

# Thrive at E-Smart

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## From the Headmaster's Desk

*"Whoever sheds human blood,  
by humans shall their blood be shed;  
for in the image of God  
has God made mankind."*

- *The Holy Bible Genesis 9:6*

Dear parents,

This has been an extraordinary summer for most Hong Kong people. Many of us have chosen to defy the scorching heat by taking to the streets on most weekends to voice our opposition to the extradition bill that has now been shelved but not officially withdrawn.

To a large extent, the two peaceful marches by millions of people on June 9 and 16 were phenomenal, demonstrating our unsurpassed unity and exemplary civic awareness to the world. The voice of the people has been clear: we need to preserve the firewall between Hong Kong and China guaranteed by the Sino-British Declaration in view of the disparity of the two legal systems.

Unfortunately, except for shelving the bill, the Government has refused to yield to any other demands, including an independent commission to investigate the whole saga especially the excessive force used by the police in dispersing protesters. Dissatisfied with the Government's response, some protesters, particularly the young ones, resolved to step up their civil disobedience such as blocking roads and causing a deadlock to the train system.

To our disappointment, the Government does not seem to be genuinely interested in resolving the impasse but letting violence escalate between some radical protesters and the police, and sadly, we have also seen gangsters attacking innocent and unsuspecting citizens indiscriminately, which has definitely fuelled the anger of protesters and propelled the original peaceful protests into violent ones, leaving more people arrested and injured in the end.

Worse, the Government has been trying to twist the noble intent of the peaceful movement into an insurrection against the sovereignty of the Chinese government, thereby justifying the brutality of the police against the majority of peaceful demonstrators whose goal is simply to protect the quickly eroding freedoms and rights that we had enjoyed before the Handover in 1997.

Nevertheless, I am extremely worried about our young people as their way of thinking is even contrary to some

adults supporting the protests, let alone the Government and those opposing their actions. Having grown up in an affluent society, many of these youngsters do not see career and material success their goals in life. Not having much to lose, some are more than ready to see violence and decline of the Hong Kong economy as the only way for the Government to succumb to their demands. To me, such a view is naïve and won't be able to garner support from most people.

Modern history has shown us that when those in power resort to violence and cruelty to subdue the masses, it is all the more important for civilians not to vent their hatred by exhibiting even more violence as it will only help justify the indiscriminating use of force of the authorities.

It is my earnest prayer that we all stay resolute in upholding non-violence while being persistent in our peaceful quests for a free and democratic society.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

## Stars of the Month

Chan Hiu Wai, Reginia	IEK4A Sat 10:00-11:00
Chan Lok Ka, Rosalind	IEKKA Wed 3:30-4:30
Chan Pak Hei, Jaden	PTWP3 Sat 1:00-2:00
Chan Tsz Kiu, Anya	WTE4A Sat 3:00-4:00
Cheng Ka Ki, Kayla	GWTF2B Sat 3:00-4:00
Cheng Lok Tung, Ursula	PTWR Wed 4:30-5:30
Cheung Hoi Kit, Jaden	IEKKB Wed 3:30-4:30
Chim Sum Yi, Elsie	WTE2A Wed 4:30-5:30
Choi Ho Chung, Ethan	WTE1 Sat 2:00-3:00
Fong Sheung Man, Adrian	WTE4B Fri 5:30-6:30
Fung Tsz Hei, Venus	IEK2B Sat 9:00-10:00
Ho Ching Lam, Cynthia	PTWE3 Sat 12:00-1:00
Hsu Si Lok, Hercules	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
Ip Hin Chak, Simon	IEK4B Fri 6:30-7:30
Ko Sum Yau, Zoe	IEK2B Sat 12:00-1:00
Ko Tin Hay, Ryana	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Kwan Chuk Ting, Ariel	WTE6B Fri 4:30-5:30
Law Hanson	WTE6B Sat 10:00-11:00
Law Hee Ting, Hidy	PTWE3 Fri 5:30-6:30
Leung Sin Yiu, Eunice	IEK2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Lin Choi Tung, Joyce	IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00
Lo Lok Yin, Louie	GWTF2A Sat 10:00-11:00
Lu Wing Sum, Angela	WTE2B Fri 4:30-5:30
Mok Tsz Long, Arthur	GWTF9A Sat 2:00-3:00
Ng Cheuk Nam, Scott	IEK6A Tues 6:30-7:30
Ng Darius	WTE6B Sat 4:00-5:00
Siu Wai Ching, Kaden	PTWP1 Mon 3:30-4:30
Sze Cheuk Hei, Arthur	WTE8B Fri 6:30-7:30
Tse Chun Yin, Jasmine	PTWR Fri 3:30-4:30
Wong Aries Ho Long	PTWE1 Tues 3:30-4:30
Wong Man Yin, Macy	WTE2A Sat 11:00-12:00
Wong Siu Fung, Jayden	IEKKA Thur 5:30-6:30
Yu Yin Hei, Heiley	PTWE1 Wed 5:30-6:30



The new school year is coming! A new school year brings new challenges. Are you ready? I hope so. There is one challenge in life that I would like to talk with you about. It is the challenge of preparing for the afterlife. What happens after we die? I believe that if we trust in Jesus's life, death and resurrection we can go to Heaven. Being a good boy or girl can't get us to Heaven. Only God can help us. That's why He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross. His dying on the cross erases our sins (bad things we do). Only His blood can wash away our sins. If we trust in Him, we can be saved from ourselves, the world and Hell. This is something which is really important to me and so I wanted to share this with you as you prepare to face other challenges in the new school year. Thank you for reading. Take care! —Mr. Boa

### Writer of the Month

FROM: Zoey

TO: Ben

Hello! This is Zoey. I live in Hong Kong. Thank you for your letter. Let me tell you something about myself.

I am nine years old. I live in a place called Lam Tin in Hong Kong. I live in a small house with my mom and dad. I don't have any brothers or sisters. My dad is an editor and my mom is a teacher. My favourite activity is ballet. I like to chat with my friends after school.

Let me tell you about my day. In the morning I wake up at 6 o'clock. I like to have egg and ham with bread for breakfast. At school, I study Chinese, English, Maths and some other subjects.

My favourite subject is P.E. because I can run on the playground. I want to be a teacher when I grow up because I like teaching children.

I like dancing and chatting. What is your best friend called? Is your school big? How many friends do you have? Write back soon.

Zoey

—Zoey Lam (WTE-2A)

### Other Writers of the Month

*Andrea Cheung (WTE-6B), Bernice Li (WTE-4B),  
Lorraine Cheung (WTE-8B)*

### Hot August Word Search

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hot	ice pop	sunglasses
august	ocean	sunscreen
barbecue	picnic	swimsuit
beach	pool	vacation
family	relax	flip flops
shorts	fun	summer
ice cream	sunshine	