

# 2018-2019 Lutheran Tsang Shing Siu Leun School

## School Letter (2)

(Trilingual, Christian, Globalization)

Dear parents, teaching staff and students,

Christmas and New Year are just around the corner. I would like to send my regards to you on behalf of all the teaching staff of Siu Leun School. There are a few issues that I would like to share with you that I hope will help improve the lines of communication between the school and the parents.

### 1. The Primary 1 to 3 “Christmas Gifts” Giving

A big thanks to Mr. Chan Man Wai, a member of the district council and a parent of a student, for arranging the donation of several hundred English self-learning packages to our school. Each package has a different theme, and some are from famous Disney movies including Monster University, Ratatouille, Aladdin, The Lion King, Mulan, Beauty and the Beast, A Bug’s Life and The Incredibles, etc. Each self-learning package includes a CD, a language learning exercise book and the answers, as well as an instruction manual for parents. Parents and students can find pleasure and joy in learning English during the Christmas holidays. In an effort to improve the atmosphere of continuous learning, students who submit the completed language learning exercise book to their English teachers will be awarded another self-learning package based on a different theme. The packages are available on a

first-come-first-served basis.

## 2. The Establishment of The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong

The 84<sup>th</sup> Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong, stationed in Lutheran Tsang Shing Siu Leun School, has now being established. It is now open for enrollment. Activities will start in Term 2. Please refer to the school notices for further details. Enrollment is on a first-come-first-served basis. Enrollment applications are limited.

## 3. Parents' Reviews on Papers of Internal Examinations for the Purpose of Secondary School Places Allocation (SSPA)

From this year onwards, the Formative Assessment exam papers for Primary 5 and 6, will be used as the papers for the SSPA. Parents can review the papers according to the established procedures, so as to achieve greater transparency.

## 4. The Remarkable Performance in Primary 3 TSA

With reference to the 2018 Primary 3 TSA reports, the average percentages of Siu Leun's students in answering questions correctly for both Chinese and English was higher than the average percentages of all the student participants. There is however, room for improvement for Mathematics. We absolutely stand by our policy of no meaningless drilling or make-up classes for TSA. All Primary 3 students at our school will participate in the TSA in the coming academic year, just as other affiliated schools will do.

## 5. The Installation of Closed-circuit Televisions (CCTVs)

CCTVs will be installed in the corridors on every floor and resting places to ensure students' safety during recess times, and to strengthen surveillance around the school.

## 6. Be a Good Road User

It is hoped that students can be polite and law-abiding when using any kind of public transport so as to be good passengers. Put yourselves into other passengers' shoes and be considerate.

These days, more and more parents drive their children to school. Parents must obey the rules of the estate's car park and treat everyone with courtesy and respect. Moreover, teachers, parents and students must obey the traffic laws at all times when crossing the road. Adults should practise what they preach and be good role models for children.

According to observations in recent months, most of those who failed to comply with the traffic lights when crossing the road, are junior students and their parents, who walk them to school. We are happy this behavior has been modified and the jaywalkers have now become good pedestrians. However, those who refuse to correct their mistakes after repeated warnings will be penalized.

## 7. The Use of Toilets

Parents should teach their children the appropriate attitude and correct

posture when using the toilet. Keeping toilets clean and hygienic, benefits everyone. Also, it is highly recommended that students bring disinfectant wet wipes to clean the toilet seat before using them. The school will also teach students about the correct way to use toilets, while at the same time, focusing on hygiene.

## 8. The Refined School Hardware Enhancement

There are newly added facilities, devices and equipment at school with the aim of providing an advanced learning environment for students. These facilities, devices and equipment are as follows:

- a. Air purifier x 4 (trial in classroom)
- b. Outdoor furniture set with beach umbrellas x 6
- c. Outdoor furniture set x 2
- d. Electronic globes x 50
- e. Drinking fountain on each floor
- f. 4 huge wash basins with 16 taps
- g. Outdoor Christmas lights decorations

We hereby express our gratitude to the Parents and Teachers Association for sponsoring the above.

## 9. The Rumour of the Retirement of Principal Chan

Recently, some have said that I will retire at the end of this academic year.

Thanks for the concern and care. I am just the man in the street. Yet I have

led Siu Leun School for almost 10 years. This is unquestionably by the grace of God. It is strenuous and laborious to be a principal and I desire to have an early retirement and spend more time with my family, as most if not all principals want to. Nevertheless, I am willing to continue to work hand in hand with all of the Siu Leun's stakeholders until 2020, or even 2021, unless something unpredictable happens. In 2022, I will turn 60 and it will be time for 'Danshari' (斷捨離) regardless of how much I want to stay on.

Lastly, may this Bible verse encourage us all, 'In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.' (Matthew 5:16)

Wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a prosperous year to come.

Principal CHAN Ho Tak, John

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