

The Sandstorm Scoop

Welcome back, ET parents and Students! 9/1/2016

Upcoming events

Sep 10.....	Boys Soccer @ THIS, Girls Soccer @ SMIC
Sep. 13, 6:30.....	E1-5 "Meet the Teachers Night"
Sep. 14, 6:30	E6-9 "Meet the Teachers Night"
Sep. 15-16.....	Mid Autumn Festival
Sep. 19-22.....	E1-5 Open Classes
Sep. 30	E6-9 Open Classes
Oct 1-9.....	October Holiday

First week of School

We have started the first week of school with record enrollment of 356 Students in EK-9, and are so thankful to for every student and teacher that has joined our community. It has been a fun week getting to know them and seeing returning students and teachers again as well. Both of our Boys and Girls Soccer teams started off on a good note with victories over Hope International School Tuesday, and will play our first game in the ISAC league next Saturday against Tsinghua International School.

Students have been all been registered in Engrade, and login information has been e-mailed to the parents of new students. Please login to see which classes your students are enrolled in and view their grades regularly, and contact the office if you cannot log in.

Elementary Release time

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are no longer able to continue the ASCET program and Chinese Track afterschool program as in previous years. We are thankful for your support of those programs over the years, and are trying to find alternative ways to meet both parents and students needs and interests. For this semester we will continue to run 4:00 buses and supervise those students who cannot leave at 3:00 in homerooms until 4:00. We are working to contract afterschool electives with outside companies and send more details as soon as those classes are arranged. For next semester, we plan to offer 3:00 buses in BDA as well as later buses for those in Middle School and electives.

New Middle School Schedule and Electives

While our Middle school had 80 minute block classes in Literature, Composition, and some Science and History classes last year, we have moved all classes to 80 minute blocks this year after positive feedback from students and teachers. The longer class blocks allow teachers more class time for interactive group activities, labs, and supervised homework time, reducing the percentage of classtime spent with students listening to lecture in their seats. Teachers are also encouraged to include breaks between activities during the 80 minute blocks for students to move around. One benefit of this schedule is increasing Math class time to 320 minutes per week, so students to complete more of their homework in class.

The new schedule also enables us to offer two major electives which meet 160 minutes per week, during the 1st elective block and 5th elective block on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We continue to offer Drama, Journalism, Choir, and United Nations, and have added a new Middle school Band, Japanese class, and a longer Art class. Lastly, in response to parents requests, our Chinese teachers have prepared two new Chinese Electives that have also drawn good student interest. While the classes above are all graded courses, we also offer nongraded Digital Study Hall and student sponsored clubs for students to complete homework and socialize. We look forward to hearing feedback from you in our first PTA meeting Sep. 9.

From the ET office, thank you for all of your support, as we look forward to a great 2016-17 school year!

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活动预告

9 月 10 日.....	男子足球比赛（举办地：清华附中国际部） 女子足球比赛（举办地：北京市中芯学校）
9 月 13 日,6:30.....	E1-5 “教师见面会”
9 月 14 日,6:30.....	E6-9 “教师见面会”
9 月 15-16 日.....	中秋节
9 月 19-22 日.....	E1-5 家长开放日
9 月 30 日.....	E6-9 家长开放日
10 月 1-9 日.....	国庆节

开学第一周

开学第一周，我们迎来了来自 EK 至 9 年级共 356 位同学，很高兴能在过去一周认识新的学生及老师，同时也很高兴见到熟悉的面孔，感谢每一位加入中芯的学生及老师。男子足球及女子足球校队在周二与北京协力国际学校的比赛中获胜，接下来我们即将开始 ISAC 联赛，下周六首场决战清华附中国际部。

我们已为所有学生开通 Engrade 系统账号，新生家长会收到登录信息的邮件。请登录查看学生所属班级并定期查看学生学分情况。如果您无法登录请联系英文部办公室。

小学放学时间

根据教委颁布的最新规定，我校中英文部均无法再开展课后选修课。我们非常感谢大家在过去对学校选修课的支持，我们正在努力寻找解决方案以满足家长及学生的兴趣与需求。这学期班车的离校时间依然为下午 4 点，对于 3 点无法离校的学生我们会负责看管至 4 点。我们在设法与外校机构合作制定课后选修课的方案，会尽快让大家知道详细的安排。下学期将会安排两批次亦庄线路班车，首次班车 3 点离校，第二批次为中学部及选修课学生课程结束后离校。

初中课程新安排

在上学期，我们的部分课程，包括文学、写作、科学和历史都使用了 80 分钟连堂的模式，而这种模式得到了老师及学生的积极反馈。同一主题课程授课时间的延长，使得老师有更充分的时间带领学生进行小组互动、课堂实验、监督并保证学生的作业完成质量，同时这样的安排为学生们节省了频繁更换教室所耽误的时间。当然，我们鼓励老师在课程中合理、适当地安排各项活动的间隙时长，以保证孩子们有放松及活动的时间。这种模式的另一个益处，是使得数学课程的学时增加至了 320 分钟/周，这样可以让学生们在课堂中完成大部分的家庭课业。

专业选修课安排在周二、周四的第一节及第五节课，新的课程安排使得专业选修课的时长增至 160 分钟/周。我们会继续戏剧、新闻、合唱和模拟联合国这几门选修课，同时还会增加中学乐队、日语以及美术等课程。最后，针对家长的要求，我们的语文老师已经准备了两个新的语文选修课，受到了学生们的好评和喜爱。除了以上计入学分的选修课，我们还安排了不计入学分的选修课程，比如数字化学习、学生互助俱乐部等，提供学生更多完成作业及社交的时间。我们期待在 9 月 9 日的首次 PTA 会议中听到您的宝贵意见。

发自英文部办公室，感谢大家的支持，让我们共同期盼精彩的新学年！