

# Newsletter #8

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## A MESSAGE FROM BRENDA

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

### **Parent Consultations**

Thanks to those of you who attended parent consultations last night and to those families who have rescheduled to meet teachers at an alternative time due to postponements last week. We appreciate and value your partnership.

### **CPD Day on Monday**

Staff attended an ESF CPD day last Monday. Staff across ESF schools shared best practice with colleagues through workshops and practical hands-on sessions. It was an excellent celebration of learning and offered great take-aways to try and use upon returning to school. Thanks to our staff; Samantha Saxena,

Stu Lowe, Haymen Mak and Andy Thompson who facilitated sessions on the day.

### **Dress Casual for Community Chest - This Friday**

On Friday 4th October our school will be encouraged to 'Dress Casual' and support the Community Chest by donating money to this fund. The HK Community Chest does great work in the community and supports a number of charities to make a difference to people's lives. To find out more about what they do, [click here](#). Students can make donations of \$10-20

### **Parenting During Troubled Times**

When a community is experiencing difficult times parents/guardians need to be aware of the possible impacts this could have on students' learning, behaviour and relationships. Our colleagues at Renaissance College have put together this helpful document for parents.

Kind regards,



**Brenda Cook**

**Principal**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Please find below important dates for your diary. These dates are more school-based rather than individual year group dates. More specific dates pertaining to your year group will be shared by your child's teacher as part of weekly updates.

**Friday 4th October** – Dress Casual day for HK Community Chest

**Monday 7th-Friday 11th** – School Closed for mid term break

**Wednesday 16 October** – PTA AGM (pm)

**Friday 18th October** – PTA Welcome Bowling Event

**Friday 25th October** – BHS CPD day – school closed

**Saturday 26th October** – BHS CPD day

**Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th October** – School photos. Details will follow

## MEDICAL UPDATES

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We noted that in 2018/19 winter influenza season, a number of school outbreaks of influenza-like illness were recorded. The majority happened in kindergarten and primary settings.

As Seasonal Influenza Vaccination (SIV) is effective in preventing seasonal influenza and its complications, SIV is recommended for children 6 months to 11 years for reducing influenza's symptoms and related complications.

The Government will be implementing a Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) this year, which provides a HK\$210 subsidy, per dose. (Only for Hong Kong resident AND between the age of 6 months to 12 years old or above but attending a primary school in HK). Parents may choose to join this flu shot system. This will not take place at school

Please read the above information from CHP for further information. If you have additional enquiries, do not hesitate to contact me.

[https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/vss\\_info\\_leaflet\\_children\\_en.pdf](https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/vss_info_leaflet_children_en.pdf)

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

**Crystal Tao**

**School Nurse**

## **PTA NEWS**

### **BHS PTA AGM - 16 October 5:15pm**

Please come along to our AGM.

The BHS PTA comprises of a group of parents and staff who work closely to build community spirit and organise various events throughout the year to raise funds for the school. All members of the school community are invited to attend the AGM and this is an ideal opportunity to share your views and discuss any matters of concern.

The BHS PTA Executive Committee will also be nominated during the AGM and we welcome any parents who wish to join. Just fill in the nomination form and turn up to the AGM. Look forward to seeing you there.

### **Uniforms**

Our existing Winter Uniform is now on sale. There is limited existing stock in small sizes of the following items, pe long pants, red sweater and purple fleece.

As they run out they shall be replenished by new items from the ESF Central Procurement collection. There is no change to the purple uniform & pe shirts but we will commence a rigorous design process to finalise the new uniform which is due to come into effect in 2020-21 for the new year 1 intake and 2021-22 for remaining years

If you wish to place an order please click on the link, fill in the form and hand in a cheque with you child's name, class, contact number and uniform written on the back. We shall send the order straight to classroom as soon as the cheque is received.

**Uniform Order Form (Winter) - CLICK HERE**

## **Hot Lunches**

The October menu has been distributed and the deadline for ordering lapsed on 18 September.

DCK will shortly implement online ordering and payment through PPS. We are still reviewing the details with them and will let you know as soon as everything is finalised. In the meantime please ensure you have a PPS account as this is the only payment method they will accept.

Details of PPS can be found on this website: [https://www.ppskhk.com/index\\_e.html](https://www.ppskhk.com/index_e.html)

The user guide can be found [HERE](#).

