

Thanks to God for blessing Siu Leun School and to all the teaching and administration staff for their contributions. It has been two weeks since the new school year (2019-2020) began and the school is getting on track. There are a few issues I would like to share with parents.

1. Personnel Reshuffle

A. School social worker Ms Pang and teacher Ms Ng left Siu Leun School in September to pursue their dream. May God be with them always.

B. Mr and Mrs Stone, our highly popular volunteer foreign missionaries from the US, have returned to Siu Leun family. Exciting news: we are all looking forward to their newborn baby! The school is spotting more native English tutors to join our teaching team, joining hands with Mr and Mrs Stone to serve our students.

C. I have already disclosed my future plan to leave Siu Leun School after 19/20 school year. No matter how reluctant I am, I have no choice but to retire in the following school year in order to have more leisure time with my family members. I am grateful I have spent thirty years in both new and old Siu Leun School serving the rising generation of HK. I consider myself lucky that I have the opportunity to lead Siu Leun School for more than ten years and work together with fellow staff.

2. External School Review

External School Review to public schools is an ongoing practice for government's accountability measures. From late October to early November, the review team from the EDB will stay in school for five days with the aim of observing lessons and assessing the overall performance of the school. During this period, school operates as usual.

3. Life-wide Learning Grant

The Life-wide Learning Grant (LWL Grant) will be disbursed to school starting from school year 2019/2020. The school can put the LWL Grant in different learning fields and various courses according to school's development needs. We are going to organize more out-of-classroom experiential activities to help students develop their vision, arouse their learning interest and foster their whole-person development. The school will lay down criteria for granting LWL Grant. The details of the criteria are as follows.

a. We will try to benefit as many students as possible regardless of students and parents' socio-economic backgrounds. However, students have to go through pre-selection in some

activities such as overseas study tour, school team training and off-campus competition, etc. Students can receive grant **only** after their eligibility are verified.

b. We will uphold the user pays principle. While expenditure in small amount can be fully exempted, any in considerable amount will be partially paid by the users.

LWL Grant covers the necessary expenses of some local visit, skill development, camping activities, off-campus competition and overseas study tour. The details will be announced after proper consultation and approval.

4. Traffic rule and manners

a. Don't violate the traffic law and no jaywalking. When using public transport such as light-rail, bus, cross-boundary coach and so on, students have to obey law, remain polite, stay safe and don't frolic in both public areas and public transport. Be considerate to passengers around you as well. The school will strictly follow up those students failing to meet the above-mentioned requirement, whether or not they are accompanied by their parents.

b. More and more parents drive their children to school these days. Please pay attention to road safety and treat everyone with courtesy and respect to avoid being misunderstood and causing traffic jams.

5. Keep the school campus clean and tidy

a. Everyone is responsible for keeping our school campus clean and tidy. Senior students will be sent in rotation to sweep their own classroom every day before school finishes with the aim of helping them develop a sense of belonging and life skill.

b. All toilets in our school will be equipped with antiseptic spray to clean toilet seats and we will teach students how to use it.

6. Cancellation of in-classroom recess

This is to strengthen supervision and safeguard the students. All students should take recess in the designated playgrounds in the morning and lunch time.

7. Alumni Corner

The school is going to add Alumni Corner webpage to the school website <http://www.siuleunsch.edu.hk/> to agglomerate alumni, cement friendship and support the school. We will upload latest alumni's news from time to time. Don't miss it. Alumni are welcome to email school any relevant information.

8. Secondary School Places Allocation

Among 98 graduates of Siu Leun School in 18/19, 31 are promoted into EMI schools and 14 CMI ones with English classes. You can check our school website for details. The bald statistics tell us that the ratio is high for our students getting into “elite classes” in secondary schools. For a school “says NO to drilling” just like ours, this result is more than we expected. Keep going !

9. Donating your “hotel pens” to us!

The school is going to build a giant feature wall in the campus in order to promote environmental awareness. It can demonstrate how to recycle, reduce and reuse. It helps stimulate students thinking about bona fide meaning of “Love the earth”. The school will put a recycle bin in the lobby. We call for teachers and students’ donation of hotel pens from all over the world. We take new or used ones or any kinds of “gift pens” . Please support us!

Postscript

The students’ dazzling performance of the “Siu Leun Superstar” in the variety night of Mid-Autumn Festival 2019 touched me deeply and even caused me a sleepless night. It was easy for us to appreciate the students’ remarkable talents, but few people knew their stories behind. To cite some examples, a student once cried over a disappointing performance two years ago, and that night the student bravely took to the stage and gave a successful show. Some students, despite withstanding considerable pressure of their own, did a lively performance on the stage. They are in high spirit and showing self-confidence and usual calm during performance. And some students also self-directed and self-starred to give brilliant show together to express their love to teachers and express their enjoyment in school life. There are too many examples, I just can’t cite all of them.

It is pity the limited and small performance venue spoils students’ chance (Siu Leun’s fencing queen, rock climbing king, lawn ball experts, tennis prince, taekwondo kids, and 7 Lacrosse players who have just won the champion and first runner-up in a nationwide age-group competition in Shanghai). Any suggestions to showcase their talents?

We were over the moon when many alumni came back to Siu Leun to visit and chat with their former teachers. Some alumni, being parents, have arranged their kids to return to their alma mater to study. Teachers and students came together, as if family members from three generations turned up at the same time to enjoy Mid-Autumn Festival. Full house of love and joy shows that Siu Leun School won the support and approval in our community.

Thanks to PTA for this Mid-Autumn valuable gift!