



To CDS Middle School Parents,

Hello dear members of our CDS family. This is middle school Principal Shim Ok Ryung.

It's been a while since my last message. CDS MS has made an effort over the past 2014~2015 school year to implement our educational curriculum within a positive learning environment. Although it is still a work in progress, we feel your support and encouragement as we continue to do our best. The recent WASC visitation rated us highly in this particular area. I believe this was made possible thanks to the cooperation and patience of all the parents who sincerely believe in our school. The school will continue to make even more effort to ensure that each and every one of your children experiences a significant sense of accomplishment.

I would like to inform you of several of the changes planned for the 2015~2016 school year, which have already been discussed during the recent PTA meeting and, with your cooperation, conduct a survey in preparation for this.

1. Textbook Policy Changes: From now on the school will purchase core subject textbooks and lend them to students. More information will follow soon.

2. Music and Art Curriculum Changes: All middle school students will take part in two hours of both music and art per week for the first three years. This will allow students to receive a more in-depth education regarding these subjects and further cultivate their creativity and aesthetic sensibilities.

Therefore, the amount of time spent upon instrument practice during regular music class will be significantly reduced as the focus of the curriculum shifts to a more comprehensive overview of music. However, because it is very important for students to be able to play at least one instrument, the school will support students who wish to learn an instrument during E.C. time.

3. For this reason, E.C. clubs during the 2015~2016 school year will center mainly on sports and music. However, other E.C. activities will also be available.

Students who wish to learn a particular instrument during E.C. time over the 2015~2016 school year should complete the following survey. This survey is designed to estimate the needs of students so as to prepare suitable instructors.

* Only students who intend to play an instrument during E.C. should complete the survey below. Students who intend to choose sports or art instead cannot do an instrument at the same time. Please complete the survey by May 25.

[Preliminary EC Sign-up Survey for the 2015 – 2016 School Year](#)

Thanks to all the CDS MS parents who consistently cooperate and believe in our school.

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Cheongna Dalton School Middle School Principal Shim Ok Ryung