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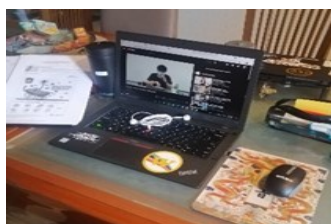
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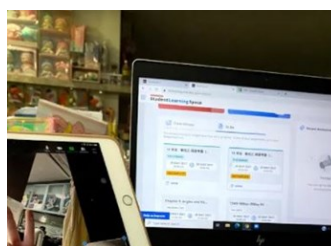
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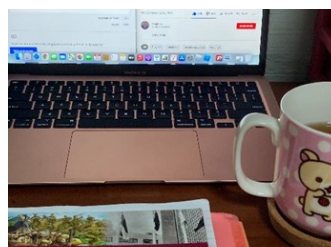
(Top) Innovative ways our Form Teachers check-in virtually with their students.



(Bottom) Raphael Koh's (1/2) HBL set-up.



Video calling my friends while doing my homework. — SHYANN (1/6)



I listened to soothing K-pop music and drank tea to help me complete my work with ease. — CLAIRE (2/6)

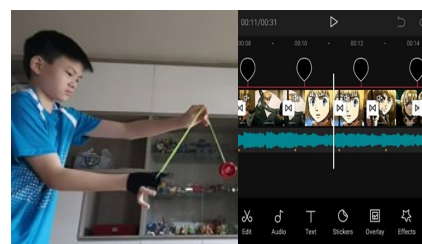
Full Home-Based Learning (FHBL)

A Throwback to Study & Work from Home

Living in a pandemic, we learn to adapt to changes. When FHBL started, CHRians rallied together and did our part to continue with learning and working from home. Here's a peek at the activities CHRians were up to during FHBL.



I learnt how to bake homemade chocolate chip cookies. Staying at home has motivated me to try something new – Baking! — ARNOLD (1/3)



(Left) Training my yo-yo skills. — ISAAC (1/4)

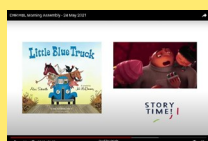
(Right) Improving my video editing skills by making an anime music video. — SACHIN (1/3)

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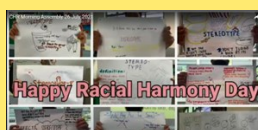
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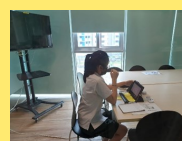
Whole School PTM (2 July)



Youth & Bonding Day (16 July)



Racial Harmony Day (21 July)



Sec 4 & 5 Early Admissions Exercise (Jul — Aug)



Sec 1 Resilience Programme (Jul — Aug)



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CHR'S GOT TALENT!

National School Games Wushu Competition 2021

Our Wushu Team for B Division Boys and Girls participated in the National School Games Wushu Competition. With hard work and perseverance, our school's Wushu team came in the Top 6 of the B Division Boys category.

With encouragement from my peers and the rigorous training, I had never been more prepared. I learnt how to keep myself composed and confident to do my best. — **GERWYN (4/1)**

My takeaway from this competition was that despite the ups and downs, as long as we continue to push ourselves to give our best, we will eventually reach the finish line! — **KAI MING (3/3)**



Wushu members in action!!!

IgnITE Skills Challenge

The IgnITE Skills Challenge returned once again with our NA and NT students participating in the competition. Organised by the Institute of Technical Education (ITE), this year's theme was all about social media.

I enjoyed pushing myself out of my comfort zone in this competition. During the process, I learnt about business and retail. This experience was memorable because of our engaging teacher, Mr Khairul. — **DIVIYALETCEMI (3/7)**

I took part in this competition because I wanted to expand my portfolio for the ITE Early Admissions Exercise next year. But I did not expect myself to have so much fun as we learnt different ways to design and promote our products on social media. — **GNANARUVA (3/7)**

(Clockwise) Experimenting with different essential oils; Arranging the products to snap that perfect shot to post and sell on social media; Presenting virtually for the first time.

National Schools Scrabble Game e-Series

Taking on a different spin this year, the National Schools Scrabble Game shifted online with their e-Series competition. Our students displayed grit and determination as they got through each round. They performed well despite being pitted against more experienced teams.

I was elated to represent CHR in the Scrabble Competition. Playing Scrabble brings me joy because I love the different ways of playing with letters to construct new words and surprising my opponents with impressive words. — **DINESH (4/2)**

(Left) What time is it? It's Scrabble time! (Right) Studying our opponent's strategies and levelling up ours.

