



INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2010

FROM A STUDENT:

NEW STUDENTS

We would like to welcome the following new International students that will begin second semester at WCHS:

- JaeHyun "Alex" Han (gr. 9)
- Do Young "Chris" Kim (gr. 9)
- Changhoon "Andy" Lee (gr. 9)
- Zhengyao Fan (gr. 10)
- Hai Teng "Evan" Zhou (gr. 9)

STUDENT COLUMN

Hi there!

My name is Renee Zheng and I am from China. I have been at Western Christian High School for almost two years. When I came to America for the first time, everything was unfamiliar and interesting to me. At first, it was kind of lonely for me to live here because I had no friends to talk to and share happiness and sadness with. However, after I came to school, I realized that it was me who didn't go to look for friends. People were always kind and eager to others and are willing to help others. They made me feel like home and relaxed.

Now, I am a senior this year. I am going to leave this school and experience my new life in college. How exciting it is! Now, it's time for a new adventure!

- Senior, Qianli "Renee" Zheng

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **NO SCHOOL:** Friday, Feb. 12th OR Monday, Feb. 15th—Observing President's Day Holidays
- **International Culture Week:** Feb. 16th-19th
- **Spring Break:** April 5th-11th

NOTES FROM MRS. NELSON

MRS. LAURA NELSON, VICE PRINCIPAL, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Greetings!

It is time for you to complete the paperwork and register so that you are enrolled for the next school year. We will distribute the papers to you in one of your classes this week. When you receive the papers, you will fill out the registration form and submit it with a check for \$350. Once you complete the form and pay the registration fee, we can begin to schedule your classes for next year. The international program is larger than it has ever been and this year's graduating seniors represent the largest international group of graduates in WCHS history. It is exciting to see this growth!

With 36 students graduating, we will only be accepting 36 new students. It is vital to get your registration in so that we reserve space for you to attend next year.

As you know, we offer English courses during the Summer months so that International students are able to have 4 years of English even if they are in ESL courses during the school year. If you have not taken English 9, English 10, or English 11 and/or you are currently in ESL English courses, you need to plan to attend Summer School this year.

Summer school dates are:

June 21- July 30, Monday through Friday from 8am-1:00. All students will have the entire month of August to travel. If you are making travel plans for the Summer, make certain that you book your flight for the night of July 30th (no earlier) and you must return to the U.S. in time to be at school on the first day of school, September 7, 2010.

If you have any questions, please come to speak with me or Miss Scott.

Thank you! And God bless you!
Mrs. Nelson

NEWS & UPDATES

WELCOME TO SECOND SEMESTER! FINISH OUT THE YEAR STRONG!

MEET MISS SCOTT

What a great first semester! We are now about to embark on the second half of the school year. My how time flies! For many of you, second semester symbolizes many things. For some, it means college/ university acceptance notices. For some, it means spring sports and school events. For the 36 seniors of our international program, it means an end and new beginning! We have many exciting things coming up on campus during second semester including: Sadie Hawkins, International Culture Week, Prom, and graduation. My hope is for all Western students to seize these opportunities to serve, participate, and enjoy this exciting time.

STUDENT REGISTRATION

All WCHS freshmen—juniors: It's time to register for the next school year. To secure your spot for next year, fill out a registration form with a payment of \$350 before February 26, 2010.

See Ms. Walton in Finance for any questions and to turn in your form and registration fee. Mrs. Nelson has a treat for the first 60 international students that turn in their form and fee!

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE WEEK

Tuesday, February 16th– Friday the 19th, Western will be having our annual International Culture Week. Students will get to experience international cuisine, dress, languages and new cultures! Details soon!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

If you and your family are interested in hosting an International student, please contact Families Hosting Friends International director, Dinah Esquivel, at desquivefhi@ca.rr.com or (626) 290-9031.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

A Host family meeting is planned for Feb. 11th, Thursday at 6:30 pm. It will be held at one of our host family homes in Alta Loma. I will soon send a reminder with the address. Please make every effort to attend as there will be couple of surprises in store for you. A reminder to often check WCHS website calendar for upcoming events and schedule changes.

As we approach Valentines Day which is a day of expressing our love for family and friends, I want to thank you for partnering through your kind hospitality. "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have LOVE for one another." John 13:35. Thank you for your discipleship.

Dinah Esquivel
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