

Mandarin Language and Cultural Center

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1) *School Activities*

1. *No Class on 2/24 for Presidents' Day.*
2. *A public forum led by a group of educators from Taiwan will be held on 2/3 at Saratoga High School library.* Discussion topics include parent-teacher cooperation and winning strategies in Chinese learning. The forum will be conducted in Mandarin. We welcome your attendance.
3. *Parenting workshop "Mom, Dad Do you understand me?"* hosted by Author Ai Ching Liu will be held on 4/14 at 9:30 in #503. Please mark your calendar.

2. *Curriculum Meeting with G7 & G8 parents to be held on 3/3 at 9:30am in room #503*

Principal Chen will hold a meeting with G7 and G8 parents on 3/3 to talk about our program curriculum. Parents will receive information on our high school curriculum, textbooks, midterm and final exams, AAPPL testing, SAT and AP Chinese exam, etc. All parents of G7&8 students are invited to join us on 3/3 at room 503.

3. *Volunteer Opportunity: Teacher's Assistant for CFL Classroom*

Not only do you get the satisfaction of helping children learn Chinese, you will also develop leadership skills, be exposed to the process through which teachers develop curriculum in addition to receiving 80 hours of community service. For student volunteers who have served for two years, if recommended by the teacher and meeting all the school requirements for excellent service, they may be eligible for a certificate issued from the President. Students in ninth grade and above are welcome to apply—please see below for the application form and timeline for training.

- 1) Fill out the application online using the following link by 2/17

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y2FIbDzMj7MsvauCKhtU15FWXoGu-xoDWKc2408mNGY/viewform?c=0&w=1>

- 2) Interview on 3/10 at one of the two locations:

A. Saratoga High School, 11:40am-1:00pm or

B. San Jose Office, 12:30pm-2:00pm

- 3) Orientation on 3/17 at one of the two locations:

A. San Jose Office: 2:30-4 pm

B. Saratoga High: 11:40-1:00pm

- 4) Participate in the two-week TA training at the Milpitas or Saratoga Campus

a. Saratoga High School: 3/24 & 3/30, Sat. 9:05~11:30AM

b. Milpitas High School: 3/23 & 3/29, Fri. 6:35~9:10PM

(Milpitas students will attend training in Saratoga, and Saratoga students will train in Milpitas.)

- 5) After the training, go online to complete the following observation report by 4/14:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/viewform?formkey=dEEzYjU0c1EzLTNlYWwh5b2l2M2RYVmc6MA>

Wait for further notification from the school, to be sent out in late April.

- 6) If you are selected, please keep in mind that you may not be absent for more than 4 weeks for the 2018-2019 school year in order to receive your 80 hours.

4. ***CFL Open House 3/23 at 7PM in Milpitas F1 and 3/24 at 9:30am in Room 503***

CFL program is designed for students who do not speak Mandarin at home. Over the years our CFL program has continued to grow and received positive feedback from students and parents. On Open House day, Principal Chen will brief on the CFL curriculum and take your questions. We welcome your attendance, and please pass the information to interested family and friends.

5. ***ANCCS Academic Contest School Preliminary***

This year, we had 69 students (Milpitas & Saratoga campus) sign up for the contest! Thanks to all the participants for their efforts and support. Here is a list of the winners :

Impromptu Speech in Mandarin Group B: Brandon Chiang
Speech in Mandarin Group C: Florence Wei
Speech in Mandarin Group D: Audrey Hou
Mandarin Read Aloud Group B: Vanessa Zhou
Mandarin Read Aloud Group C: Sophie Lu
Mandarin Read Aloud Group D: Sheryl Chen
Phonetic Pinyin Group B: Ashley Chen
Phonetic Pinyin Group C: Fiona Wang
Hanyu Pinyin Group A: Alan Sheu
Hanyu Pinyin Group B: Austin Hu
Reading Group A: Not Available
Reading Group B: Not Available
Reading Group C: Jonathan Szeto
Reading Group D: Olivia Yuling Hu
Handwriting Group B: Not Available
Handwriting Group C: Not Available
Handwriting Group D: Not Available
Painting Group B: Iris Tsai
Painting Group C: Celeste Cheng
Chinese Calligraphy Group CD: Aeneas Yu
Composition Group CD: Kaitlynn Wu
CFL Read Aloud Group A: Derek Han
CFL Read Aloud Group B: Jade Bateman
CFL Read Aloud Group C: Spencer Liu, Peter Potts
CFL Read Aloud Group D: Benjamin Potts

2) ***2018-2019 Student Registration***

On 3/3 teachers will pass out the registration forms for the following school year. Continuing students are able to register on 3/10; please hand in the form to the classroom parent on that day.

Siblings of continuing students are also welcome to turn in registration forms on 3/10, but please remember to turn them in directly to the office.

Please note that no spot will be reserved for continuing students or their siblings after 3/17.

Registration for new or transfer students will begin on 3/30. Registration forms will be available after 3/1 in the office as well as online at: <http://www.mandarinschool.org>.

3) *MLCC Academic Activities*

1) The mock SAT II Chinese Test is on Saturday, 3/3 from 11:40AM~1:10PM in Saratoga High School, room 001 and 002. For those who have registered for the test, please arrive promptly to the room. AAPPL test for 8th graders will take place in two groups on 4/7.

4) *Parking on Campus*

The school has been notified by the Saratoga police that no student pick-up/drop-off allowed in the rear parking lot. The reason is that heavy traffic on the driveway will block the entrance for the fire truck in case of an emergency. We ask parents please pick up and drop off your student in the front of the school.

5) *SCRIP Sale*

We would like to thank parents for their continued support in our SCRIP Sale; SCRIP is sold weekly in the office—we have many selections available from your frequently visited supermarkets, bookstores, department stores, coffee shops and restaurants.

6) *Next Newsletter to Come 3/1*

Wish you all a happy Chinese New Year!