National Schools Literature Festival 2021

To enthuse students in the study of Literature, the National Schools Literature Festival (NSLF) 2021 returned once again! Organised by Literature teachers nationwide, the NSLF was held virtually for the first time on 10 July 2021. With a slew of activities from unseen poetry debates to choral poetry reading to book trailer competitions our CHRians were inspired in their literary pursuits that team CHR won their unseen poetry debate against their seasoned opponents.

Unseen Poetry Debate Competition was...

...fun as I enjoyed debating! — **VIEON (3/1)**

...meaningful as I learnt how to better analyse poems. — **ISABELLE (3/1)**

...enriching because it allowed me to think from multiple perspectives. — **HUI YI (3/1)**



BEHIND-THE-SCENES:

with Infocomm Club (ICC)

Ever wondered what different CCAs are up to? From flying drones to taking a trip to Gardens by the Bay, our ICC members certainly know how to have a fun and educational experience. Here's a peek into the wide range of experiences in ICC.

How to fly a drone

Drone flying regulations, coding and drone choreography. These were some of the things that ICC members learnt in their drone workshop in Semester 1. With many rounds of programming LED boards and coding to perfect their drones' movements, they finally completed!

The drone workshop was exciting! With the instructor's help, we choreographed drone movements through programming. To see our drone flying after much hard work was amazing! — JAGPREET (3/5)



(Top) Finally in the Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay! (Bottom) Senior ICC member sharing photography tricks to capture the best shot.

Racial Harmony Day (RHD)

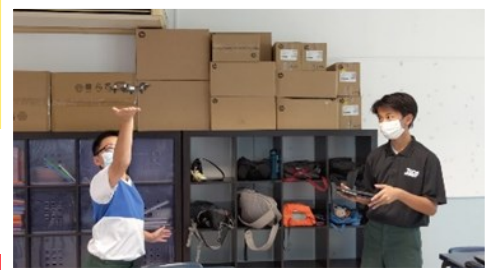
With the theme of 'Multicultural Singapore', this year's commemoration of Racial Harmony saw various activities carried out. From the CHRversations and exciting quizzes to the sharing of photos, CHRians appreciate their friends of different races and religions in the CHR family.

Racial Harmony Day is important to me because living in a multicultural society, we need to learn to respect one another in order for us to live harmoniously. — AISHANI (1/1)

It's a time for us to better understand and respect differences among various races so that we can appreciate each other. — DIANA (3/5)



(Top-left & Bottom-left) RHD live morning sharing. (Top-right & Bottom-right) Sharing photos of our group of multi-racial friends.



A typical CCA day of programming and flying drones.

ICC Day Camp and Learning Journey to Gardens by the Bay

The annual camp serves to give appreciation to the graduating members and welcome the new members. Under their teachers' guidance, the ICC Student Leaders planned and carried out the various camp activities. The trip to Flower Dome at Gardens by the Bay was a chance for them to put their photography skills into action while bonding with their new members.

WHAT SECONDARY 4 ICC MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY...

It was the last opportunity for us to do something meaningful for our CCA, so all the Secondary 4 seniors came together to plan the ICC camp. We cherished this opportunity as we could also mentor our juniors. While it was challenging to incorporate safe management measures in the planning, we were thankful that our teachers, Ms Chong, Mr Goh, Ms Lai and Mdm Zahara, supported us constantly. It was an enriching experience for us.

Sec 4 ICC members: HALDHIR ASEEM (4/1), MALCOLM GOH GUAN WEI (4/1), EMILY JOYCE KARIM (4/3), CHRISTIAN KYLE JIMENEZ PEREZ (4/3), JOEL TEO (4/4), JOSHUA TEO (4/4), SHARON HO SHI TING (4/5), ALAGUMANI PRAVEN (4/6)



YOUTH DAY & BONDING DAY

Celebration of Youth

With the slogan, 'The world is your oyster! Explore your options! Plan for success!', this year's Youth Day & Bonding Day inspired CHRians to appreciate their youth and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. The light-hearted and enjoyable bonding session in the classroom certainly created lasting memories.



(Top) Envisioning their own future. (Middle) Students enjoying their surprise ice creams! (Bottom) Teachers reminiscing their younger days.

