

Thrive at E-Smart

November 2021

From the Headmaster's Desk

Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

— Ulysses, By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Dear parents,

Early this month, I had a delightful dinner with some longstanding friends from my college days, most of whom members of the executive committee of the university Christian Association (CA) where I spent so much time that I sometimes joked that CA rather than sociology was my undergraduate major.

During dinner, the young faces of these old buddies popped up in my mind intermittently when I listened to each of their stories. Their appearances might have undergone some striking changes – most with a plumper body and a rounder furrowed face now, but apparently their demeanour has remained fairly consistent, which helped to bring back a lot of my fond and cherished memories of this wonderful group.

Marathon meetings were a hallmark of our committee comprising 22 members from different faculties of the university. With a membership roll of more than 1000 students, we held a vast variety of activities on and off campus, so imaginably it took a lot of time for the faculty representatives to report and discuss the way forward. The longest meeting we had ever held, however, was a special meeting to discuss the student union's stance on the Sino-British negotiations for the Handover of Hong Kong in 1997. The meeting lasted for more than 20 hours with brief meal breaks, resulting in a statement on our vision for the future of Hong Kong.

With China having opened its door for just about 5 years since 1978, we could foresee how Hong Kong could contribute to China's economic development while maintaining its economic prosperity and political stability as repeatedly pledged by Deng Xiaoping and other political leaders at that time. I couldn't say for other committee members, but I was cautiously optimistic when Britain and China finally signed in 1984 the Joint Sino-British Declaration on the Handover of Hong Kong in 1997, envisioning a highly autonomous economic and political entity for 50 years after the Handover.

In hindsight, Hong Kong had indeed played a critical role in providing both financial and human capital to propel China's amazingly swift economic boom before and after the Handover. Various research had also confirmed an increasing level of national identity among Hong Kong people. Despite some divergent political views, most people were well-meaning and hoped for the best of both Hong Kong and China.

More than 37 years have now gone by, and our society has undergone some unprecedented changes, particularly in the last couple of years. With different outlooks, some of my dear friends have decided to stay put while some have chosen to move elsewhere with their adult children. No matter where we are, I believe, each of us will remain 'strong in will, to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield,' while praying in earnest for our beloved city.

Yours sincerely,



Clive Chan

Stars of the Month

Chan Hei Yi, Miu Miu	PTWR Thur 3:30-4:30
Chan Hiu Wai, Reginia	IEK8B Sat 10:00-11:00
Cheng Nok Yin	IEK4B Thur 5:30-6:30
Cheng Tsun Hei, Hilton	WTE4B Sat 11:00-12:00
Cheng Tsun Hei, Hilton	PTWE3 Sat 10:00-11:00
Cheuk Wing Yee, Hannah	PTWE1 Fri 4:30-5:30
Cheung Ka Lam, Pansy	IEK10B Sat 9:00-10:00
Chin Yan Ting, Jinnie	IEK6B Sat 1:00-2:00
Chow Si Lam, Scarlett	IEK2B Tues 5:30-6:30
Chu Man Pok, Man	WTE4A Sat 11:00-12:00
Chuang Yu Ki, Angela	PTWP2 Mon 3:30-4:30
Fung Chun Hang, Chasen	WTE2A Tues 4:30-5:30
Fung Tsz Ching, Christy	WTE8A Sat 10:00-11:00
Kwok Cailie	WTE2A Wed 5:30-6:30
Kwok Chi Hang, Arielle	WTE10A Sat 2:00-3:00
Lai Nga Laam, Alana	WTE4B Fri 6:30-7:30
Lam Hong Ching, Zoey	WTE6B Wed 4:30-5:30
Lam See Chai, Dusty	WTE4B Thur 4:30-5:30
Lau Yeuk Yin, Agnes	WTE4A Thur 6:30-7:30
Lee Chun Hei, Angus	WTE6B Tues 5:30-6:30
Lee Ho Fung, Kelvin	IEK6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Lee Hoi Tung, Jess	PTWP2 Sat 12:00-1:00
Leung Yat Him, Lucas	WTE4B Sat 2:00-3:00
Li Pak Shun, Morris	WTE1 Fri 5:30-6:30
Liu Josh Wai-Chun	WTE6A Sat 11:00-12:00
Lui Hong Yu, Alexandra	IEKKA Mon 9:30-10:30
Man Kin Ching, Lester	IEK4B Sat 9:00-10:00
Mok Fong Ting, Fanny	IEK4A Sat 12:00-1:00
Ng Cheuk Lam, Jolie	WTE6B Sat 11:00-12:00
Shek Wan Hei, Hudson	IEK6A Sat 9:00-10:00
So Ka Ka	GWTF2A Sat 2:00-3:00
So Pak Lam, Carson	IEK2A Sat 2:00-3:00
Sze Chun Yap, Henry	WTE1 Sat 12:00-1:00
Wan Sum Yau, Ankie	PTW4 Sat 9:00-10:00
Wong Siu Fung, Jayden	WTE2A Sat 3:00-4:00
Yeung Cheuk Nam, Namson	PTWE1 Mon 5:30-6:30

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This year Thanksgiving is on the 25th of November, the third Thursday of November. In some countries, Thanksgiving Day and the day after it are national holidays, so that the whole family can spend time together and have fun. This festival started as a day to give thanks to God for the harvest over the year. But since many of us don't need to harvest our own food anymore, we give thanks for all the good things God has given us on this special day. And all the good things include your family, your mum and dad, your brothers and sisters, and all the love you get from them. On this special day, don't forget to say thanks to your family. 😊

Thanksgiving Wordsearch

PUMPKIN **GRAVY**
CORN **SQUASH**
STUFFING **TURKEY**

N N R O C T N C G A
S T U F F I N G R C
N I K P M U P D A J
S Q U A S H H J V L
H T U R K E Y Y Y D

~Ms. Michelle



Best Writers of the Month

Left Alone in a Toy Store!

Today, I go to the toy store with my family. I am so sleepy and fall asleep by the chair. When I wake up, it is all dark! What? The shop is closed!?! Why doesn't mum wake me up? I need to stay here forever!

Then, I hear a voice. It is from the cashier. I walk slowly to the voice, and I see a bird jumping up and down behind it. I am shocked! How can a bird fly in here? I ask it, "Little bird, why are you here?" I think it will say "cheep, cheep", but it speaks! It says, "I am a magical toy bird. I can make things invisible!" That's why mum doesn't wake me up! I start to understand. She can't see me.

I tell her that I am alone in the toy shop and want to go home. She said, "Don't worry. When the shop is open again, you can go home! I can play with you when we wait for the shop to open." So, we dance, sing, play some games, and we have a lot of fun.

Soon, the sun starts to rise. I need to say goodbye to the magical toy bird. I like to play with her more, and I hope to play with her again.

By Hailey Tai (WTE 4A)

The World in 200 years

In 200 years, I think that people would live on Mars as well as Earth to solve the overpopulation problem. Also, people will have personal airplanes that are powered by eco-friendly energy sources. I also think that the value of money would change by a huge amount. I may like to see lots of wind energy being made in the countryside. I think that robots will be a major part of people's lives and help us do cooking, learning and more. Since robots may take over lots of backbreaking jobs, there could be many calm and retired adults.

I think that the world in 200 years will be very different and convenient. I would love to see the results if I could.

By Min Jae Kim (WTE 4A)

Other Writers of November:

Tiffany Ho (4B) ~The Perfect Milkshake

Avery Lam (4B)

~Who can make the best fried eggs?