**Student Questionnaire**

**What three words would teachers use to describe you?**

Artistic, Inquisitive, Creative

**How would your closest friend describe your:**

**Best qualities:** All-rounded, Easygoing, Caring, Honest, Humble

**Greatest challenges:** Athletics, Forgetfulness

**What is your favorite subject in school, and why does it inspire you?**

Computer is by far my most favorite subject because I love to play computer games. I can beat boys in the games. When I grow up, I want to create my own computer games. I have been learning programming in JavaScript. It is both fun and challenging. I still have a lot to learn before I can create my own games.

**Over the past two years, what activities have you been involved in outside of the classroom? Examples might include the arts, athletics, community service, hobbies, etc. Have you earned any special recognition for your participation? Please let us know which of these have been important to you, and why they have been significant.**

I have been playing piano concerts up to my departure from China. Then I practice it on my own. I plan to resume it in high school. I have taught myself drawing because I know great art work is essential to computer games and anime. An illustration I drew for my history assignment received perfect score. I am now also fascinated by fashion design. I go to fencing and tennis classes.

**What are your favorite movies and/ or books, and why?**

I love the anime movie Spirited Away because of the main character Chihiro Ogino. When she is trapped in a ghostly world and her parents turned into pigs, she has to work to free the spirits and her parents. Chihiro is of my age. Her resolve, hard work, and compassion reflect my personality and I hope to emulate her character in my own life.

**What makes your favorite teacher so special?**

My favorite teacher is Ms. Ran Zhang from my elementary school. She was my home room teacher. She was very strict but gave us constructive criticisms all the time. We were all a little afraid of her, especially the naughty boys. But we also loved her because she made sure we learned a lot of things. The thing I liked the best about her was that our classroom was always ranked #1 in our grade.

**If you had any superpower, what would it be, and why?**

It would be mind-reading. It would be nice if I could tell what people have in mind. Knowing what people is thinking can lead to a better solution to everything because I can address what people really want or like and not what they say they want or like. I can also tell who are terrorists and try my best to help people focus on making living condition better rather than killing other people.

**Tell us about a moment with friends that was just plain fun.**

It is always plain fun any time I hang out with my friends: playing games, shopping, chatting, or simply sitting around doing nothing. The innocence of youth is like fireworks: an explosive display of fleeting beauty. When you are young, you care only about each other. There is no second guessing, no competition, and no discrimination. It is pure friendship, unpolluted by the worldly interests.

**What do you hope for in your new school, both inside and outside of the classroom? How would you like to contribute to the school community?**

I hope to learn a lot of knowledge because I want to go to a top college in the future. I hope for passionate teachers because good teachers inspire you and spark your interests. I hope for a chance to compete in the real Math Olympics. I hope for classmates who will become my new best friends. I hope for a good music program so that I can continue to do my piano performances.

**Please choose one question and continue on another page if necessary: • What is the greatest challenge you have faced in your life? How did you meet it, and what did you learn from it?**

**Chadwick School is committed to graduating students of ‘exemplary character’ who are respectful, honest, compassionate, responsible and fair. Please describe an experience that displayed or developed your character.**

My greatest challenge was to come to the U.S. for school. Studying abroad for a few weeks is one thing. Attending a school full time is another. The difference is that you are not pampered as a foreigner any more. But I asked for the move so I could not complain about it ☺。 I just have to listen more closely, study more, practice more and adapt gradually. I think I am doing well now. I started to win Math competition. I am sure I will win more.

**Chadwick believes leadership takes many forms: elected or appointed leadership positions, ethical leadership, and informal leadership, such as showing initiative in teaching a group project or volunteer activity, or the ability to set an example, or involve or motivate others. Describe a situation where you assumed a leadership role or where you failed to demonstrate leadership. What did you learn from this experience? Please continue on another page if necessary.**

In terms of leadership, my parents are my best role models. My dad is a movie director and my mom a producer. They could just work for studios. But they had bigger dreams. So they started their own studio which is named after my dad. After many years, the studio is now going public. The lesson I learned is that you want to have big dreams to be a leader. This is true with my piano playing. I was one of the best of Professor Xi You’s students. I reached the highest possible level (level 9, Central Conservatory of Music of China) at only age 12 because I wanted to be the best. I practiced a lot more than required. I did not stop until I reached perfection. The drive and desire is the important thing with leadership.

My parents’ studio hosts many social events and publicity events. I helped out a lot, first through my piano performances, then with chores like compiling guest lists or following up with florist. I have become very good at asking for help and I found myself handling bigger and bigger things. The lesson I learned was that it is impossible to do everything yourself. Leadership means you make a lot of friends and ask your friends to help you out, so that you can achieve what you want to accomplish. You delegate work to people.

I have been a follower in my new American environment. This is fine. To be a good leader, you want to be a good follower first. Because you want to know what your followers are thinking. I will be a good follower before I learn to play a leadership role.