Welcome to the 2018 Chinese School! 欢迎！

This weekly bulletin will be a primary way for the Chinese School staff and college personnel to communicate with you throughout the summer. Due to the varying linguistic capabilities of our student body, this bulletin also represents the sole opportunity to read this information in English, so please check it carefully. It will be posted weekly on the blog www.chineseschool.middcreate.net and we will print several copies for those who’d rather have a paper copy. It will contain important information about upcoming activities, including events such as lectures, movies, picnics, parties and so on.

We will also include announcements from teachers or levels to the school, as well as announcements we have received from others such as dining services, custodians, or other Middlebury staff. We hope that printing this important information in English will reduce the necessity to speak English for clarification. The printed copies of the bulletin will be available toward the end of every week in Ross Dining Hall.

Stay Connected with the Chinese School!

BLOG: http://chineseschool.middcreate.net
INSTAGRAM: MiddChinese
WECHAT: Scan the QR codes below to join school groupchats

The Language Pledge

Please be aware that the language pledge signed by all students is the foundation of the Middlebury immersion program. All students and staff should speak Chinese at all times. The curriculum is designed to enable even very beginning students of Chinese to communicate in the target language in meaningful situations right away. Use your opportunities with your classmates and teachers to ask questions, clarify, practice, and extend your study and usage of Chinese.

Beginning with week three, we encourage our first-level students to sit among their upper-level classmates and teachers during meals. Keep your ears open and your notebooks and dictionaries handy—you’ll be surprised how much you’ll learn. Please help support your classmates and neighbors and remind them to be mindful of the pledge.
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**Ross Dining Hall Schedule:**

- **Breakfast:** 6:30 AM - 9:00 AM
- **Lunch:** 11:30 AM - 12:50 PM
- **Dinner:** 5:30 PM - 6:50 PM
- **Brunch (weekends):** 7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Co-curricular activities will be scheduled by the end of the week. Sign up for those (we suggest no more than 2!) that interest you. These activities will normally meet once a week. We want to offer a good variety and, due to a limited time frame, a few activities may overlap. Again, we encourage first-level students to participate in these activities right along with everyone else. They provide not only opportunities to relax while exploring and enjoying Chinese culture, but also excellent situations in which natural language acquisition and learning can take place. Please adhere to the language pledge while participating in activities—it remains in effect. We hope that everyone can find an activity or two that will be enjoyable, but be careful not to overextend yourself or your time necessary for class preparation or rest. The leader of each activity will be listed on each sheet. See them if you have any questions. This week soccer matches with the other schools will scheduled by the bilinguals; there will be no formal tournament. Please make a commitment and stick with the activity you choose throughout the program!

不能说的·秘密

Secret (2007)

Friday, June 29th
7:30 PM
Dana Auditorium

Ye Xiang Lun is a music student majoring in piano who just transferred to Tamkang, a school famous for its musically talented students, especially those who play piano. On his first day of school, he hears a mysterious melody being played, and following it meets Lu Xiao Yu, another piano major. When he asks her about the song she was playing, she tells him that it is a secret that cannot be told. The two form a friendship that quickly evolves into a romantic relationship. However, unbeknownst to Xiang Lun, there is more to Xiao Yu than initially meets the eye.

卧室藏龙

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (2000)

Saturday, June 30
7:30 PM
Dana Auditorium

In 19th century Qing Dynasty China, a warrior gives his sword, Green Destiny, to his lover to deliver to safe keeping, but it is stolen, and the chase is on to find it. The search leads to the House of Yu where the story takes on a whole different level.
**Lake Dunmore Picnic**

This Saturday, June 30th, the Chinese School is heading to Lake Dunmore for a picnic! Vans will transport students to the lake, though we ask that students with their own cars drive themselves and others. Let’s meet in Adirondack Circle at 10:30. Activities at the park include swimming, badminton, volleyball, soccer, kayaking, sunbathing, Frisbee, relaxing, and practicing your Chinese, of course! We suggest that you bring a swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, sports equipment, and perhaps mosquito repellent. Oh yes—don’t forget those Chinese dictionaries and little notepads!

There is an admission charge to Branbury State Park, but the Chinese School will pay your admission. When you get to the gate, each driver should let the rangers know that you are with the Chinese School, and how many people are in your car. The school will pay once everyone has entered. Boat rentals (kayaks and canoes) are also available for a small charge, and there is a snack bar at the beach.

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**Lectures**

We have a few all-school lectures scheduled this summer by guest professors. We hope these talks will be enjoyable and informative for all and enrich the language learning experience. Lectures will be presented bilingually. **All students are expected to attend.**

Our first lecture will be given by Cornelius Kubler, Stanfield Professor of Asian Studies at Williams College, on Thursday, June 28th in Dana Auditorium at 4:00 PM. His lecture is titled “Working Smart While Working Hard: Helpful Strategies for Learning Chinese.”

**Parties**

Traditionally, school-sponsored weekend parties have been organized a few times a summer. If you would like to help with party planning, see the bilignuals. They would welcome your ideas and help! Also, if you want to DJ or have other music, be sure to let them know. Those 21 and over should bring proper ID’s. Listen and watch for info regarding these anticipated events. Parties will be held in various locations including McCullough—either at Crossroads or in the gym space, as well as the Atwater patio.

**Hikes**

We have scouted out some of the best-loved jaunts, and we’ll take you to some great scenic spots on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Watch the Blog and the newsletter for specific sites and departure times! In the case of rain, we may change the destination, but the hikes will normally go on as planned. It is a good idea to sign up in advance for the hikes so we can get an idea about how many cars and drivers we’ll need in addition to the college van. Hikes do not count toward your “chosen two” co-curricular activities, so everyone can enjoy this activity!