

Thrive at E-Smart

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From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear parents,

Chinese New Year is here. May I wish you all a very happy new year! May God also shower his blessings on you and your family the whole year through!

I loved Chinese New Year when I was a kid. Our modest home would be filled with friends and relatives, and my mother would cook almost half a dozen meals for more than 40 people every day. Her generosity and hospitality have made a lasting impact on how I treat my family and friends. She stinted on herself but always gave to other people in need.

My mother was very strict with us (Father was the opposite), so we had limited access to treats, but during Chinese New Year, she lifted the rule and we were allowed to have more but not unlimited sweets. Thanks to her discipline, I still have nearly perfect teeth at this age, always to the amazement of my dentist.

For almost every child, the red packet is the main attraction of Chinese New Year, and I was no exception. I always whined that while my friends could open the red packets and spend on toys and treats immediately, I was not allowed to open the packets until the fifteenth day of Chinese New Year, not knowing that the ability to delay gratification is in fact the key to success for children and adults alike. My siblings and I had to save our money if we would like to buy an expensive toy or gadget. Thanks to our parents, most of us now manage our finances well, which would not have happened if we had had indulgent parents.

Chinese New Year for me as a kid wasn't totally without thorns. One thing I hated was that we had to spend two hours each way in commute to visit my eldest aunt. As I had (and still have) motion sickness, I always got a headache or threw up after the long and tumultuous journey home. However, Mother would insist that we all go and visit her eldest sister, who was in fact not entirely kind to us. More than 18 years older than my mother, she got married and moved to Hong Kong not long after my mother was born, so they had hardly spent much time together. Being conventional in her thinking, however, Mother not only demanded our total respect for her eldest sister but also insisted that we unconditionally loved her younger brother who went wayward and was utterly disrespectful to his elder sisters. She had always urged her seven children to stay united under all circumstances. Though seemingly stubborn and unwise, she won her unkind siblings over with her persistence in the end. I now enjoy a close relationship with my siblings, definitely not a result of repeated lectures but marvelous deeds of my parents.

As I got older and entered my rebellious teenage years, I would refuse to visit my relatives with my parents despite the lure of the red packets. Now my parents are both gone, Chinese New Year has become a quiet holiday. Most of my relatives and friends have also stopped visiting each other. At best we would gather at a restaurant for a meal. To my surprise, I have started missing those precious times when people took the trouble to visit and talked to one another face to face rather than sending text messages even when they are together at one place.

Have a wonderful time with your family and friends!

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

新年將近，祝各位新年快樂，整年都沐浴在上帝的祝福中。

小時候我很喜歡過年。每到那時，家裏總是坐滿親戚朋友，母親會做滿滿一桌子的菜招待客人。她平日對自己節儉、對他人熱情慷慨的習慣也深深影響著我。母親總是很嚴格。

她從不放任我們吃甜食，新年利是要等到正月十五才可以打開。小時候，我總是為此抱怨，殊不知延遲滿足的能力是成功的關鍵。因此，牙醫總是驚訝於我在這個年齡仍有近乎完美的牙齒，我們幾個兄妹也得以保持良好的財務狀況。

但新年的回憶也不全是美好的，比如我不得不長途跋涉去看望姨媽。我很容易暈車，坐兩個小時的車總是令我頭痛甚至嘔吐，而姨媽對母親並不親近。儘管如此，母親還是希望我們無條件地關愛她的兄弟姐妹，並敦促我們七個孩子保持團結。耳濡目染之下，我們幾個兄弟姐妹到現在仍很親近。

到了叛逆的青春期，我開始拒絕跟隨父母拜訪親戚。如今他們雙雙離去，親戚間也很少走動，留下一個個寂靜的新年。出乎意料地，我開始懷念從前人們不辭辛苦走訪親友的光彩，而不像現在這樣坐在一起卻自顧自玩手機。願您與家人朋友享受美好時光！

