Dear students & parents,

Further to our Forum for Education in United States on April 17, 2005 held at WYHK, the Foundation is organizing another forum on the same topic on October 22, 2005. This forum will be held at the school hall of WYK at 3:00pm.

We are pleased to announce that we had enrolled the assistance of Maplewood Education Services in sharing their expertise with us. Maplewood Education Services is an independent counseling service in Hong Kong, which specializes in higher education in the USA. Maplewood offers a comprehensive range of services to students and parents on college planning, college selection, test planning and preparation, essay review, and interview advice throughout the entire application process.

Dr. Timothy Poon of our Foundation, and Mr. Peter Chiang, an alumni of WYK, who were instrumental in our first forum, will again be on hand to share their knowledge with us.

We will also like to welcome the students & parents of Marymount Secondary School and St. Mary’s Cannosian College who will also participate in this Forum.

All students and parents from Form 3 to Form 7 are cordially invited to join. We will especially like to extend our invitation to students in the lower forms, as we believe that an early insight into the application process and early preparation will be most beneficial for those who envision an education in the United States.

We sincerely hope that our efforts in arranging these forums will continue to provide useful information and assist students in enrollment into matching universities in the United States.

Regards,

Paul Siu
Secretary.
Wah Yan One Family Foundation
FORUM: PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN THE U.S.
Organized in collaboration with Wah Yan College, Hong Kong and Wah Yan College, Kowloon.

Venue: School Hall, Wah Yan College, Kowloon
Date: 22 October 2005 (Saturday)
Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Section I (3:00pm-4:30pm)
Introduction
Main Talks, Panel Discussion and Q&A to address the following:
U.S. College Application Guidelines
School Selection
Admission Criteria (Building a Winning Application)
GPA, Cumulative Average, Honors Classes (weighted), Pass/Fail
Test Scores: TOEFL, SAT I, SAT II, AP, IB
Extracurricular Activities: Sports, Music, Clubs, Cultural & Religious Organizations, Honors & Awards, Summer Programs, Community Services, Work Experience
Recommendation: Counselor/Teacher, Personal Integrity, Accomplishments, Character, Creativity, Maturity
Essays: Personality, Experience, Values, Growth, Modest but Confident
Interview: Campus Interview, Alumni Interview, Good Fit, Leadership
Cost: Scholarship, Financial Aid

Additional areas such as Regular Application/Early Action/Early Decision, College Fairs, College Visits and Guided Tours, Admission Department of U.S. Universities, Concept of a Matching Process of Student's Choice/University's Choice, University Rankings and their pitfalls, Common Application, HKCEE scores, etc.

Speakers/Panelists
Mr. Peter Chiang: Wah Yan Alumnus; MBA, University of Southern California
Mr. George Chu: Wah Yan Alumnus; BSc and MSc, U.C. Berkeley
Mr. David Lai: Parent of Wah Yan student; Yale University graduate; Education Consultant, Maplewood Education Services
Dr. Timothy Poon: Wah Yan Alumnus; FRCP London; FRCP Edinburgh; FRCP Glasgow; FHKAM; Nephrology Fellow, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.
Mr. George Wong: University of Michigan and University of Wisconsin graduate; Education Consultant, Maplewood Education Services
Mr. David Wu: Wah Yan Alumnus; BSc in Electrical Engineering, Princeton University; MSc U.C. Berkeley
Mr. Perry Yu: MIT and Princeton University graduate; Education Consultant, Maplewood Education Services

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Section II  (4:30pm-5:00pm)
Meet the Speakers/Panelists
The speakers and panelists will meet students/parents/audience for informal discussions.