

Cheongna Dalton School

Middle School 2015-16

**Welcome to another
exciting year at CDS**

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It is with great pleasure that we welcome you back for another year, or your first year as a parent of a student at CDS. The purpose of this letter is to give an outline of the major events and important dates this year at CDS.

August 2015

- 16th- Dormitory Orientation
- 17th – Term 1 Begins
- 18th – Extra-Curricular Presentations
- 18th- Back to School Night
- 20th- Student Council Campaign Speeches

September 2015

- 7th-11th Dalton Cup



Vacation Dates

Chuseok	Monday 28 th September-Wed 30 th September
Thanksgiving	Thursday 26 th and Friday 27 th November
Winter	Monday December 14 th -Friday January 8th
Seollal	Monday 8 th February- Wednesday 10th
Spring	Monday 28 th March- Friday 1 st April



Teacher Professional Development Days

The school is closed on these days for the purpose of developing our faculties skills. October 12th, March 4th and April 22nd.

October 20159th- We Run Cheongna26th-30th Dalton Cup29th- Halloween Party**November 2015**13th- CDS Science Fair**December 2015**10th- Winter Concert11th- Candle lighting Ceremony

Halloween Party

Throughout the year the student council organize a number of social functions. Perhaps the most popular of these is the Halloween Party complete with Haunted House.



We Run Cheongna

On this day the whole school participates in a variety of middle to long distance runs.

The event takes place around the neighborhood of the school with marshals lining the course to ensure safety. The purpose of this event is divided between developing *community* spirit and *character* with grit and perseverance being focused upon.

Parent – Teacher Conferences

Parents and teachers meet to discuss student progress and find solutions to any academic or behavioral problems. The meeting is a way to clarify and supplement the information conveyed on report cards and in teacher comments. Students are welcome to attend.

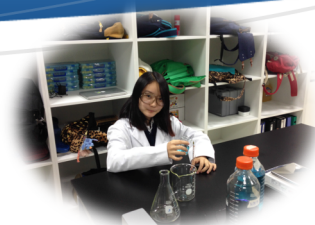
Friday November 6th, 2015

Friday March 18th, 2015

These take place during the school day and bookings are made about 1 week before.

CDS Science Fair

The CDS Science Fair encourages students to demonstrate their achievements in the field of science. The students can present the findings of their experiments in a range of media from models to videos to presentations



"Science is much more a way of thinking than it is a body of knowledge"
Carl Sagan

Middle School Spirit Week

In the cold days of winter the student council organize a week of activities to boost the spirit of the CDS community. Each day focuses on a different one of the CDS core values.

KAIAC Sports

CDS Middle School competes with a group of other international schools in Korea in Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

In this event, the CDS community comes together in celebration of its shared core values. Students from each grade light a candle in the midst of winter to represent hope and reflect on their experience half way through the school year.

Talent Show

In this event, led by the Student Council, students have an opportunity to showcase their exceptional skills, talents, and abilities. Talent shows at CDS are comprised of many performances such as singing, dancing, acting, martial arts, playing musical instruments, and more.

CDS Sports Day

The spotlight is on the students demonstrating their physical abilities through games and challenges. The theme of this event is character, specifically sportsmanship.

Arch Day

A tradition at CDS that hails from the original Dalton school in New York. Student pass through an arch celebrating a successful year and looking ahead to future challenges in the next grade and beyond.



Winter and Summer Concerts

Twice a year, at the end of terms 2 and 5, Orchestra & Dance students showcase their hard work and musical talent.

Dalton Cup

All CDS Middle School students are divided into four separate Dalton Cup teams: Phoenix, Korea, Cheongna, and Dalton. Students compete in a variety of athletic and academic activities throughout the year in hopes of winning the Dalton Cup Championship!

January 2016

- 15th- Winter Writing Contest Closing Date
 23th- CDS Public Speaking Contest
 25th- 29th Dalton Cup

February 2016

- 2nd- AMC External Math Contest
 25th- CEMC External Math Contest

March 2016

- 14-18th - CDS Silent Charity Auction
 24th - Jeopardy Vocabulary Bee

April

- 4th-8th - CDS World Language Contests
 11th-15th- ERB Tests
 21st- CDS Sports Day

May

- 16th-20th- World Experience Tours

June

- 9th- Summer Concert
 10th- Arch Day
 11th- Graduation Ceremony



CDS English Contests

Each year during the Winter vacation students of CDS compete in 3 different English contests. They are based around essay writing, short stories and poetry. We encourage all students to participate regardless of grade level as the best way to improve writing ability is repeated practice

External Math Contests

Students at CDS are encouraged to take part in external math contests organized by both the Mathematical Association of America and Center for Education in Math and Computing (in Canada). CDS also runs its own internal Math contest in March, this follows a similar structure with the aim of encouraging problem solving and critical thinking skills

Graduation Ceremony

CDS 8th graders will join with the students graduating from the First Program and High School to mark the successful completion of their school year and the movement forward to the next period of their lives/education.