



CHIANG MAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# CMIS Weekly Newsletter

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### This Week at a Glance:

#### Monday, August 29

- Grade 5 Parents' Coffee Morning @ 7:45 a.m. in the Red Sala.
- Showing the movie, *The Miracle Worker* in the Drama Classroom @ 2:45 p.m.
- Auditions for *The Miracle Worker* @ in the CMIS Auditorium following the movie

#### Tuesday, August 30

- Grade 6 Parents' Coffee Morning @ 7:45 a.m. in the Red Sala.
- Auditions for *The Miracle Worker* continue @ 3 p.m. in the CMIS Auditorium

#### Wednesday, August 31

- No Scheduled Events

#### Thursday, September 1

- Bake Sale - Sponsored by Gr. 11 Homeroom @ lunch time
- Secondary School Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. on the CMIS Campus

#### Friday, September 2

- No Scheduled Events

For more sports calendar events, see <http://www.cmis.ac.th/athletics-cmis>  
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**Back in Full Swing:** Whew! Things get up to speed in a hurry here once school starts. It has been a whirlwind of activity here all week as school gets into high gear and activities begin. Were you able to make it to our elementary Open House and school-wide Welcome Back Party on Friday? It was fun to meet the teachers and connect with parents, both new and returning. Thanks to all those who brought food to share, and a special thanks to Fred Perry and his grill crew who kept the hot dogs coming long after the other food ran out. I enjoyed see many of you there and meeting more of you at the elementary Coffee Mornings during the week. Coffee Mornings continue next week for the upper elementary.



**Security Issues:** Do you have your parking sticker? If not, please complete a vehicle registration form from the front office in exchange for a sticker. During the day, we have already closed the big gate. **After Sept. 1, you will have to stop at the gate if you want to come on campus during the day and exchange an ID for a pink pass, which you must then take to the office for a visitor's badge.** If you have a sticker on your vehicle, you will be allowed through, but we still want you to sign in at the office by exchanging your ID for a visitor's badge while on campus. If you do not have a sticker, however, your vehicle will not be allowed on campus.

Many of you are very familiar to us, but we still ask that you to get a visitor's badge when you come on campus during the day. These are some of the measures we are taking to improve child safety on campus. Please note, these measures do not apply to the usual morning and afternoon traffic times. This policy is to help us keep track of visitors who come onto our campus during the school day. You will still be able to access school to drop off and pick up your child(ren) as usual before 8 a.m. and after 2 p.m. Thank you for your cooperation.

When does your child go home? Our expectation is that your child(ren) will leave the school grounds shortly after school is dismissed at 2:35. We do not provide supervision of free play after school. Students who are involved in organized and supervised CMIS activities after school may stay as long as they are supervised by you or another responsible adult. Part of the community feeling of CMIS is the fun time children have playing with each other after school, so please help this continue safely by keeping an eye on your children. Around 5 p.m. every day, Thai staff will ask students remaining on campus to sit on or near the front steps of the administration building or at the stone tables.

**A Great Beginning:** Thank you for helping the school year get off to a great start. Please help us maintain the momentum by making sure your child is getting enough down time and enough sleep. The third week of school is often when we see an increase in absences by students as they succumb to germs and exhaustion.

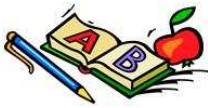
— Lance Potter, Ph.D. ([Principal@cmis.ac.th](mailto:Principal@cmis.ac.th))

~ Respect is love in plain clothes – Frankie Byrne ~

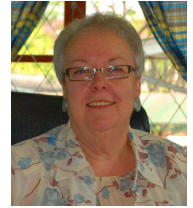


Were you surprised when you came to school this week and found that traffic had changed? I was. The police changed the traffic pattern again, but no one at either CMIS or PRC knew it was going to happen. We talked to the police after the morning traffic died down, and we sent out a message with some of what we know and suggestions to help ease the congestion in the morning. We apologize for the inconvenience while all drivers adjust to the new traffic pattern. We hope that the change will help reduce congestion soon.

## Elementary School News



Well, we now have two weeks under our belts for this school year. How do you feel now? Are things easier? Do you know where to line up? How about getting to all your classes? Have you made some new friends? Have you **accepted** new ideas and tried some new things? Have you learned to **accept** others?



I am sure you can answer "Yes" to all of those questions. If you cannot, work hard this week so that you can!

