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Parents' Connect

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1. PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

Greetings to you! The past two months have been an enriching time for my colleagues and students, as we experienced some key highlights of Term 1, including the Sec 1 Parent Engagement Session cum CCA Showcase, Sec 1 Orientation, the Chinese New Year Celebrations and the National School Games for our sports CCAs.

The school would like to continue to partner you in supporting your child/ward's development of values and skills that will help him/her in developing good habits to be a confident, engaged and self-directed learner who takes responsibility for his/her own learning. We also want to continue to strengthen mutual understanding, respect and trust between the school and parents/guardians to support your child/ward's growth journey in his/her academic learning, CCA and character development.

2. UPDATING OF PUPIL DATA & INFORMATION

As mentioned in the Parents Connect Letter dated 3 Jan 2023, MOE has rolled out the digitalised Student Details Form (SDF) to all parents/Legal Guardian (LG)/Authorised Caregiver (CG) where student data and information can be updated via the online SDF Portal. We would like to thank everyone who have updated their child/ward's data and information via the online SDF portal using your Singpass account. The information is useful to the school to continue to provide the necessary duty of care specific to the students' needs. For parents/guardians who have yet to do so, please complete the submission via the SDF Portal soonest which can be accessed via this URL: <https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>.

3. Parents Gateway

Parents Gateway (PG) is an initiative by MOE to enable parents to interact with schools more conveniently on administrative matters. Parents will be able to use this mobile application to stay updated on the school's programmes and activities and to give consent to the child's involvement in school activities.

Parents are reminded to switch on the notification function so that you will be able to receive the information disseminated by the school in a timely manner and to respond within the stipulated time.

4. Student Development Week 'Fuel your Future' (6 - 9 Mar 2023)

To equip students with the essential skills to be future-ready, we have a line-up of student development programmes customised for each level on Term 1 Week 10. As these are the key programmes of the school, students' attendance is compulsory. A letter will be sent to you via Parents Gateway (PG) to provide more details of the programmes. An overview of the T1W10 programmes is as follows:

	6 Mar (Mon)	7 Mar (Tue)	8 Mar (Wed)	9 Mar (Thu)
Sec 1	Forensic Science, Design Thinking Workshop	Sec 1 Cohort Camp		
Sec 2	Conversational Chinese/Malay Language Programme (CCM)		Sculpture Walk, CCM	CCM
Sec 3	Sports Educational Programme (SEP)	Cohort Hike	Inter-Class Games	SEP
Sec 4/5	ECG Fair		Social Etiquette Workshop, MTL Intensive Programme	MTL Intensive Programme

**10 Mar (Fri) is a Blended Learning Day.*

5. Supplementary lessons in March Holidays (13 – 14 Mar 2023)

Supplementary lessons will be conducted for identified students on 13 – 14 Mar, to help them make progress in their learning. The identified students will be informed by 9 March and they will be allowed to attend the lessons in half-uniform.

6. SEC 2 - 5 PARENT ENGAGEMENT SESSION (31 Mar 2023)

The annual parent engagement session will take place on 31 March 2023 (Friday), from 3pm to 6pm (tentative), for parents/guardians of Sec 2 – 5 students.

We strongly encourage you to set aside time to attend the session online. There will be a live Q&A segment where the panel will address some of the commonly asked questions. You will also get to know more about the following:

Sec 2 students	Guiding your child/ward to choose a Sec 3 Subject Combination that best suits his/her passion and interest
Sec 3 - 5 students	Helping your child/ward to prepare for the final lap and discover the post-secondary pathways available

7. National Physical Fitness Assessment (NAPFA) for Sec 2, 4 & 5 Students (25 - 28 Apr 2023)

The PE Department would be conducting the NAPFA assessment for Sec 2, 4 and 5 students during PE lessons. The assessment period will be from 25 to 28 April 2023. Your support is sought to encourage and motivate your children to prepare for the assessment through regular physical exercise and conditioning over the following weeks.

8. CCA Matters

CCA is a key platform to develop our students holistically and to build character. CCA attendance is one of the components in the Conduct Grade assessment. We seek your cooperation to ensure that your child/ward attends his/her CCA regularly so that he/she can explore his/her strengths and potential, learn social skills, and develop grit and resilience through the CCA experiences.

Sec 4 & 5 students will officially be released from their CCA commitments on 29 Apr 2023 (Sat) so that they can channel their time and energy in preparation for the National Examinations.

9. Weighted Assessment 2

Aligned to MOE directives, there will be no Mid-Year Examinations for all levels of students. The purpose is to dedicate more time and space for students to experience joy of learning in the respective subjects, help students deepen their understanding of their subjects through inquiry-based and experiential learning, and develop 21st Century Competencies in our students.

Weighted Assessment 2 (WA2) will take place in Term 2, involving pen-and-paper tests and alternative forms of assessments. Pls note that attendance for WA2 is compulsory and non-attendance must be supported by a valid medical certificate.

Information for Parents of Secondary One Students

10. Residential Outdoor Experiential and Adventure Camp for Secondary 1 Students (7 – 9 Mar 2023)

The objectives of this camp are to help our Sec 1 students develop resilience and teamwork through rugged outdoor living and challenging common experiences, so as to build strong camaraderie and social bonds with their peers and teachers. Some details of the camp are as follows:

Dates: 7 – 9 March 2023
Venue: School
Reporting Time: 7.30am at the Indoor Sports Hall, 7 March
Dismissal Time: 2.30pm, 9 March

11. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) - Sec 1 students (22 Mar 2023)

The school has submitted the orders of the Personal Learning Devices (PLD) to the vendor. Sec 1 students will be collecting and unboxing their devices on 22 March during curriculum time. More information will be disseminated via Parents Gateway closer to the unboxing date.

As part of the device orientation programme, students are expected to complete a SLS lesson package consisting of cyber wellness, classroom routines, security and acceptable use policy before they collect their devices.

You can refer to <https://go.gov.sg/pdlpparenthandbook> for more information on learning with a personal learning device and tips and resources on supporting your child/ward in his/her digital learning journey.

12. Sec 1 ICT Programmes – Workspace Skills & National Digital Explorer

As part of our efforts to strengthen our students' digital literacy to navigate the digital age, the school has embarked on two ICT programmes for Sec 1 students.

(i) Workspace Skills

Workspace skills is a series of interactive tutorials deployed via Google Classroom as assignments. Students upon completing the tutorial will get a competency and efficiency score and a e-badge for the digital skill they learnt. The badges earned are automatically recorded in their Digital Skills Passport. Students can download these badges to build up their portfolio.

(ii) National Digital Explorer

National Digital Explorer is a nationwide digital literacy initiative designed to empower students to learn real-world skills that enable them to think critically and be more productive learners. All Secondary 1 Express and Normal Academic students will be taking part in the programme.

Students who complete the eLearning modules will receive the ICDL¹ certificate of completion (digital) at the end of the programme. Details of the login information will be disseminated to the students once the accounts have been created by the organiser.

Students should make use of Blended Learning Days and free time to complete the hands-on learning and bite-sized learning via Google Classroom and/or the ICDL eLearning platform (National Digital Explorer).

Together We Thrive!

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PRINCIPAL
1 MAR 2023

(This is a computer-generated letter which does not require a signature.)

¹ ICDL is an international qualification recognised worldwide that helps people to develop and certify their skills in using a computer. The ICDL programme provides flexible learning pathways and facilitates lifelong learning.