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Principal Letter and Notice to Parents (April)

28th March 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

In his very famous masterpiece "*A Tale of Two Cities*", Charles Dickens revealed his profound understanding of the human nature. There must be people in the "spring of hope" and at the same time, there are people struggling in the "winter of despair" in every epoch. Imagine that you are an animal in the forest who wants to cross a river. Mr. Squirrel warns you that the flow is furious, and his companion just drowned yesterday while crossing it. But Miss Hippo mocks at you for being timid as the river is so shallow in its view. Think, wait a moment, would you be crossing it? The growth of our kids is like "crossing the river". It depends not on the condition of the river, but on this: whether or not our kids know "who they are really like". They should be crossing it bravely and confidently if they perceived themselves as the horses. But they would better humbly listen to the advice from the squirrel if they were just monkeys! We wish our kids to be brave but also to listen to the advice of others simultaneously. It might appear to be tricky, but the key is if we allow the kids to explore what they are. In light of it, by promoting a growth mindset, self-directed learning, and life-planning practice, we empower the kids by all means.

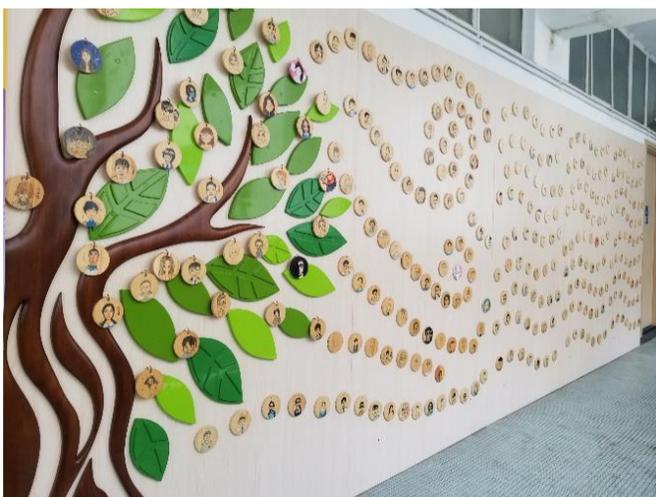
Learning and Leisure

To help the kids achieve a good balance between learning and leisure, the teachers have designed different forms of learning materials for their special vacation. Also, they will follow up on the learning progress of the kids occasionally. Yet, we all know that the online mode can never attain the learning effectiveness of the whole-day face-to-face schooling. The government will renew the guidelines for restoring normal schooling from time to time. Please pay attention to the latest government announcements from the Education Bureau.

The Second Parents' Day

Reviewing the kids' learning on the second Parents' Day after the year-end examinations has long been practiced. But it is, instead, the best time to devise an effective study plan for the year-end challenge. This year, we arrange the second Parents' Day before the year-end exam hoping the parents, teachers, and the kids could formulate their unique study plans together. Parents are often worried about the kids' learning habits at home. In fact, the Bible has given us some insight concerning this. "The teacher imparted knowledge to the people. He pondered and searched out and set in order many proverbs. the Book of *Ecclesiastes* 12:9." The verse reveals contemporary learning methods like discussion, reflection, questioning, and note-taking. In other words, parents are suggested to discuss the subject matters with the kids, inviting them to question with reflection, and more pragmatically, encouraging them to make their own study notes.

e-class Announcements



We hope that our kids can take the initiative to explore their potential, build self-confidence, and not be afraid of the challenges and failures. One of the measures is to invite every kids to draw their self-portraits and put them on the school History Lane as an extension of our history. We believe that the self-confidence of every "Henriettian" writes the new page of the school development. To provide sufficient opportunities for the kids to explore their hidden talents. Starting this year, teachers will release the information about inter-school activities and competitions on the e-class front page for the kids' self-nomination. We encourage parents to also have a look on the announcements and to discuss with their children, on the possibilities of participating.