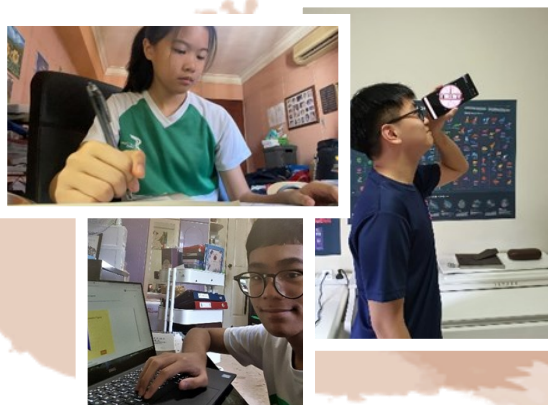


(Left) A round of applause for the hosts as they kick start the celebrations! (Right) Students predict and vote on Slido on a game called "Most likely to become...". (Bottom) A sketch of hopes and dreams for the future.

HOME-BASED LEARNING (HBL)

Becoming Self-Directed Learners

As part of Blended Learning, CHRians are learning through a mix of home-based and in-school activities that leverage both online and offline approaches to learning. Home-based Learning (HBL) is becoming a key feature of our schooling experience to further develop students' ability to be self-directed, passionate and life-long learners. It is our time to be empowered to take charge of our learning.



(Clockwise) Sherlynn (2/2) planning her schedule for the day; Joshua (3/1) finding the right angle of elevation for Maths; Nash (1/7) ready to start his home-based learning on SLS.

One challenge during Home-Based Learning was that sometimes I didn't understand the instructions but I persevered and figured them out by myself. I especially enjoyed being able to plan which assignments to do first and complete them at my own pace. — NASH (1/7)

Despite the challenges, I enjoyed Home-Based Learning because it made me more independent. Whenever I struggled to understand certain concepts, I found ways to improve my understanding by asking my friends. Through this, I discovered my strengths and weaknesses in a subject. In the end, I learnt to take ownership of my learning. — THARSHANA (3/1)

ART GALLERY

Secondary 1 Art Showcase

Early in May this year, Secondary 1 students participated in their first ever art showcase. The works were inspired by a public artwork installed at the Woodlands South MRT Station. They focus on one's aspirations for the next 10 years. On the walls, 80 illustrated iterations captured students' hopes and dreams. CHRians would like to thank artist Kng Mian Tze for sharing the mosaic template used in their work!



Fabula Vitae

By Les Literato Team:

Ong Yi Xuan Jovita (2/1), Aliyah Nazihah Binte Ibrahim (2/3), Carwen Audrey Liang (2/3), Fuke Narayani (2/3), Lui Ebell (2/3), Alluru Rishitha Reddy (2/4), Cheong Xin Rui Raelyn (2/4), Erin Elsa George (2/4), Ginny Chan (2/4), Ethan Mikhael Barrato Jereza (2/4), Thomas Khoo Kai Le (2/4), Joey Emanuel Xu (3/2), Nur Nabilah Binte Hamzah (3/2), Janelle Ng Xin Hui (3/6)



Head over to our Les Literato Instagram and catch us in action as we capture moments of magic in CHR!

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TRENDING SONGS

By Aliyah Nazihah (2/3) & Cheong Xin Rui Raelyn (2/4)

Have you ever wanted to find the right song to chill to? Or the perfect song that matches your vibe or mood? In this article, we share some trending songs that can be your next earworms!

Butter by BTS

"Butter" by BTS is a dance-pop song about confessions of sweet and romantic love. The lyrics and beat of the song brim with positive and bright energy which will instantly brighten our mood. It is also their 3rd track to debut at #1 on the Hot 100 Billboard. If you're looking for something easy and exciting to listen to, this charismatic song is sure to melt your hearts like butter.



Drivers License by Olivia Rodrigo

"Drivers License" is a pop song about a teenager's rollercoaster of emotions after a heartbreak. The song represents the lasting power of the heartbreak anthem and pulls in listeners of all ages. This song hits you in your 'feels' and you can't help but play it infinitely. Listening to the powerful ballad and poignant lyrics, the song motivates us to process our own emotions. You'll find yourself humming to the tune or remembering that one incredibly evocative line that brings back memories.

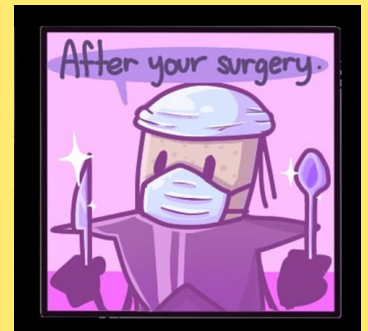
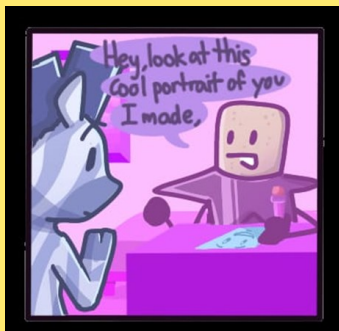


Have a song that's stuck in your head? Share with us on Les.Literato Instagram!

