G10 Allen's mom and G8 Bailey's dad helping us as a volunteer. We raised 1229 HKD! The assembly kicked off at 1pm with a Christmas prayer led by Reverend Fung. There were drama performances by grade 10 and grade 8 followed by Christmas carols singing from each grade. Students who went to Service Learning program also received thank you cards from the center for their contribution. We are so proud that each one of our students!





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Sports @ Concordia

The Concordian Badminton Team has done very well in their last games with the boys bringing a win. Though they are unable to advance into the knockout stages, they have grown and advanced in skills in badminton and hopefully they will hone their skills in the coming year and bring their 'A' game next academic year. Well done to both A grade boys and girls! The B grade boys badminton team will be playing their first game on the 23rd of January, 2024 at the Shek Kip Mei Sports Ground. Hopefully you can make it and support our young athletes. Go Wolves!





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Uniform

Winter Uniform

Starting from Quarter 2(November 5th) all students will need to wear their winter uniforms.

Boys should wear:

- White Dress Shirt
- Black Dress Shoes
- Blue Trousers
- Black Belt
- Dress School Tie
- Dress School Jacket • School Sweater

Girls should wear:

- White Dress Shirt
- Black Dress Shoes • Winter Skirt
- Winter Dress Jacket • School Sweater

The school uniform can be purchased from:

Golden Dragon School Uniform
194, Prince Edward Road West, Ground Floor,
Mongkok, Kowloon (Prince Edward MTR B1 Exit)



Upcoming Important Dates

Jan 26	PTA meeting 3
Jan 29-Feb 2	Project week for Grade 9-10
Feb 8	Chinese New Year Celebration
Feb 9-16	Chinese New Year Holidays
Mar 4-8	SWLO in-class projects
Mar 8	PTA meeting 4
Mar 14	SWLO projects presentation
Mar 22	Sports day
Mar 28	Easter celebration
Mar 29-Apr 5	Easter Holiday
Apr 15	Start of Quarter 4