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News

85th Anniversary Dinner 15 November 2004

Turn your diary to November 2004 and mark the important Monday 15th for a fantastic reunion at the Grand Hall of HKCEC ! Details will be announced later.

Stretching Your Legs - Walkathon 2004

Come to join the current and past students, teachers and parents to raise fund for the School Development Project and Lifeline Express in Walkathon 2004 to be held on 29 February, starting at 09:30. For details, please refer to the letter from Principal Tam.

6,000 Wahyanites attends the Oldies Concert

Over 6,000 people attended the Oldies Concert held on 17 Dec. A sum of \$2.6 Million was raised for the School Development Project.



■ Dr. Chung ('70) in action

Past President Dr. Chung Ka Leung ('70) did us pride in finishing the Trailwalker in 38 hours and raised over \$100,000 for Oxfam.



Dr Chung in full gear on 9th Nov 2003

■ Key Chains for Wahyanites!



Counter sales at Junior Achievement Trade Fair

In celebration of Wah Yan's 85th Birthday, a limited edition key chain set featuring our unique school uniform has been released! Designed by the hands of Wahyanites, you can now have a smart PVC key chain at just \$15 including delivery charges. However, delivery charges may be waived if you buy in sets of 5 at \$50. This key chain is a product of "Miniforms Ltd.", a company formed by 20 upper form Wah Yan students participating in the Junior Achievement Company Program sponsored by HSBC. Similar to a real company, all of them needed to raise capital, conduct marketing research, execute sales plans and participate in trade fairs.

Formed in October 2003, *Miniforms Ltd* mainly specializes in helping different schools in Hong Kong design school uniform key chain collections. So far, it has managed to secure a design sale to La Salle College. In the future, it plans to make other products like creative T-shirts.

Visit their website to place your order:
<http://www.wahyan-psa.org/shop/KeyChain2004/>

■ Annual Ball 2003 (20 Dec 2003)



■ Simon Chan ('75) becomes Chairman of PTA



Council member Simon Chan ('75) took office of the PTA Chairmanship on 29 Nov 2003 at the Annual Meeting. Guest of Honour Dr. David Fang JP gave an incisive speech on the linguistic skills of students and then led a fruitful Q & A session where parents took full benefit of his experience as an old boy, a Wah Yan parent and a professor to many medical students in HKU. Please visit their website to learn more:
<http://www.wahyan.edu.hk/~pta>

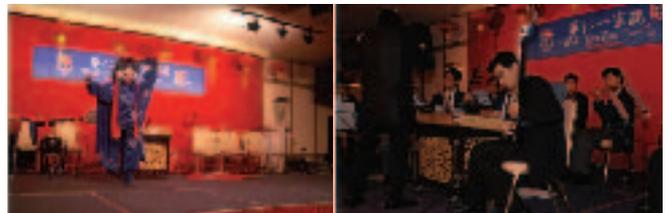
■ Jubilation for the Wah Yan Scouts

The Wah Yan 15th HK Group has been announced as the Champion in the Regional Round of the biannual most renowned scouting competition "Carlton Trophy". Back in September, the Patrol defeated its competitors from the Wanchai District and now repeated its success amongst the Hong Kong Region scouts.



■ Spring Dinner 2004

Boys and parents from Homantin, Wanchai, Siu Fai Terrace and old boys from Vancouver, Toronto and L.A gathered together at *Wah Yan One Family Spring Dinner 2004* in the evening of 15 Feb. Amongst the performances were some songs by the PSA Chinese Orchestra led by Paul Yu ('97) and a captivating "Face Change" show by the Kowloon brothers.



Photos contributed by courtesy of Johnnie Lo ('63)

At Wah Yan we are very fortunate indeed to have a very active Past Student Association. The school's "old and bold" are acutely aware of how fortunate they have been to have studied in a Jesuit school. When they visit the school, they always want to hear the latest news of the Jesuit fathers or teachers who once taught them. This special relationship between the school and its alumni has always been important for both the old boys and the school.

