

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents,

The year 2018 has just begun. I wish you all good health and everything goes well in the new year.

It is a good time to review and look forward at the beginning of a year. Since the commencement of this school year, students have participated in a lot of competitions and activities. They got outstanding results especially in verse speaking competitions and visual art competitions. Three of our students competed with those from the main stream schools in the 69th Speech Festival and got two merit and one proficiency awards. Besides, two students got the winning award and most creative award respectively in the Wheelock Properties and Hong Chi Association Co-organize Christmas e-card Design Competition. We can see that our students are versatile and, more importantly, we are glad to see them develop their potential and build their self-confidence by practicing what they learned during their training and participation in the competition.

In addition, four senior secondary students stepped out of Hong Kong in late November. A total of about 120 teachers and students from six schools under the Hong Chi Association joined the "Mainland Exchange Programme for Senior Secondary School Students" organized by the EDB and spent five days and four nights in Beijing. During the trip, students experienced a cultural exchange in a special school, visited many historic sites and made contact with local science, technology and aerospace technologies. Not only did they enrich their life experiences, they also broadened their horizons. When they came back to school, they even shared what they saw and heard with their schoolmates in the morning assembly. The schoolmates were very excited. Some students from the primary section even asked when they would have the opportunity to join.

Under the new trend of popularization of electronic technology, the application of smartphones and tablet computers is becoming more and more popular. Our social worker and speech therapists organized a day camp recently. One of the sessions was to enable parents to use their smartphones to contact their child and find out their location in a simulating incident of missing child. This shows that technology indeed helps enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual disabilities and breakthrough their learning difficulties. In view of this, the school is going to arrange another two IT workshops in March to further enhance parents' skills so that they can learn and grow together with their children. We strongly encourage everyone's active participation.

We have been dedicated to providing a wide range of learning experiences for students. Many of these activities require school bus to drop off students to different districts of Hong Kong. However, due to the rising costs of petrol, maintenance and repair, there has been a structural deficit in the operation of school buses in recent years. In order to keep providing students with more diverse learning experiences, after considering various factors including the frequency of activities and the affordability of parents, the IMC and the PSA have decided that school bus service will be charged when it is needed in school activities. The arrangement will be implemented on the first school day of the next school term (26 Feb 2018), details of which will be announced via parent notice later. Should you have any questions about the arrangement, please feel free to contact the school.

It is getting cold. Remember to put on more clothes to keep warm. While accompanying children to grow, parents should also take care. Only when you maintain a strong body can you go further with your children.

Yours sincerely,

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