



耶魯紐黑文社區中文學校

Yale-New-Haven Community Chinese School  
@ SCSU

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Dear Parents,

Chinese school is now in the second year at SCSU location, and the School is on a solid foundation to move forward. The spring semester will start on January 20, 2008. In the following, I would like to talk briefly what we have done and what our focus is as we move into the next semester.

- The School has reached a historic enrollment record for over 300 students in the fall 2007
- More parents are now involved in school activities
- First experimental class for non-heritage students and students with little Chinese proficiency is now being offered at the elementary level
- A new position of the Provost is now created, with the first nomination approved by the school Board. Li Rongzhen is serving as the first provost of the School, whose job is to oversee teaching quality and teachers training.

From the results of a recent parent survey, we learn that parents are concerned about the quality of teaching. Moving forward, the School will respond actively to parents' suggestions. We have the following initiatives in the coming semester:

**1. We will make it our top priority to improve teaching, by focusing on the following:**

- To publish a curriculum guideline for all teaching staff to follow, with specific requirements, directions, and procedures
- To continue a teacher training program (which we have already started), not only for new teachers, but also remaining teachers, making every teacher accountable for enhancing teaching quality
- To prepare for new textbooks for the first 3 levels, starting next fall semester
- To utilize more technology for classroom teaching, including the use of PowerPoint in classrooms and online exercises after class

**2. School financial report and proposals**

The school will publish a financial report on the School website. The School has followed the principle to minimize school operation cost in the past few years. However, to enforce our initiative of teacher training and effective teaching with smaller classes, the current school revenue and financial resources are too limited.

Therefore the School has the following proposals starting from the Spring semester 2008.

- To pay a teacher one extra hour every two weeks. The school Board has approved this proposal, so that teachers will have time to participate mandatory training, to meet with colleagues, and to meet with parents.
- To this purpose, the Board has also approved the proposal to raise the tuition fee to \$120/semester. All art classes will be the same charge of \$70/semester, removing the variations of \$60 and \$70. Every art class will be charged at \$70/person, including teachers' children. We believe the raise is necessary to ensure a continued healthy operation and to accomplish the proposed plans.

### **3. Proposals for better school Administration**

- Since last semester, the school has changed the way tuition is paid. This saves us time for the first day of class, so that teachers can concentrate on teaching from day one. But the system still caused a lot of chaos on the first day. To streamline the tuition paying procedure, the School web team is to start a new system (to announce soon) for information input and at the same time, parents are required to send by mail their checks to a designated address. You will receive soon an email message, directing you how to do this. Please follow the directions and this will make our work more efficient.
- The school will set up a one-hour Principal Office time every week when school is in session, so that parents can come to the School administration to discuss anything concerned.
- The school calendar is now online. Please visit:  
<http://www.ynhchineseschool.org/admission/SchoolCalendar.php>
- Always visit the School web site for all important info, such as snow day decision and calendar of the school: [www.ynhchineseschool.org](http://www.ynhchineseschool.org)

Have a nice and happy holiday break!

Sincerely yours,

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