Feedback and Prayer Requests

I would love to hear from you if you have any feedback regarding the development of the school and our daily operation, or if you have any prayer requests, please send an email to nhy@henrietta.edu.hk. During March, our S3 to S6 Form Coordinators and teachers, the Vice-Principal, and I have had an opportunity to listen to the sharing and feelings of our parents. We have shared that the kids are situating under some hopelessness in such times. Gratefully, some are in the spring of hope, whereas some are in the winter of despair unavoidably. Afterall, it all depends not on the environment but on this unchanging truth: whether or not we know our true identity is – that being the Child of God, the divine creation, equipped and blessed with an unique “life mission”. Under the grace of our Christ, we could face the coming challenges together with our beloved.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Kenneth H. Ng

**Henrietta Secondary School
Notice to Parents (April)**

28th March 2022

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This letter is to notify you of the following items:

1. Ching Ming Festival and Easter Holidays
2. Staff Development Day
3. PPS Tapping Week in April
4. Arrangements during Typhoons and Rainstorms
5. Important Dates for School Events / Activities

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth H. Ng

Mr. Kenneth H. Ng
Principal

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Student No.					
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Dear Principal,

I have been clearly informed of the five items listed in the notice of April and have told my son / daughter to take appropriate action.

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's / Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

(1) Ching Ming Festival and Easter Holidays

No.301/21

Ching Ming Festival is on 5th April 2022 (Tuesday).

The Easter holidays are from 11th April 2022 (Monday) to 20th April 2022 (Wednesday).

All classes will be resumed on 22nd April 2022 (Friday).

(2) Staff Development Day

No.302/21

To enhance the professionalism of our teaching staff, a staff development day is going to be held on 21st April 2022 (Thursday). All teachers are required to attend the seminar; students have no lesson on that day. Students are advised to utilize their time wisely.

(3) PPS Tapping Week in April

No.303/21

There are no payment items in April. It is not necessary for parents and students to pay via PPS.

Parents can now use the eClass *Parent App* while students can log onto the eClass platform to check the record of value-adding, payment items and balance details. PPS student numbers are also uploaded onto the eClass platform under the section of "*Campus Latest News*" so that parents and students can check them accordingly.

(4) Arrangements during Typhoons and Rainstorms

No.304/21

When there are typhoons or rainstorms, please take note of the following arrangements:

1. When the Amber Rainstorm Warning is issued, there will still be classes at school.
2. When the Red or Black Rainstorm Warning is issued:
 - i. if it is before the school starts on that day, all classes will be suspended and students should stay at home.
 - ii. if students are on the way to school, all classes will be suspended. However, the School will adopt its contingency plan and there will be teachers taking care of students who have come to school and only release them when it is safe.
 - iii. if the school is already in session, students should stay in school, have classes as usual and leave when it is safe to do so.
3. When Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is in force, all classes will be suspended.
4. When a typhoon is approaching Hong Kong before class, the Secretary for Education Bureau (EDB) will, as the circumstances warrant, make an announcement over local TV and radio stations, advising parents whether or not to send their children to school. Please note that our School is situated on No.2, City Garden Road in North Point.
5. If Typhoon Signal No. 1 or 3 is in force during class time, and the weather is likely to deteriorate rapidly, classes will be immediately suspended upon EDB's notice. In such instances, the school will make arrangements for students to return home as quickly and safely as possible.
6. If Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is replaced by Signal No. 3 or below, classes will be resumed on the following day. However, parents should make their own decision whether to let their children go to school if they think that the weather, the road or traffic conditions have not yet returned to normal.

7. In the event of heavy persistent rain and rainstorms, parents can decide whether or not to send their children to school. They can consider the weather, road and traffic conditions in the area they live. If it is during the school examination period or test time and students are absent for such kinds of special reasons, no punishment will be given, though no make-up examinations or tests will be provided for the absentees.
8. There is no correlation between the suspension of classes in school and whether or not public examinations are cancelled.
9. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our School Office at 2570 1466.

(5) Important Dates for School Events / Activities

No.305/21

	Date	Events / Activities
1	1 st April (Friday)	Election Day for School Manager (Parent)
2	21 st April (Thursday)	Staff Development Day (No School for Students)
3	27 th May (Friday)	Talk for F.3 Students on Elective Subjects Selection
4	2 nd June (Thursday) (Evening)	Talk for F.3 Parents on Elective Subjects Selection
5	11 th June (Saturday)	Parents' Day
6	4 th July – 19 th July (Monday – Tuesday)	Final Examinations
7	21 st July – 22 nd July (Thursday & Friday)	Examination Scripts Checking Days (Photo-taking of passport size photos)
8	22 nd July (Friday)	Pass-it-on Ceremony