

INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

MAY 2010

FROM A STUDENT:

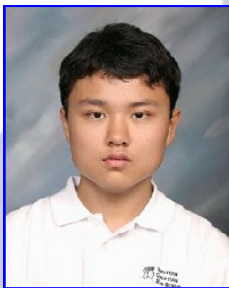
Hello, everyone!

I came to Western Christian as a freshman. I can't believe this year past so fast! This is a place of multi-culture – students here are from all over the world.

I joined the Track & Field sports team and every day we practiced together. I met a lot of friends on the team. Every Saturday we went to track meets together by school bus. Even though sometimes we had to get up and five o'clock or even earlier on a weekend nobody complained about it.

Teachers at Western Christian are very friendly. My favorite teacher is Mr. Doolittle because he is very nice and humorous. He helps me to solve any academic question I have. Western Christian is an incredible school to build love, friendship and self-advancement.

- Freshman, Hongda "Austin" Xiao



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Memorial Day: May 31st
- Senior Graduation: June 17th
- Last day of school: June 18th
- Summer School: June 21st–July 29th, 2010

NOTES FROM MRS. NELSON

MRS. LAURA NELSON, VICE PRINCIPAL, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

The end of the 2009-2010 school year is just days away. As a school, we have experienced so many things this year. We started the year by celebrating the Grand Opening of our new Upland campus. What a blessing it has been to have our classes in this new facility. There have been challenges but we have all grown to love our new buildings, gym, picnic areas, and sanctuary. The international program will graduate 36 seniors this year, our largest group ever. The number of new applicants is also the largest ever and we currently have a waiting list for future applicants. It is an exciting time. Many students will move on to university and all of you will advance up to the next academic level. Courses will

change, friends will change and you will change. One thing that never changes is God's love for us. We all, whether we believe in Christ or not, are created in God's image which gives us the ability to love others. We can express that love in many ways. Parents express love when they discipline a child. Teachers express love when they expect the best from their students. All of us express love when we show kindness and care for others. Consider how you can express love for others by making new friends. Everyone needs acceptance, you might be the key to helping another student feel loved and accepted. It is difficult but you should try to talk to new people

and increase the number of friends that you have on campus.

Next year's incoming international students will be nervous and they will feel alone...do you remember how you felt? Make a friend, invite the new student to sit with you at lunch and at break. Use English so that the new student will grow quickly in their ability to speak English. Show love, care, and acceptance for fellow students!

I pray that the changes that you will experience will help you to grow into an individual that shows love, kindness and acceptance to others.

Blessings, Mrs. Nelson

NEWS & UPDATES

CLOSING OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR, ONE STEP CLOSER TO GRADUATION!

DISCUSSIONS WITH MRS. DARLING

We're about to cross the end of school finish line, and embark on summer school in the matter of just a few weeks! For many students, summer does not mean free time. For many it means traveling, SAT and TOEFL studying and testing, and summer school! Summer school is a great opportunity for students to get ahead or make-up academic courses. I hope that for our international students, summer is filled with fun family and friend time, and a lot of practicing English time!

I would also like to congratulate all of our 36 graduating international students on all of their dedication and hard work over their high school career! There are a lot of senior end of the year events coming up that I am looking forward to!

Remember, we are not at the end yet. Keep persevering and studying hard to win the race!

- Mrs. Darling

SUMMER SCHOOL

All students in ESL should plan to attend summer school so that they can earn credit for domestic English. Universities are looking for those courses on your transcript. If you haven't taken English 9 or 10, summer is a great time to do that. Taking summer school will prove that you are ready to handle grade level English courses.

INTERNATIONAL SENIOR GRADUATION TEA

Our International Department is hosting a graduation tea for our international students and parents that are visiting for graduation. Please RSVP to Mrs. Darling with the number of guests that will be attending. Come join the celebration on Saturday, June 12th at 2:00pm on campus.

SUMMER TRAVEL

For students planning to travel during the summer months, make sure to bring in your I-20

to be signed by Mrs. Nelson or Ms. Darling before the end of school in June!

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

As we approach the end of another school year. God has been good. His faithfulness is everlasting. Congratulations to International soon to graduate Seniors. What an awesome opportunity to study abroad and an accomplishment to reach that goal. We wish you God's best in all your future endeavors. Intention forms have been sent out to indicate students plans for the summer and fall. Please return them to the front office if you haven't done so. Wishing our Int'l students a safe summer and a special thank you to Host families for their kind hospitality and committed teamwork making the Homestay Program a success.

Dinah Esquivel
Host Family Program Director