



INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2009

FROM A STUDENT:

I'm Kevin from China. It's my second year at Western Christian High School. I really enjoy the life here with these kind teachers. They are really nice to me, especially Mrs. Nelson, the International Program Director. She cares a lot about us international students.

The new campus is great. We get our own gym!

I'm a T.A. for the front office this year during 1st period. I help the teachers make copies and fix computers. It's fun. I'm also in the instrumental band. We have a lot of people this year, and we are getting better.

Being in Western is really interesting. To the new international students here, I just want to say that it will be hard sometimes, but just keep going. You will make it. I'm also glad to help you.

- Senior, Di "Kevin" Lu

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct. 16—Homecoming Game & Oct. 17th—Homecoming Banquet/Parent Sponsored Dance
- Oct. 27—Senior Picture Make-ups
- Oct. 26—International Juniors Field trip to Azusa Pacific Univ.
- Oct. 28—International Seniors Field trip to Azusa Pacific Univ.

NOTES FROM MRS. NELSON

MRS. LAURA NELSON, VICE PRINCIPAL, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

Here we are in the second month of school. By this time, you have had one progress grade report and you are now developing good study habits. Remember that your teachers are here to help you be successful — look to them for help and ask a lot of questions!

This Saturday I will be leaving the US on my way to Hong Kong and then to China. I am excited to meet many of your parents while I am in China! I have been busy taking pictures of you and hope to give these beautiful pictures to your families. Please let me know if you would like for me to bring something from you to your parents.

This week is Homecoming week and we have a lot of events to celebrate together. First, we have special dress days to celebrate school spirit. Also, on Friday our football team will play against Arrowhead Christian school in our homecoming football game. Come to the game and show your school spirit. Also, on Saturday, many of you will attend the Homecoming banquet at The Mission Inn in Riverside. If you are not attending this event, make sure that you plan ahead to attend the Prom in early spring. It is a chance to get dressed up in fancy clothes and have a good meal with school friends.

Remember to work hard on your studies, to "Run this race to win!" as the bible tells us. Each one of us is in the race but only one person can win the prize....RACE TO WIN! Discipline and hard work will be necessary for you in order to be an excellent candidate for the universities. Be diligent, do all of your work, do your best work. If you need help finding a tutor or SAT Prep class, please come to see me. I will be happy to assist you in finding what you need. If your parents would like to visit me in Hong Kong or China, they can reach me through email: lnelson@westernchristian.org Blessings, Mrs. Nelson

NEWS & UPDATES

We are one quarter of the way through first semester—stay strong and keep up the good work!

MEET MISS SCOTT

What an awesome beginning we had for the 2009-2010 school year. It has been amazing to see all of the students return from summer vacation and to welcome our new students to our new campus in Upland.

This past week I had the opportunity to chaperone WCHS's annual Freshmen LIFE retreat held near Lake Arrowhead at Forest Home. We had a great time full of fun activities, little sleep, great worship time, and friendship building. Total, we had 59 freshmen, including 13 international freshmen, which is the biggest group yet! I was very proud to see students of all nationalities laugh and grow together over this time. Now, as the cold season and holiday season are quickly approaching, I encourage all of our students to get a lot of rest, drink plenty of water and stay healthy! Keep up the good work!

- Ms. Scott

SENIOR PICTURES

If you are a senior and have NOT received a senior picture appointment time, please contact SANFORD STUDIOS at (562) 698-0071.

HOLIDAY TRAVELERS

Students traveling this winter, make sure your I-20 is signed by Mrs. Nelson or Miss Scott. Winter travel dates: Dec. 19-Jan. 3. Students must return on time to begin school on Jan. 4.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

If you are currently in an ESL class, you are required to attend summer school. Do not make summer plans to travel before August 1, 2010.

INTERNATIONAL CULTURE CLUB

Come join our first ICC meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009 during lunch in room 217 HS Bldg East! (Ms. Scott's room)

HOST FAMILY INFORMATION

Host families, I trust you are enjoying the cool down in the weather and the scent of fall. Mark your calendar for our upcoming Host Family meeting, Nov 2, Monday at 6:15 pm. We encourage you to attend both meetings. Mtg. place TBA. Thank you Host families for your cooperation with the LiveScan process. A small price to ensure safety and quality to our program. If you have not picked up your packet, please pick it up at the school office ASAP. Recently, I came across the expression "Sky high" in reading with a student and my explanation was of increase and the sky being the limit. Thank you for the extended parental care, to assist & encourage. "(Love) believes all things, hopes all things," (1 Corinthians 13:7).

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