At the moment, I am sure you are aware that the school is in the middle of a major re-construction project, which is designed to increase the number of classrooms and facilities. In the long run, it is intended to adopt a "through-train" education system in which all students on enrollment from our "feeder" primary school will move directly from P6 to S1, in addition to some other students taking up discretionary places.

While I am writing this article, my computer is vibrating furiously as another foundation pile is being drilled into the upper car park. The building taking place at the moment is something certain. What is uncertain is how much of our building ambitions can be completed and whether the "through-train" mode will be adopted.

Past students rightly are playing an important part in the whole re-construction process. On various School Development Project (SDP) committees from overseeing the fund raising to the rebuild, past students hold important positions from our patron Sir Donald Tsang down. Many past students have freely given their time, energy and support to the project while many others have generously and unselfishly donated small or large amounts to the fund raising drive. This has been a truly international effort, having PSA chapters in the USA and Canada working shoulder to shoulder with their HK counterparts.

We are still debating the pros and cons of whether or not we should adopt the "through-train" policy, and under this "through-train" policy, whether we should adopt **ALL** or at least 85% of our primary 6 students. I am personally for its adoption but there are others who are still undecided or have reservations about the possible expansion of the school. Essentially I feel that the "through-train" policy will give us greater control over our intake and thus help us set even higher academic and moral standards. Others feel that perhaps Wah Yan is already too large. If we expand, we are in danger of losing our focus on our care to each individual student. They have a point and this is exactly the thing that nobody at Wah Yan wants to lose.

No decision on the "through-train" policy has to be made until March 2005. However, it is time to start an open discussion on the matter with all stakeholders. We regard the PSA as a major stakeholder in Wah Yan. There is more at stake in this decision than just your happy memories of the school and your schooldays. I therefore very much welcome your views on this matter and invite you to comment and discuss this matter amongst yourselves, the teachers and of course with me. The School Management Committee have decided to keep an open mind on this matter by gathering opinions from a wide variety of sources and to decide on the matter early next year. Please do give us your thoughts too. Your views and valuable suggestions will help us make the right decision.

Finally, I would like to use this last paragraph to thank each and every member of the PSA for their on-going support to the school. A strong PSA is the key to a strong school.

News From Graduation Years

Website of 1963 graduates

<http://www.wahyanhk63.com/>

1978 Re-union

Boys of '78 gathered together at the school hall in Nov 2003. From the picture, gracing the event were dear faces like Mr. Wong Chung Tai, Mrs. Agnes Tam, Mr. Atomic Lee, Mrs. Margaret Ho, Mr. Ma, Fung Sir, Adrain Sir and those who are still serving the school Ip Sir, Lo Sir and Tam Sir. All in all, a fantastic evening plus a video conference with overseas classmates!



1998 Reunion

Five years after their HKCEE, 30 boys of '98 got together at a hot-pot gathering. Many of them are working or studying in the UK or US. In addition to plenty of food and interesting sharing from friends in different parts of the world, it is worth mentioning that the reunion was coordinated solely by a web registration system.

1988 Re-union



The boys met in the school and celebrated with a Mass said by Fr. O'Rourke on 5 Dec. This constant appearance of old boys on campus is a strong testimony of Wah Yan Spirit. Why don't you too start today to organise a simple but meaningful re-union of your class or year in the school? Mr. Tam and Mr. Lo will only be too glad to loan you the use of the school hall and share with you the experience of organising catering services. You are also welcome to contact Toby Lo (Toby@winstonchu.com), the Webmaster.



Chairman's Column

On behalf of the PSA, the Chairman cum Webmaster wish all of you Wahyanites and Family members a wonderful year of the Monkey. As the local press and fortune telling pundits forecast, the coming year will be a rewarding year for those who try enough. So let's all get up and work towards our respective goals in our lives be it for the betterment of humanity, Wah Yan or purely personal (in no particular order...). As for us, we shall try harder to bring you a more fulfilling Wah Yan life. All to start from 15th February (can't resisting advertising a bit he he) Gong Xi Fa Cei!

Toby Lo



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