**China Night Reminders**

China Night is this Saturday, August 4th at 7:30 PM sharp in Wilson Hall in McCullough! Make sure you’re rehearsing and polishing your performances. Costumes can be borrowed from the Center for the Arts on Thursday and Friday between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM. Chen Laoshi will soon post the schedule for Saturday’s dress rehearsal so make sure you know your time!

**Volleyball Finals!**

The Chinese School will be facing off against the Russian School in the volleyball championship this Sunday, August 5th!

The game will take place at 4:30 PM at the Forest Net. Come cheer on your talented classmates as they look to avenge last year’s finals loss to our Russian School rivals.

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**MA Student Microteaching**

Look for some great opportunities to learn about interesting culturally-embedded topics. Our MA graduating students will be offering several fifty minute sessions over the next week or so. Information fliers about each level’s sessions are currently being distributed… Sign up, learn something new, and help out our MA students!

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**TAM Hiking Trip**

This Sunday, August 5th we will be hiking the famous Trail Around Middlebury! We will meet at Hepburn circle at 10:00 AM and walk to the beginning of the trail (luckily no transportation will be required this weekend). This is not a rigorous hike (people often run the trail), and it will last for about three hours.

**Soccer vs. German School**

The Chinese School soccer team will play a make-up match against the German School. This game will take place on Monday, August 6th on the Men’s Soccer Field at 4:00 PM.

We have a strong soccer team this year, be sure to come out and support the team as it tries to get another victory!

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**和你在一起**

Together (2002)

Friday, August 3rd
7:30 PM
Dana Auditorium

A violin prodigy and his father travel to Beijing, where the father seeks the means to his son's success while the son struggles to accept the path laid before him.
Have you ever wondered why every Friday evening you can hear Mead Chapel’s bells ringing? Maybe you haven’t, but I certainly have! I’d always wonder, who was this mysterious person who would come every Friday to ring the bells? Every Friday, I’d explore the inside of the Chapel to no avail, and it seemed that no one knew who he was.

However, last Sunday afternoon I finally got the chance to meet the person at the center of this mystery, George Matthew Jr. He taught me that the bells that we hear every Friday are actually part of an instrument called a carillon. Mr. Matthew is the Carillonneur for both Middlebury College and Norwich University, and he has been playing the carillon for well over sixty years. He led me to a secret door on the second floor (unsurprising for a building as old as Mead Chapel), which led to the carillon and its bells.

As a Chinese School student, I’m well aware that music is often called the universal language. But as someone who has never been into music and musical instruments, I never put much stock into that common saying.

However, hearing Mr. Matthew play the carillon was both a solemn and a lively experience that definitely allowed me to understand the meaning behind this saying. He described to me a magical scene he once saw while playing the carillon in Belgium as people celebrated Christmas and you could see all the stars. I think that due to its history and distinct sound, that scene gives a good idea as to what the music of the carillon evokes.

No matter where you are in the world, as cliched as it sounds, music really does appear to transcend borders, and I figure we here at the Chinese School should attempt to follow the footsteps of this ideal and build bridges.

And on that note, despite the fact that most of them are found in North America and Europe, Mr. Matthew stated that the popularity of carillons has been rising around the world in the last few decades. In fact, this year China finally got its first carillon in Beijing. Who know, perhaps one of you will be lucky enough to play it some day!