

Dear CTA Family,

We are about to complete another successful school year. We are all working hard and looking forward to our very first Diaspora Tamil Educational Conference. The conference takes place at Santa Clara Convention Center on June 9th and 10th. A formal dinner and panel discussion with the delegates is planned for the evening of June 8th.

The conference will have three parallel tracks. The first track will focus on the paper presentation by scholars. The second track will focus on training workshops for Teachers. The third one will be a cultural show performed by diaspora students.

We are confident that CTA could depend on your continued support for the success of this conference. We are looking forward to your participation and patronage in the conference. The inaugural function will take place on June 9th at 9 am and in this event CTA will unveil the plan for next phase of our Tamil Education going beyond our current boundaries. Please do not miss the opportunity to hear CTA's plan for evolution in Tamil Education.

Now we would like to brief you on a big positive change that CTA is introducing next school year 2012. As part of the continuous improvement that CTA makes in its curriculum, this year we are introducing a major change in our curriculum structure and books. We are making these changes to make the curriculum relevant to the diaspora children. These changes will help our students to graduate from CTA before entering high school.

Preschool level 1 and 2 will focus on creating an environment to hear and speak the language. Basic Level 1 and 2 will introduce the alphabets with simple words. **Basic 3 will be eliminated.** Grade 1 will complete the learning of all the letters and introduce simple sentences. Up to this level we will be following the current books developed by CTA.

Grade 2 to Grade 7 will use books from Singapore Ministry of Education. These books will be adopted "As is" for a year or two. These books have some content that are not quite relevant to our students. We are currently working with Singapore Ministry of Education to incorporate changes. The new books will be concentrating more in conversation. Writing skills will gradually be increased as students move to higher levels. We are making it a prerequisite for all Grade 2 and higher teachers to go through a formal curriculum training.

Because of this change in our curriculum structure, students who are currently in Basic 2 and above will be placed one grade higher during next school year. For example current Basic 2 will move to Grade 1 instead of Basic 3. The exception to this would be our current sixth grade students who will move to advanced seventh grade. For all questions and clarifications on this, please approach your school principal and vice principal.

California Tamil Academy has been growing every year with your undivided support. You have given us the strength to prove time and again to deliver on what we set out to do. We thank you for providing CTA the opportunity to know you, work with you and make our dreams in Diaspora Tamil Education come true over these years.

We are confident of scaling new heights in the coming years with your continued loyalty and support.

Thank you  
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Grade move for your reference:

<b>Grade in 2011 - 2012</b>	<b>Grade in 2012 - 2013</b>
<b>Preschool 1</b>	<b>Preschool 2</b>
<b>Preschool 2</b>	<b>Basic 1</b>
<b>Basic 1</b>	<b>Basic 2</b>
<b>Basic 2</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>
<b>Basic 3</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>Grade 4</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Grade 5</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>
<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Advance Grade 7 (this grade level is only for 2012-2013)</b>