COMIC CORNER

Comic by Ethan Mikhael Barrato Jereza (2/4)

What happens when a zebra befriends a doctor...



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CHRIAN OF THE TERM: MS LAI LIMING

By Lui Ebell (2/3) & Erin Elsa George (2/4)

Creative, caring and compassionate. This was what we found out about our CHRian of the term. Who could it be? It's our Art teacher, Ms Lai Liming! She might look fierce and strict to some but she is actually a loving and cheerful person. We had the opportunity to get up close and personal and discovered amazing things that we as students might not have known. Let's dive right in!

What was your CCA in secondary school and why did you choose that CCA?

My first CCA was the Library club. Personally, it wasn't as fun or as challenging as I had hoped. In a daring move, I changed my CCA to badminton because my family and I frequently played badminton and I even made it to the school team!

If you were not a teacher, what would you work as and why?

I'll probably be working at a museum under the education department because I love talking about art with people as well as sharing how artists come up with their creations.

Do you prefer writing art critiques or creating artworks and why?

Create artworks! I enjoy creating art because that puts me in a state where I'm focused and relaxed. I can simply get lost in time as I create a piece of art. I prefer creating art to writing art critique because art critique requires research.

What is a medium that you often use when creating art?

I used to major in Photography. Before the pandemic, I traveled around Singapore with my avid photography friend to take photos. However, due to the current pandemic, one of the mediums I have been using more of is painting with acrylics. Last year, I started exploring and honing my digital painting skills on the iPad.

What is a quote you live by? Why?

"Be true to myself and to the people around me. Work hard, appreciate, and be humble at all times". It's important that as we grow, we remember and cherish our family and loved ones who have helped us. Our success was made possible through the support and encouragement of our family and friends.

It was delightful getting to know some surprising facts about Ms Lai. I'm sure that many of us can relate to her stories in one way or another. If you need any words of wisdom, go forth and seek the council of the wise and friendly - Ms Lai.



TEACHERS

By Joey Emanuel Xu (3/2)

Words of wisdom on the board
Were never erased from my heart
I reminisced when you wrote them like art
Vitals changed when you came into my life
You made shadows become rainbows
Gloomy days awash with the sun's glows

Worksheets of problems I hold and embrace
Answer keys that don't provide what I need
I'll wipe the windows of dust to see your face
All I want is your assurance we'll succeed

Colourful markers on the bare desk
You say, "Whip them out so we'll draw
The future of our brand new plans"
I'll do my best for tomorrow
Pages of notes will continue to flow

Climbing up so high
Makes me break into a cry
But then I know you'll be there
If I fall to the ground
I'll pile up burning snow
So let us meet again at the end
Withstand the cold, hand in hand

Under the sky
Such liveliness feels unauthorised
I want to pay back
All the effort you put in for me
On a gradient, you are at the tip of my life
Forever you will reside

CAUGHT ON CAMERA: JOURNEY TO A MASK-FREE FUTURE!

By Carwen Audrey Liang (2/3) & Fuke Narayani (2/3)



Many CHRians are getting their vaccinations. One of them, Arushi from 2/3 was thrilled for it. She could not contain her excitement! In a blink of an eye, she was already making her way to the cubicle to meet the nurse. Her heart rate shot up and all she wanted to do was disappear. When she saw the needle, she recalled the encouragement from her family and calmed herself. All she felt was a pinch as the needle poked her skin. Soreness seeped in, but she was overjoyed that the vaccination was completed. Our classmate, Stella, on the other hand was nervous. She dreaded the vaccination because she disliked needles and worried about the side effects. At her appointment, the nurse was friendly and gentle which soothed her anxieties. In an instant, the first jab was completed, and she calmly waited at the observation area. With the first jab being painless, now she has the courage for her 2nd vaccine jab.



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RAVING REVIEWS:

Tales of Adventure

By Thomas Khoo Kai Le (2/4) & Ginny Chan (2/4)

For tales of adventures, many teenagers nowadays are turning to online animes, mangas and the like. Here's our raving reviews of the best of the best!

Webtoon: Your Throne

"Your Throne" is the story of Medea Solon, a vicious and cunning noble, who lost her rights to the throne because of Psyche Callista, a girl who is the opposite of Medea - naive and kind. The confrontation between the two ends unexpectedly when they swapped bodies. Uncovering hidden secrets, they are forced to put their wits to the test to outsmart their enemies. The breathtaking artistic style and interesting plot will leave you craving for more. An absolute must-read!