Stars of the Month

Chan Chun Yu, Mason	PTWE2 Sat 12:00-1:00
Chan Ho Ching, Cyrus	WTE8B Fri 6:30-7:30
Chang Hannah Hei Nga	GRS Mon 4:30-5:30
Chau Pak Kwan, Paak	PTWP2 Sat 1:00-2:00
Chen Sum Yuet, Ophelia	IEKKA Thur 9:30-10:30
Cheung Donna Kuen Tone	GWF9A Sat 2:00-3:00
Cheung Hoi Kit, Jaden	PTWR Mon 3:30-4:30
Cheung Yuk Ho, Oscar	GWF6A Wed 6:30-7:30
Choi Laam, Sophie	GWF2A Tues 4:30-5:30
Chong Chun Hoi, Henry	PTWE3 Sat 11:00-12:00
Hau Yat Ching	PTWB Wed 4:30-5:30
Hui Wing Yu, Vianne	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Ko Tin Chi, Ryan	WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00
Kwan Chuk Ting, Ariel	WTE6B Fri 4:30-5:30
Kwan Lok Yan, Yoyo	PTW1-2 Sat 10:00-11:00
Kwok Cailie	IEKKA Wed 3:30-4:30
Kwok Sze Nam, Angus	IEK4B Fri 6:30-7:30
Kwok Tsz Lok, Jerry	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Lai Yi Yin, Carrie	WTE6A Sat 12:00-1:00
Lam Hong Ching, Zoey	WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30
Lam Pak Hei	PTWR Sat 10:00-11:00
Lau Siu Hei, Matthew	PTWE2 Fri 5:30-6:30
Lau Sze Ching, Kacie	PTWP2 Tues 3:30-4:30
Lau Sze Yin, Henry	IEKKB Wed 3:30-4:30
Lee Cheuk Wing, Sireen	WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Leung Lok Hei, Ryan	WTE4A Tues 4:30-5:30
Leung Wing Sum, Tiffany	IEK4A Sat 10:00-11:00
Li Tsz Ching, Jess	IEK6A Tues 6:30-7:30
Liu Tung Tung, Raina	WTE2B Sat 11:00-12:00
Pang Shu Sang, Marcus	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
Ran Choi Yap, Rainbow	WTE2B Wed 4:30-5:30
Tse Chun Yin, Jasmine	IEKKA Thur 5:30-6:30
Tsui Lok Ki, John	GWF9B Tues 6:30-7:30
Wong Pak Kiu, Jan	WTE6A Thur 5:30-6:30
Yau Wing Lam, Rachel	PTWP2 Wed 5:30-6:30
Yee Cheuk Lam, Shannon	WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00
Yeung Hei Nam, Matt	PTWE1 Wed 5:30-6:30
Yeung Hoi Wing, Mofy	IEK2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Yiu Tsz Chun, Angus	IEK2B Sat 12:00-1:00
Chan Chun Yu, Mason	PTWE2 Sat 12:00-1:00
Chan Ho Ching, Cyrus	WTE8B Fri 6:30-7:30



Chinese New Year is here. Some people consider the Year of the Pig to be a good or "lucky" year. Each year can bring good and bad, but can we face the good and the bad with the right attitude?

We should have the same attitude as Christ Jesus. —Mr. Boa

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Chinese New Year
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 12 animals of Chinese New Year.

DOG	DRAGON	HORSE
MONKEY	OX	PIG
RABBIT	RAT	ROOSTER
SHEEP	SNAKE	TIGER

Writer of the Month - If I Had 3 Million Dollars

I would go to America and meet my favourite actor and actress called Dave Cameron and Sofia Carson. After that, I would go to Toys 'R' Us to buy many toys and a bicycle. I would also go to the Apple shop to buy an iPhone and an iPad. I would buy a house for my daddy and mommy. I would save one million in the bank and I would donate half a million to my church.

- Lai Miwa (WTE-2B)

Other Writers of the Month:

Chau Hong Yin, Taylor (WTE-2A), Lam Zoey (WTE-2A), Cheung Donna Kuen Tong (WTE-8B)