

# Welcome Back To School

August 24, 2020

Dear English Track Family,

It's the new school year and a fresh start as we embark with In-Person and Online teaching. The start of a new school year is an exciting time, but as COVID-19 continues to be a health concern, expat teachers have waited what seem like an eternity but were recently approved to return once the school receives the PU letter from Beijing Foreign Affairs Office. This is what we have been waiting for since the border restriction prevented teachers to return in March. Teachers will send approved documents to their Chinese embassy at home, arrange flight tickets and then undergo 14-day quarantine in a hotel + 7-day quarantine at home (if required). Please consider the timeline with everything working smoothly that it will take a month or more for expats to reunite with their students in person. For this reason we are eager to do our very best to ensure that you and your children receive timely ET emails, schoolwide notices and open communication with teachers and staff.

**ManageBac** is the leading online learning management platform and is the new advancement in SMIC to enhance communication, curriculum planning, and reporting between students and teachers. Parents will have access to check student grades and communicate with your child's teachers. Login details will be provided during the first few days of school.

**Temperature check** is done at the school gate. Please report student illness immediately to your Homeroom or Advisory teacher and do not send your child if he/she is sick. Mask is worn inside the building. Students do not need to wear masks during PE class and outside activities/recess.

#### **Student Orientation**

Grade	Who	Date	Time
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Students and Parents	Saturday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:45-11am
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	New and former E5 Students	Saturday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-11:30am
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	New Students	Saturday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-11:30am
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	New Students	Saturday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-11:30am

Parents will receive a separate email with more information. New students in grades 2-5 will receive their orientation when they report to school on their first day of school.

### **School Opening Dates**

Grade	Date	
Gr.1 & Gr. 7	Monday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>	
Gr.5, 6, 8	Tuesday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>	
Gr. 2, 3, 4	Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	

Teachers will contact you with their warm welcome letter, class guideline/syllabus, and Student Handbook information this week. Preparation and training has been a tremendous part of this year's professional development as teachers have successfully collaborated and unified both In-Person experience and online teaching. Teachers are excited to welcome students, and I could not have asked for a better team to begin my 12<sup>th</sup> year at SMIC School.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all. Patience and understanding among everyone involved will go a long way toward a great first week as everyone becomes familiar and to find yourself at home in this school year. Thank you for choosing the Beijing SMIC Private School and the English Track.

Kindest regards,

Christie Lee ET Principal



## 欢迎回到校园

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### 亲爱的英文部家人们,

新学年的开始是一个令人兴奋的时刻,但由于新冠肺炎仍是一个让人担忧的健康问题,我们将采取课堂教学和在线教学相结合的方法。另外,外籍教师们也相当期待返回中国,一旦学校收到北京外事办公室的邀请函,外籍教师则可获准回到中国。因为之前 3 月份,国家政策限制了教师返回。外籍教师回到中国后将在酒店接受 14 天的隔离,并在家接受 7 天的隔离(如有需要)。 在一切顺利的情况下,外籍教师与学生们面对面团聚将需要一个月或更长时间。因此,我们会尽我们最大的努力,确保您和孩子能够及时收到英文部的邮件、全校通知以及与老师的公开沟通。

ManageBac 是中国领先的在线学习管理平台,是中芯国际在加强学生和教师之间的交流、课程规划和汇报等方面的新进步。家长可以查看学生的成绩并与孩子的老师交流。ManageBac 系统登录的细节将于开学前几天提供给家长。

开学后,需要在学校门口进行**体温检测**。如有学生生病,请立即向班主任或辅导老师报告,切勿将孩子送到学校。在室内要戴口罩。学生在体育课和课外活动/课间不需要戴口罩。

### 学生说明会

年级	人员	日期	时间
1 年级	学生和家长	8月29日(周六)	8:45-11:00
6 年级	新生和前5年级学生	8月29日(周六)	8:30-11:30
7 年级	新生	8月29日(周六)	8:30-11:30
8 年级	新生	8月29日(周六)	8:30-11:30

家长将会收到一封单独的电子邮件,里面会有更多的信息。2-5年级新生在开学第一天到学校报到时,将会有学生说明会。

### 学校开学日期

年级	日期	
1年级和7年级	8月31日 (周一)	
5, 6, 8 年级	9月1日(周二)	
2, 3, 4 年级	9月7日(周一)	

老师们将在本周给您发一封欢迎信、课程指南/教学大纲和学生手册信息。准备工作和培训是今年教师专业发展的重要组成部分,因为教师们需要在课堂教学和在线教学方面合作并保持统一。老师们将会热情地欢迎学生们的到来,我可以说我在中芯的12年工作生涯中,现在的教师团队是最好的。我期待着与你们见面并认识你们。耐心和理解将会帮助我们度过美好的第一周,因为彼此之间都会慢慢熟络,在学校也慢慢地会有归属感。感谢您选择中芯学校英文部。

致以最亲切的问候

Christie Lee 英文部校长