

Dear parents, teachers and students,

The summer holidays are over and it's time to pick up the pieces and face the challenges for the coming school year. As soon as you step into the campus, the brand new campus catches your eyes. The 2 million dollars worth of major school renovation works is almost completed.

The entire campus (exterior wall, stair handrails, small garden platform, classroom fans, floor, collision protection bar and fence, etc.) has a bright new look. Thanks for the contribution of the teaching and administration staff and the school caretaker in the summer holidays. Students have to take good care of the school facilities with gratitude. Part of the renovation work remains outstanding. We ask for parents' understanding and the school will complete the task as soon as possible.

### **Personnel Reshuffle**

The booming education industry causes frequent personnel changes. Some of our staff have left their post including vice-principal Wing Poon Chi Wing, senior teacher Karen Li Wing Yan, teacher Mon Cheung Ching Mun, June Chan Hiu Ping, Marcus Ng Ming San and some contract teachers. However, there are also several new members joining us. The familiar senior teacher Tommy Leung Kwong Yuen and teacher Jimmy Leung Chi Hing have made a happy return. And some originally full-time staff have applied to turn into part-time staff including Sandy Au-Yeung Pui Ching, Effie Leung Wing Sze, Dawn Ng Man Lan and Kathy Leung Suet Mui.

A heartfelt thanks to the above mentioned staff for their service. The Lord will bless us and give every one strength in the coming days.

### **Student Prospects**

The result of the 17/18 academic year secondary places allocation of 101 graduates is more than satisfactory.

About 48% of the graduates are promoted into EMI schools or CMI schools with subjects taught in English.

DSS EMI(Lee Shau Kee etc)	6	South Tuen Mun Government	9
Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping	5	Christian Alliance S C Chan	3
Ma Ko Pan	2	Po Leung Kuk Centenary	1
Lui Cheung Kwong Lutheran	8	TWGHS Sun Hoi	6
Tsung Tsin College	5	Tuen Mun Catholic	1
STFA Tam Pak Yu	1	Tin Shui Wai Secondary	1

Last year, there were five students studying overseas including the USA, Australia and Taiwan. Parents deem that Siu Leun School's unique schooling philosophy and good reputation help students a lot in their overseas study.

### **School Development and Course Descriptions**

Entering academic year 2018, Siu Leun school have drawn up a new three-year school plan. On the basis of the "Trilingual – Christian – Global Education" we have formed some new areas of concern.

1. To implement Global Education and nurture globally competent students.
2. To cater for learners' diversity.
3. To strengthen students' positive values and attitudes in a loving and harmonious campus.

Parents are welcome to air your precious opinions.

In addition, Global Education (a schooling philosophy implemented only in local international schools and some direct subsidy scheme schools, the popular and hottest teaching issues in most of the advanced countries) will be implemented in Siu Leun school classroom after our years of exploration and planning. Global education is not only a pilot scheme in the P.2 and P.3 international class but will also gradually spread into entire Siu Luen school.

Global Education is gradually integrated into different subjects and replaces the General Studies in English. (project study in English, two lessons a week) Details will be clarified in grading course meetings. As for facilities, 2 interactive E-globes are distributed to every classroom to arouse students' interest in exploring the world.

Off campus, three theme study tours bound for Taiwan, Japan and Australia will be undertaken. Australia and Taiwan study tours will be set off firstly. Interested parties please pay attention to notice.

## **Expanding Foreign English-speaking staff**

Thank the Lord for his grace. Two missionaries from the USA, Mr and Mrs Stone, volunteered to teach at our school and Holy Word Lutheran Church. They aim to spread the Gospel to students. Starting from September, Holy Word Lutheran Church will organize Sunday School in English more frequently. All students are welcomed to join.

## **Special fee**

Although the government will bear the school's air conditioning cost this school year, only the use of air conditioning in approved indoor areas would be supported. Some semi-open space still needs air-conditioners to ventilate the air. Besides, to create a better environment for students, the school provides portable air-conditioners, drinking fountains, etc. Therefore, the school needs to charge each student \$300 special fee. A notice will be distributed later. Thank you for all your support.

## **Commencement of the school year**

- a. A pest control company had fumigated the campus. It is believed to help prevent the spread of dengue fever and other diseases. We suggest parents take measures to protect your children from mosquito bites.
- b. Parents who drive their children to school please be aware of the traffic and avoid causing congestion.
- c. As confirmed by the Department of Health, some staff will come to the school and offer free influenza vaccination to students in early November.

The school has made the following changes:

- All formative assessments will be conducted on two fixed days instead of in a week.
- The curriculum meeting will be conducted separately.
- The over-night camp for P.2-5 would be changed into a day camp.

All the above arrangements are made after hearing the opinions from different parties. You may refer to the school calendar for details. In addition, there are also changes in the School Dental Care Service and the ordering of lunch. Please refer to the related notices as well.

## **Parent-school cooperation**

a. The school has grown a lot due to the effort of the Parent-teacher Association of all the previous years. The school needs your votes on the election of PTA members for this school year.

b. It is important that the school and parents work together to protect our younger generation. The Education Bureau has sent the school an updated circular on handling suspected cases of child abuse and domestic violence cases. It states clearly that when there is a suspected child abuse case, the school doesn't need to get parents' consent to notify social workers of the school or the caseworkers of a known case. When it is necessary, the school can also refer the case to the Family and Child Protective Services Units. We know that the parents of our students love and care their children a lot. Whenever parents encounter difficulties, our teachers and social workers are always there to help.

Last but not least, some free tickets for the 2018 Inno Tech Expo Parent-Child Day have been put at the school lobby. We hope parents can join this fun and meaningful activity with their children.

May God be with us this new school year.

Principal Chan Ho Tak, John

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