Manga: SpyXFamily

Written and illustrated by Tatsuya Endo, "SpyXFamily" follows a world-renowned spy who was tasked to "build a family" to execute a mission. Unbeknownst to him, both his "wife" and "daughter" are also out of the ordinary! One being an assassin and another a mindreader. "SpyXFamily" is popular for its good mix of comedy, action, and slice of life. Definitely a good read for people who like the exciting in the ordinary!



Anime: The Way Of The Househusband

Based on the manga originally created by Kousuke Oono, "The Way Of the Househusband" is now showing on Netflix. The show is about Tatsu, a legendary ex-mafia member who decides to become a househusband and take on chores to support his wife. Its comedic and light-hearted nature is great for people who want a good laugh!



How People See It

By Ong Yi Xuan Jovita (2/1), Erin Elsa George (2/4), Alluru Rishitha Reddy (2/4), Nur Nabilah Binte Hamzah (3/2), Janelle Ng Xin Hui (3/6)

Have you ever wished you could turn back time to meet the people who had a great impact on history? For this issue, we asked our CHRians for their response to this question:

If you could be a historical figure, who would you be and why?

I want to be Florence Nightingale because she was the pioneer in creating organised care for wounded soldiers during the war. She founded modern nursing as we know it! (ALYVIA, 2/2)

I want to be Mother Theresa because she dedicated her entire life to caring for the destitute and that is truly admirable. (YVETTE, 1/5)

Albert Einstein because he was a determined person who did not give up on school even though he wasn't doing well. He went on to become the greatest physicist of all time. (KESHINI, 3/6)

Charles Darwin. He was a naturalist, geologist and biologist. His research on evolution was a game-changer for the understanding of humanity. (THURA, 2/1)

I want to be Noor Inayat-Khan. She was a British spy in World War II who served in the Special Operations Executive. Despite knowing the risks, she did her best to pave the way to freedom without losing any more lives. (THOSHITA, 3/4)

I want to be William Shakespeare who is a master of words. It will be interesting to learn from the expert how to be a great poet and playwright. (CLARENCE, 3/1)

Charlie Chaplin. An amazing actor and filmmaker during the era of silent films, I admire him for making films about man's struggles to overcome adversity which were inspired by his own childhood experiences. (MS NG HUI LING, CHR STAFF)

Mother Theresa - simple, selfless, and always finding the good in others. It's not an easy feat but I'm making tiny steps in the right direction. (MDM RAHIMAH, CHR STAFF)



Thank you



As the saying goes, "No (wo)man is an island" and truly, we will always be indebted to the people who are there for us. We play various roles in our lives. We are friends, sons, daughters, students and more. It is inevitable that our presence will intersect with others. So what would we say to those who have been significant to us? Let's find out...

Dedicator: GRACE (1/4)

I want to say thanks to: SARAH (1/4)

Thank you for helping me in difficult situations and letting me vent my feelings to you when I needed to. You've been a great friend to me! Thank you:



Dedicator: ALPHIUS (1/1)

I want to say thanks to: JUN FU (1/1)

You were the first person I met when I came to CHR. You're a smart and loyal friend! You were always there when I needed a friend. That is why you're my best buddy.

Dedicator: SRAVANI (1/3)

I want to say thanks to: CANDICE (1/1) ANUSHA (1/4) & ANEENA (1/4)

My good friends are Candice, Anusha and Aneena! We have been friends for a short time but it feels like we have known each other for years! I appreciate you guys so much! Thank you for being my friends and guiding me!

Dedicator: XANN (1/4)

I want to say thanks to: CLARA (1/4)

I am very grateful to have you as a friend whom I can talk to. Even when I feel sad, you cheer me up. Thank you for being my friend since the start of the year!

Dedicator: SHANNON (1/6)

I want to say thanks to: SHYANN (1/6)

I want to dedicate this to Shyann as she helps me collect my worksheets and explains to me what to do when I am not around in school. She is always willing to help me. Thank you!

Dedicator: SAMIRTHA (1/5)

I want to say thanks to: MS SARAH OH

I want to thank Ms Oh for always lighting up my mood every time. She has always been there for me to ensure that I'm doing great, and she will affirm me for all the little things I do. Thank you Ms Oh! :)



Name the new school feature contest!

Bundles of joy in CHR

(Left) Mr Benjamin Huang's prince
(Right) Mr Bek Jun Hao's prince



The Waterfalls

Beautifying the entrance of the school is the waterfalls. Cascading and flowing, the waterfalls create soothing sounds that relaxes and welcomes students, parents and visitors to the school.

Are you game to come up with a name for our new school feature – the waterfalls? Attractive prizes to be won! Scan this QR code to enter the contest!



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