As we think about **acceptance**, we think about being happy with who we are, with our family, our friends, and our skills. That doesn't mean we don't try to improve or get better - it means that we realize that some of the time we are better than others at something, and then at other times, others are better than we are.

We **accept** the truth. If we have done something we know we should not, we admit it and **accept** the consequences. Everything we do has consequences - if we did a good thing, then the consequence will be a good one. If we did something that was not right, we know we will have to **accept** what our parents, teachers, or friends say is the result.

**It works like this:** If you are kind to others, ask them to play, let them play with you, or if you do something without being asked, you can easily **accept** the consequences - you will have friends who want to play with you, sit with you, do things with you. You might even get a Virtue Voucher, but more than this, you know without anyone telling you or giving you anything, that you did the right thing because it was the right thing to do.



**Accept** who you are; don't compare yourself with others, but always be ready to improve. **Accept** new things, **accept** new friends, **and accept** new duties and responsibilities without grumbling or complaining. Be a person who **accepts** what you have to give to the world and those around you, and you will find that they **accept** you as well.

Thank you to PTG for the Coffee Mornings this week. We look forward to the rest this coming week. Have a super weekend.



As we accept new responsibilities, I am happy to say that **students in Grade 6 and above will now be allowed to pick up their younger brothers and sisters in KG thru Gr. 2 classes after school.** We hope they accept these duties with responsibility and caring.

*Parents, please note the change and we hope that this makes things easier for you.*

— Barbara Burleigh, Elementary Vice-Principal ([elementary@cmis.ac.th](mailto:elementary@cmis.ac.th))

## Prayer

Here at CMIS, we believe that prayer is a vital part of life.

Each week parents meet in the CMIS conference room above the school office to pray for the needs and people in our community. We invite you to join us at any time throughout this school year.

**Every Tuesday, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

### **Dive Deep with God: Experience the benefits of an extended retreat while continuing your daily life**

You are invited to participate in this 34-week online retreat, designed for people who want to experience their relationship with God coming alive in the midst of everyday life. This retreat is very flexible – you can do it individually or as part of a group; with or without a mentor. You don't have to go anywhere or stop work – you do it at your own pace wherever you are and continue it while traveling. You are encouraged to spend some time in prayer each day and to review what God has been doing in you each week.

- There is a short guide for each week which introduces the week's theme and gives prayer and reading suggestions
- This guide is available online, as mp3's, pdf's, or in book form.
- You don't have to be based in Chiang Mia – anyone anywhere is welcome to join.

The "retreat" starts **September 19, 2011**, and will be facilitated by The Well Member Care Center, Chiang Mai ([www.thewellcm.com](http://www.thewellcm.com)). For more details and to participate, please e-mail Peter Christensen ([peter@thewellcm.com](mailto:peter@thewellcm.com)).

## Community Interests



### PTG NEWS Coffee Mornings:

We have enjoyed seeing many of you at our Coffee Mornings this week.

They continue next week with:

- Grade 5, **Monday, Aug. 29**
- 7:45 coffee and chatting in the Red Sala
- 8:00 to 9:00 Meeting
- Grade 6, **Tuesday, Aug. 30**

### Secondary School Coffee Mornings will be:

- Grades 7 thru 9, **Tuesday, Sept. 13**
- Grades 10 thru 12, **Wednesday, Sept. 14**

Even if you have already attended one Coffee Mornings for your younger child's class, please join again for each of your children at their respective grade levels to meet with the parents of their classmates.



### The first All-School PTG meeting of the year will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

We hope to have an excellent turnout for the first meeting of the year. We will be voting to replace the **PTG Secretary position**, so we would really appreciate your participation.

We hope the morning meeting times will be convenient for everyone. Please come in for coffee whenever you drop off your students and stay for the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 8 a.m. in the Auditorium.

— *LeaAnn Hoppe, PTG President* ([leaann.hoppe@gmail.com](mailto:leaann.hoppe@gmail.com))

### PTG Directory:

Parents who have businesses and would like to advertise in this year's PTG directory, please place your company's ad as soon as possible! We are currently preparing the directory for release in October.

You may place an A5-sized colored advertisement for only 1,200 baht. Your ad will be seen by the 300+ CMIS families, and you will also be supporting the fundraising efforts of the PTG.

For more information, or to place an ad, please contact Debbie Potter by calling 082-898-8039 (in English) or Khun Rung at 081-681-5908 (in Thai).

