

Shu Ren International School
Weekly Announcements
November 12, 2009

Important Dates:

Thursday, Nov. 19 - Friday, Nov. 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, No Classes

Thursday, Nov. 26 - Friday, Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, December 2 - PA meeting

From the School Administration

1. New Website: [Our new website](#) has just gone live! We redesigned the site so that it can be an information hub for parents; much of the information you currently receive by email will now be posted online and archived. We hope this will make it easier for parents to stay informed about news and announcements from the school. To this end, please bookmark the following links (many of these links will be updated in coming weeks):

[Documents for Parents](#) - contains all important documents for all Shu Ren parents, including archives of weekly newsletters, the Family Handbook, and Family Directory. There are also pages for each class which will eventually contain files related to homework, curriculum and classroom activities. Please note that these links are intended for current families only and are password protected. **The password for all protected pages on the site is: shuren1333.** Please keep this information in your files.

[School Calendar](#) - Events from the calendar can be downloaded into your family's Google calendar.

You may also sign up to receive updates, either through an RSS reader or via email, at [this link](#). If you have been receiving updates from the Shu Ren blog over the past year, you have already been signed up to receive news updates from the new site. Please note that the new classroom blogs are primarily intended for prospective parents, and will include curriculum planners. More individualized information for each classroom will be communicated to parents by the teachers.

Browse through the site, familiarize yourselves with it, and let us know if you encounter any problems. Also, a reminder that **if you prefer not to have your child(ren)'s photos included on the site, please send an email to Jie as soon as possible.**

2. Parent/Teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 19 and Friday, November 20. Sign up sheets are now available outside each classroom. Please sign up at your earliest convenience.

3. Holiday Food Drive: Shu Ren will be participating in the Holiday Food Drive sponsored by Alameda Community Food Bank for the first year, and we hope to make it a Shu Ren tradition from this year on. Your child(ren) will be coming home with an empty brown bag and we hope to see the bag back filled. You will find the big barrel at the entrance where to leave your donation. Thank you in advance and together let's make this a better holiday season for everyone.

From the Parents Association

1. The **next PA meeting** will be held on Wednesday, December 2.

2. Spread the Word: Parents can do a tremendous amount to help support Shu Ren simply by getting word out about the school in the community. Recommendations from current parents are always the most important factor for prospective parents when considering schools. There are three easy ways you can help:

A. Pick up flyers about the school from Jie's office and post them in child-friendly locations that you frequent in your neighborhoods (playgrounds, cafes, libraries, etc).

B. Post reviews of the school on [Berkeley Parents Network](#) and [Yelp](#). Last week a question on the Schools newsletter of BPN asked for reviews of local Mandarin schools. You can post reviews up to 11 pm tonight (Thursday) to be included in this week's newsletter. Yelp also has a couple of reviews of Shu Ren but needs more.

C. Send out information about Shu Ren Open Houses, school tours, etc to your friends, colleagues, and family-oriented email lists that you may be a part of, or through your Facebook page. Updated schedules for school events are listed on the new website. Always include a link to the school website. Thank you!!

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