

2021-2022 Rosaryhill Secondary School PTA Chairman's Report

Dear fellow parents and guardians, Father Supervisor, Friars, Principles, Teachers and students,

Good morning. Peace be with you all. On behalf of the Parent-Teacher Association Executive Committee, I would like to thank you for coming to the PTA Annual General Meeting to render support. I am Kenneth Tsao, the PTA Chairman and the Incorporated Management Committee (“IMC”) Parent Manager. Thank you for your vote of confidence to the PTA, and for giving me a chance to serve you in the past 3 year.

In the past academic year when the world was still shrouded in the shadows of the COVID-19, the PTA Executive Committee persisted in meeting regularly and discussing on-line on an ongoing basic, striving to fulfil our duties as far as possible. However, several of our regular and newly conceived PTA activities, such as our annual outing, festive snacks and game booth being organized in the Lunar New Year flower market on campus still cannot be resumed.

1. School-Parent Communication

The PTA endeavoured to serve as a bridge between parents and our school. Our Executive Committee had setup a parents' network to strengthening school-parent communication. Parents and guardians are sincerely invited to join our PTA parents' whatsapp group. Through the direct communication via the whatsapp group, we can better understand and collect your comments & thoughts to further promote holistic development of students and school development in line with the School Mission.

I am a keen advocate that the PTA and we parents and guardians should adopt a proactive role in facilitating school development. If you are interested to join the parent group, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned mobile number or email, Information as below:

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2. Masks and anti-epidemic bags

In order to help our students, the PTA sourced reusable COVID-19-virus-killing “Innosshield” Masks for students. These masks were donated by Julius Group for the second years.

To be better prepared for physical class resumption in May, PTA sourced Anti-epidemic bags which contain a box of level 3 face masks, and Rapid test kit can effective in detecting omicron for students. These anti-epidemic bags were donated by Peacemaker Charities.

3. PTA Create-Your-Own-Mask Design Competition

PTA will organize a competition on mask design in fall term. Students are encouraged to participate in the event, our PTA honorary members, Ms Monica Cheung will sponsor for turning four excellent designs into real “Innosshield” mask products as souvenirs.

Mr. Kevin Leung, Mr. Charles Lee and Mr. Kenneth Tsao have been invited as the judging panel member.

4. School Bus service tender

In order for our school to select the most appropriate supplier to provide the school bus service through the form of open tender, a PTA's school bus service tender sub-committee was formed to draft the tender documents. Mr. Kenneth Tsao, Mr. Charles Lee, Mr. Chung Chi Wai and Ms. Monica Cheung prepared two tender documents, one tender for Hong Kong/ Kowloon route, and one tender for Tung Chung route. The documents were reviewed by the school legal adviser before the open tender process.

5. Network System upgrade

Parents, teachers and students had informed the Chairman regard the unstable network had been affecting their teaching and learning. Our suggestions about campus improvement were duly voiced out to school administrator in the PTA and the IMC meetings and fellow through. Gratefully, we have open-minded and kind-hearted Supervisor, Fr. Hyacinth He, and Principle, So Pui Ting, the opinions were being listened, and incorporated into school plans and implemented.

6. Christmas treats for students, Thanksgiving for teachers and school personnel

Christmas is a season of loving, giving and sharing. The Christmas gifts were presented to students by PTA parent Executive Committee members during the school Christmas Party. The parent Executive Committee members were pleased to see a group of student helpers coming to pack the gifts for the fellow schoolmates before the school party, together with PTA teacher exco members.

On behalf of all parents and funded by the PTA budget, we presented hand-made cookies to teachers, school administration staffs, janitors, Dominican friars, etc. Each cookie engraved with staffs' initial, St. Dominic (Founder of the sponsoring body), and school name.

7. Graduation Gowns

PTA had bought and donated 80 graduation gowns to our school for the S6 students 3 years ago. PTA continued to sponsor the dry-cleaning of the gowns. It is because of the hygiene consideration, we arranged dry cleaning and sterilisation for the gowns, ensuring the gowns were clean and safe when it reached our students' hands.

8. PTA Emergency fund

There is a small pool of fund in the financial book of the PTA for helping students in critical emergency. The applications will be referred by class teachers, then assessed and approved by the PTA Executive Committee. Given the pandemic and challenging economic situation, there were 5 approved cases in the past academic year, each with a pay-out of HKD 1500. Please be assured that it is always our pledge to use the PTA funds provide by parent cautiously and wisely, and strictly for the benefits and welfare of our students.

9. PTA Improvement Awards

The objective of the PTA scholarship is to champion students not necessarily top performers

but diligently seeking improvements, and to have a bigger number of students receiving such recognition, encouragement and motivation. Every year, there are two students in each class receiving the award for their remarkable efforts in improving academic performance or conduct, or being the Samaritans who are always helpful to schoolmates and teachers. While the scholarship for each student will be of a token amount, we hope that such recognition will motivate more students to work hard for the pursuit of excellence.

10. PTA Writing Competition

PTA writing Competition is an annual competition and fantastic opportunity for aspiring writers to showcase their talents and creativity. The competition's main aim is to foster excellence in creativity by providing students with the opportunity to develop their expressive talents and expand their horizons. The awards encourage and recognise excellence in English writing and Chinese writing among students.

11. Seminar and Training

The Law-abiding awareness seminar organized by Wan Chai District Fight Crime Committee, 3 parents and 3 teachers of the PTA Executive Committee attended the seminar. The seminar aims to enhance Parent Teacher Association members' understanding on the theme of combating crimes such as internet crime, child/sexual abuse, drug abuse, information was delivered by the representative of the Hong Kong Police Force.

An Integrity Training for PTA Executive Committee provided by ICAC (Independent Commission Against Corruption) The training workshop was successfully conducted by Ms. Sharmaine Ming, Senior Community Relations Officer, ICAC. The training aims to enhance Parent Teacher Association members' understanding and managing conflict of interest and risks, and to grasp members' roles in corruption prevention of the Bribery Ordinance and related regulations.

12. Campus Environment

The PTA strives to improve the campus environment for our children. In the past years, we continued to provide feedback to school about the hygiene condition in toilets and other areas on campus, and proactively followed up with the progress of campus repairing and improvement works.

Words of gratitude

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you again for the trust and the vote of confidence to me and the PTA. I strive to add value through my contributions to the school as a change agent, who is humble and cooperative. I would need to thanks my wonderful fellow PTA executive members especially Mr. Charles Lee, our Parent Vice-Chairperson, and Ms. Rita Wong our Teacher Vice-Chairperson, as well as to the parents, teachers, and students supporting the PTA and participating in various PTA event, whose kind efforts are crucial for our accomplishments. Please accept my sincere gratitude. The PTA look forward to serve you more in the coming year.

Once again, Thank you. Our Lady of Rosary; Pray for us. Amen