— *Ning Jingkaojai, CMIS Parent* ([ningpinn@hotmail.com](mailto:ningpinn@hotmail.com))



**Channels of Hope:** Breaking the silence and reducing the stigma of HIV and AIDS

You are invited to a three-day workshop, from **8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, October 5 thru 7**. The workshop is intended to empower church leaders and concerned individuals to understand the impact of HIV and AIDS. This training will be held in English, and subsequent trainings will be in Thai.

### The Registration Deadline is Friday, September 23.

For information call Kenneth at 082-191-4101 or Brett at 086-911-0781. The cost for the entire conference is only 1,000 baht, and includes all materials, as well as lunches and coffee breaks. You may register by e-mail by writing [never1thing@hotmail.com](mailto:never1thing@hotmail.com)

— *Brett Faucett, CMIS Parent* ([brettfaucett@gmail.com](mailto:brettfaucett@gmail.com))



**Booster Club:** Popcorn will be for sale on Wednesdays during lunch starting this week. Last year the funds earned went toward the purchase of a ping pong table and elementary track and swim gear. **If you are interested in assisting the team selling popcorn**

**this year, please contact Uma Manavendra at 089-938-2484.**

— *Ellen Collins, CMIS Mom Booster Club Supporter* ([andycollin@gmail.com](mailto:andycollin@gmail.com))

~ Everything is needful that He sends; nothing can be needful that He withholds.~ John Newton

## HUME LAKE CAMPS - CHIANG MAI

- Senior High Camp (Grades 9 thru 12):  
**Oct. 22 to 25, 2011**
- Junior High Camp (Grades 7 thru 8):  
**Oct. 26 to 29, 2011**

**Where:** Suan Bua Resort **Cost:** 1,500 baht per camper

**This Year's Theme:** Filled with all the Fullness of God

The 2011 Autumn Camp season is just around the corner, and we are thrilled to introduce our theme for this upcoming year. It is called: **The Fill Full Fall** and is based out of **Ephesians 3:14 - 19** which is about being filled with all the fullness of God.

- Applications will be available starting **Monday, August 26, 2011** at Grace International School or on the GIS website ([www.gisthailand.org](http://www.gisthailand.org)).
- We are looking for camp counselors for both Sr. High & Jr. High camps.

For more information, please contact **Judy Montreevat at 053-131-175 ext. 2604**

— *Mike B. Wood, Director Sr. High Camp*

— *Marlene Allen, Director Jr. High Camp*

## Secondary School News

**A Day-in-the-Life:** The Secondary School is off to a good start this year, and it looks like we are getting settled in. We would like to invite all secondary school parents to a:

### SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, September 1, 2011**

**6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

This is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and walk through your son or daughter's daily schedule.

#### The agenda is as follows:

- 6:00: Meet in Auditorium for introductions and to get student schedules
- 6:30: Walk through the daily schedule - this will be a brief introduction to each class by the teacher, who will have class expectations and a syllabus prepared for you. We have 7 blocks and will allow 5 minutes for each block and 5 minutes to transition to the next block. Try to keep up!
- 7:40 Return to the Auditorium for informal questions and time to visit.
- 8:00 End
- Throughout the evening, Specials Teachers will be set up in the auditorium to introduce themselves and their classroom expectations.

Please plan to join us for this unique glimpse at your secondary student's daily life at CMIS.

— Andrew McRady, Secondary School Vice-Principal  
([secondary@cmis.ac.th](mailto:secondary@cmis.ac.th))

### SAT Registration and Dates

In the 2011-2012 school year, Chiang Mai International School (CMIS) will administer the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Reasoning and Subject Tests on the following dates (Saturdays):

- 01 October 2011
- 05 November 2011
- 03 December 2011
- 28 January 2012
- 05 May 2012

**The October and November testing dates are already full! If you are interested in taking the SAT this year, please register as soon as possible!**

International Students register online at:

[sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-international-dates](http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-international-dates)

The School Code is **695408** to have scores reported to CMIS.

For information about College Board PSAT, SAT, AP, and other tests and services, go to:

[collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the SAT Test administrations for this school year, please contact:

— Jeff Lynn, Supervisor, SAT Test Center 71134  
([jlynn@cmis.ac.th](mailto:jlynn@cmis.ac.th))

For questions concerning the **PSAT/NMSQT** (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test), please see Mr. Scott Morgan and the associated College Board link <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

## PERFORMING ARTS



### The Miracle Worker:

The CMIS Theater Department is hoping to kick off the new season in November with the William Gibson's classic: **The Miracle Worker**; a three-act play based on letters written by Anne Sullivan in 1887, as well as from Helen Keller's autobiography.

