

Thrive at E-Smart

August 2018

From the Headmaster's Desk

"When we live each day with kindness, compassion, and communicative love, there is no business left unfinished. There are no regrets or words we should have said, but didn't. There is no need for closure or forgiveness or apology of any kind."

- Tyler Henry

Dear parents,

Have you ever lamented a missed opportunity? A sales offer that you have unconsciously overlooked? A job offer that you have hesitantly turned down? A proposal that you have cruelly declined? How did you feel about it?

For most of the lost chances, we would probably give a sigh but usually quickly get over because we know such opportunities will come again at a time when we are ready to grab them. However, when there is no second chance, our anguish could be beyond description.

I have experienced such excruciating grief lately when a friend from my college years passed away only three days after I had learned that she was seriously ill. In the early afternoon I was making my way to the hospital, I received a text message from a friends' chat group that she had just left us to be with the Lord a couple of hours before. Stunned and stricken, I couldn't stop my tears trickling down my face when I began making my way back home.

My distress and strong reactions were indeed even beyond my grasp. Though we were pretty close during college years, we have not seen each other for a long while. During the next few days, no words of comfort or encouragement could relieve my agony. Apparently, the incident has triggered my distress over a lot of the other unfinished business I have had with my loved ones and good friends, which I came to aware when I sat down to ponder after my tears had stopped.

For my late parents, especially my persistently subtle and gentle Dad, I failed to see him often enough but comforted myself that he could entertain himself by watching TV or reading his newspaper at home. Though knowing that he was always curious and inquisitive, I did not travel much with him to see the many wonderful places outside his hometown.

For my family, I failed to spend adequate time at home but excused myself for being the breadwinner of the family. I chose to hang out with some good friends when I felt the need to unwind, and was slow to realize that my boys had also chosen to confide in their friends rather than their parents when they entered their stormy teenage years.

For my good old friends, I did not make sufficient efforts to keep up with their latest successes and struggles, relieving myself that God would take good care of them.

More often than not, we are so much indulged in our own business that we may only come to our senses when our child exhibits overt emotional or behavioral problems, when a loved one comes down with an incurable disease, or when a good old friend stops making contact.

Don't pile up unfinished business. Start living each day with kindness, compassion and communicative love before it is too late!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

GWF2A Thur 5:30-6:30
GWF2B Fri 4:30-5:30
GWF2B Sat 10:00-11:00
GWF2B Tues 4:30-5:30
GWF4A Sat 3:00-4:00
GWF4A Sat 9:00-10:00
GWF9B Sat 2:00-3:00
IEK2A Fri 6:30-7:30
IEK2A Sat 9:00-10:00
IEK2B Sat 11:00-12:00
IEK6A Sat 12:00-1:00
IEK6B Tues 6:30-7:30
IEKKB Wed 2:30-3:30
PTWE1 Fri 5:30-6:30
PTWE2 Sat 11:00-12:00
PTWE3 Sat 10:00-11:00
PTWP1 Wed 09:30-10:30
PTWP2 Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE1 Wed 4:30-5:30
WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00
WTE2B Tues 5:30-6:30
WTE4A Fri 4:30-5:30
WTE4A Sat 10:00-11:00
WTE4A Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE4B Sat 3:00-4:00
WTE4B Tues 4:30-5:30
WTE6B Sat 12:00-1:00
WTE8A Sat 4:00-5:00
WTE8A Tues 6:30-7:30
GWF2A Thur 5:30-6:30
GWF2B Fri 4:30-5:30
GWF2B Sat 10:00-11:00
GWF2B Tues 4:30-5:30

Hinz Leung
Tai Chin Hong, Matthew 戴展
Chau Hong Yin, Taylor 周康然
Choi Laam 蔡嵐
Chan Nga Yung, Tiffany 陳雅
Ko Tin Chi, Ryan 古天嗣
Ip Hei Nga, Iva
Kwok Sze Nam, Angus 郭思楠
Yung Hong Luy, Phoebe 翁濂
Wong Hui Tong, Nigel 黃煦棠
Lam Ching Him, Samuel 林正
Li Tsz Ching, Jess 李梓晴
Chan Pak Hei, Jaden 陳柏熙
Ho Hiu Yan, Tiffany 何曉昕
Chan Yat Yin, Jayden 陳逸彥
Yung Hong Luy, Phoebe 翁濂
Chen Hui Chi, Tristan 陳栩知
Yau Wing Lam, Rachel 邱詠琳
Ng Chin Yu Cianna
Tang Kwan Ho Tim 鄧鈞浩
Kwok Tsz Lok, Jerry 郭子樂
Chim Sum Yi, Elsie 詹心怡
Pang Cheuk Ling, Lilian 彭綽
Jamie Li
Darius Ng 吳承軒
Tam Lai Wa, Kerry 譚麗華
Chan Tsun Him, Ethan 陳僑謙
Chung Hoi Ching, Jobi 鍾愷晴
Au Chun Yau, Dick 歐俊佑
Lo Karena
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Choi Laam 蔡嵐

Congratulations to our DSE Students

Our students have done well in the DSE English exam. 83% of our students got Level 4 (30% of all Hong Kong students) or higher, and 33% of them attained Level 5 or higher (10% in Hong Kong).

STUDENTS' PAGE

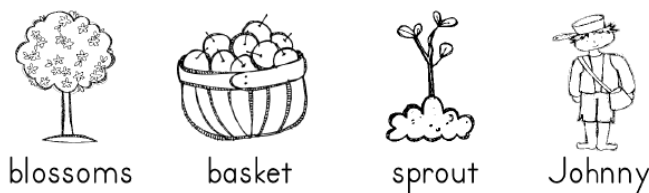
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August is hot, but this year it has been very hot. Eating fruit can cool us down. Some people say the coconut and the mango are the king and queen of summer fruit. Some say the watermelon and the apple are the king and queen. Have you ever heard of **Johnny Appleseed**? He was a kind of Christian missionary. He walked around without shoes or socks, planted apple trees and other plants, was dressed in old rags, wore a metal pot on his head (to cook his poor meals in), slept next to campfires in the forest, and talked about the Good News of Jesus Christ. He chose to be poor, but he was rich! He owned over 1000 acres (4 sq. km) of land. What do you think of what he did? There are pictures of him above and below. —Mr. Boa

Apples Word Search - Find the different words related to apples.

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My Frightening Hiking Experience

One day, I was hiking with my friends when I suddenly slipped. I tried to ask for help but my friends already walked away. So I had to climb up myself. I looked for my phone but I suddenly remembered that I used up all my battery. Then, I tried to yell and see if anyone could hear me. But I could only hear my own voice. I felt very scared, I was afraid that I would need to stay there all night or might be eaten by wild animals. When suddenly, I saw one of my friends! I was really happy! He helped me get back up on the hiking trail and led me back to my friends. I am really happy to have such a friend! — **Zoe Lam (WTE-6B)**

Other Writers of the Month - Thomas Poon (WTE-8B), Jack Tao (WTE-8B), Toby Chung (WTE-2A)