## **Upcoming Events**

**October 16** - PTA AGM

**October 18** - Welcome Bowling Social

**October 30-November 1** - Popcorn Day (Details to follow later)

Regards,

**BHS PTA**

## **AROUND BHS**

### **School Photographs 28th-30th October 2019**

Our school photographer will be in Beacon Hill on Monday 28th October until Wednesday 30th October. **All children should come to school in their school uniform on these days.** If your child has PE on Monday or Tuesday then please make sure that they bring their PE kit to school and they will be able to change at school. Each class will have their class photograph taken on either Monday or Tuesday. Our whole school photograph will be taken on Monday.

### **Siblings Photographs**

For those of you who have more than one child at Beacon Hill the siblings photographs will be taken on **Wednesday 30th October**. If you would like a sibling photograph then please click on the link below and fill in the online form [HERE](#) to book a space. **Please note that your children should also wear their school uniform on Wednesday if you have opted for a sibling photograph to be taken.**

If you have any questions then please email me at [chad.pheasant@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:chad.pheasant@bhs.edu.hk)

**Chad Pheasant**

**Vice Principal**



Do you love graphic novels?  
Have you always thought  
you could be an author?  
Do you love to draw?



Then this competition is for you....

# BHS'S GRAPHIC NOVEL WRITING COMPETITION

WINNING ENTRIES WILL GET TO  
LISTEN TO A SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
BY US AUTHOR **DAV PILKEY**, THE  
CREATOR OF CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS  
AND DOG MAN, HERE IN HONG KONG!!



Maximum word count 300 words. Remember graphic novels are about making a few words do the work of telling a great story with amazing pictures. Be original!

Individual or paired entries only.

All entries to Ms Jevs.

**Closing date: 4th November 2019**

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## **Football**

### **Boys Training Schedule**

**All** sessions will be held at Kowloon Tsai Park. Pick up from school at 4:45pm

### **Girls Training Schedule**

**Wednesday 16th October** - Kowloon Tsai Park (subject to being available to book) - Pick up from school at 4:45pm.

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## **Community Choir**

Our BHS Community Choir will resume after the October half term break. This is open to all parents of BHS students, BHS staff, and alumni students and parents of BHS. The choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7pm. We would hope to perform at the BHS Christmas Concert. No auditions or previous singing experience - just lots of enthusiasm needed!

If you are interested in joining, please click [HERE](#).

## **STUDENT ACTION**

Action in the PYP is when students are inspired through their learning and their experiences to make a difference to their lives or the community connected to real life issues and opportunities. We would like to celebrate our students taking action outside of school. If your child has taken any action, we would be happy to share that with the BHS community through this newsletter and through our Facebook page. Please email details and a photograph to [kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk)



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At BHS we value the importance of developing the ‘whole’ child and this means valuing their achievement and interests outside of school. If your child has achieved something special, we would be happy to share that with the BHS community through this newsletter and through our Facebook page. Please email details and a photograph to [kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk](mailto:kannis.tsui@bhs.edu.hk)

**September 21** – Gavin Lo (4F) participated in the “Audition Round” of Singh Kart Cup 2019 by Kimi Raikkonen held in Impact Speed Park Bangkok. He tackled the rain and challenged other promising children on the track for speed. In fact, the class of go-kart that he races with (Cadet 2-stroke engine) have a top speed of 85 miles/hour. There was plenty of speed and skill that was shown on the track so it was a tough call for the judging panel to pick who was going to go through. Gavin tried his very best, especially driving in the rain. He felt really great afterwards and is now waiting for the results. Good luck Gavin!





**September 22** - Trevor Tsang (5W) has successfully completed the Potential Taekwondo Hong Kong Association's Taekwondo Promotion test- Poom 1. The Poom is substituted for a Black Belt adult rank when the recipient has met all the requirements of the adult degree, but has not reached the age of maturity, usually 15 and older. Trevor has started Taekwondo weekly training since kindergarten. After 5 years of training, he passed the Black Belt assessment after doing 10 self-defense and 8 breaking board methods. In order to break the boards, he used a punch and the knife hand; as well as a turning kick, a side kick, a back kick, a hook kick, a jump high kick and a jump side kick. Trevor got As for his jump high kick and knife hand, and Bs for the other items. He is happy to complete his goal in Taekwondo. Well done Trevor!





**October 1** - Jayla Chung (5W) participated in the swimming competition (age 9-10 25m freestyle) which was organised by TRISWIM. She managed to earn 2nd runner up in the competition. Throughout the training, it helped her to build up confidence and resilience. Keep going Jayla!



**October 1** - Ryan Yip (3D) participated in the 2019 Trim-swim competition held

at Australian International School. He competed in the 25m back stroke event in the 2011-2012 age group and came out as the winner! He practices swimming regularly and he is very happy that his efforts pay off. Congratulations Ryan!



## OTHER NEWS

### 72nd HKSMSA Music Festival 2019/20

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