The play is scheduled to open with an evening performance on November 17. Additional performances on Nov. 18 and 19 will include both matinee and evening performances.

**Movie Presentation:** After school on **Monday, Aug. 29, at 2:45 p.m.**, I'll be showing the movie "The Miracle Worker" in the Performing Arts classroom behind the auditorium. For students who are interested in trying out for the play but don't know what it's about, this will be a good experience and introduction.

So that I can have an idea of how many to expect, I'd like students to sign up beforehand. I'll have a list in my classroom.

**Casting Call:** Auditions will be held after school on **Monday and Tuesday, August 29 and 30, at 3 p.m.** in the theater arts classroom behind the auditorium.

**Rehearsals** will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and several Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Rehearsal times on Saturdays will expand to 4 p.m. as we get closer to the opening. Additional rehearsals may be needed for some cast members, in which case, advance notice will be given and parents notified. We appreciate your support of our CMIS Performing Arts programs.

Please contact Stephan Turner for more information.

— Stephan Turner, Performing Arts Teacher ([sturner@cmis.ac.th](mailto:sturner@cmis.ac.th))





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### Upcoming Events:

- **Sept. 01:** Day-in-the-Life of a CMIS High School Student, @ 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 03:** Basketball Clinic on CMIS campus
- **Sept. 05:** New Elem. Student Transition Workshop
- **Sept. 06:** First All-School PTG Meeting of the year and Secretary election @ 8 a.m. in the Auditorium - please note the morning meeting time!
- **Sept. 08:** Bake Sale - Sponsored by Student Council (StuCo) @ lunch time
- **Sept. 09:** New High School Student Transition Workshop

We're on the web:  
[www.cmis.ac.th](http://www.cmis.ac.th)

## Health Corner



### Health News - Flu Alert!

This week the clinic has seen increasing numbers of flu-like symptoms in both our student and teaching population. An announcement by the Public Health Minister of Thailand has advised that the number of influenza cases, as well as Dengue Fever, is on the rise across Thailand, due in part to heavy rains and flooding in some areas.



Schools are one place that clusters of the influenza virus are found, and so I would like to remind you that we can organize flu vaccine here at the clinic. If you are interested, please come to the clinic to register your names.

I would just like to ask that if your child has a fever or is showing two or more flu-like symptoms then please keep them home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours. This helps to control the spread to other students and their teachers.

The signs and symptoms of flu are fever, lethargy (tiredness), sore throat, headache, runny nose, coughing and sneezing, muscle aches, nausea &/or vomiting &/or diarrhea.

**Upon returning to school, all students must report to the clinic for a clearance pass before returning to class.**

Remember to reinforce hygienic practices of hand washing especially if coughing and sneezing, and before eating and after using the toilet. Not sharing eating and drinking utensils, catching sneezes and coughs, and disposing of tissues appropriately.

If your child is sick remember plenty of rest and fluids, eat regular, healthy nutritious meals, **DO NOT give ASPRIN** for fever, as there is a danger of Reyes Syndrome, and if there are respiratory difficulties then consult your doctor immediately.



If you have any questions, please feel welcome to e-mail me or visit us at the clinic any time.

— Carol Hartmann, Health Officer, CMIS ([chartmann@cmis.ac.th](mailto:chartmann@cmis.ac.th))

## CAFETERIA NEWS



Please note that the [Set Lunch Menu](#) for the next two weeks, as well as next week's [Regular Weekly Menu](#), have been placed on our school website.

We invite you to visit the cafeteria page of our school website (<http://cmis.ac.th/about-cmis/location/facilities>), or to contact Carol Hartmann, our Cafeteria Liaison, if you have any questions.



There has been a resounding expression that the food in the cafeteria is excellent and has good flavor. A hearty "Thank you" goes out to all the students for their patience as the new cafeteria staff get used to serving 200 students at one time, compared to a constant flow of customers that they would be used to at the Bake and Bite restaurants. The student queues although long, move quickly and have certainly lessened in time from the first couple of days.

Serving sizes of meals has also been an issue for some, but the cafeteria staff are adjusting to the students sizes and genders. They work around a "normal" serving size, but if the students require a larger portion then it will cost an extra 10 baht. Students may also ask for an extra Thai food topping for an additional 10 baht. The Western food is a little more expensive at 40 baht, but if an extra serving of stir fried vegetables is added for 10 baht then it should be adequate.

Once again, thank you, students, for your patience and cooperation.