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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we reflect on the events that have brought us to this term, there is so much we can be grateful for in our school journey. Friday, 1 March 2024 saw a wonderful display of our girls' talents as they came together as one St. Margaret's to put on a concert that will live on in the memories of performers and audience alike. From the technical crew, emcees and Performing Arts groups, great effort was put into delivering a good show. As the concert ended with the crescendo of voices singing 'You are loved*', it was heartening to spread this positive and uplifting message of hope and beauty to everyone.

The Sports CCAs have also much to be proud of as they are in the thick of their National School Games. It is heartening that many students were able to join the sports teams at the competition arenas to cheer and support their peers who were competing. Regardless if the school team(s) had won or lost the match(es), every game had been rich and powerful lessons of growth. We are grateful that the teams were able to prepare themselves well and enjoyed this competition season.

We congratulate our student, Moza Baihakki from 1 Love for her performance at the recent 2024 Inter-School Para Swimming Championships. We want to celebrate with Moza and family her spirit of tenacity and resilience which is truly an inspiration for all of us!

Sportsmanship was also on display during our annual Sports Day on Friday, 8 March. Our girls were able to experience a slice of what it felt like to run (and cheer) for their Houses. This year's Sports Day was held at our affiliated school St. Andrew's Junior College.

As we step up the rhythm of learning into Term 2, it is inevitable that the stressors may pick up. We continue to partner and look to all parents/guardians to be that listening ear and pillar of strength to your child/ward. As we strive together to provide the best experience for our young ladies, let's work hand in hand in support of our students' mental and physical well-being.

**'You are loved': originally sung by pop group 'Stars Go Dim'*

Health Matters

As we face rising temperatures due to urbanisation and climate change, schools, with guidelines from MOE, have existing measures in place to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff when faced with higher temperature conditions. MOE's guidelines are aligned with NEA's Heat Stress Advisory. Please encourage your daughters/wards to stay well hydrated during hot spells.

For All Levels

1. International Friendship Day

We will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on **Friday, 5 April**. The theme for IFD 2024 is 'Singapore in Asia'. International cooperation remains key in our complex world. Asia is the world's fastest-growing region, and Singapore continues to promote close economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia.

During the IFD commemoration, there will be a series of activities for our students to recognise the importance of connectedness with our neighbouring countries and understand how knowledge and understanding of our ASEAN neighbours can help us build good relations, cultivating mutual respect, friendship and collaboration. These activities include research on our ASEAN neighbours' geography, culture, identity and ties between Singapore and its neighbours, an infographic design activity and an inter-House quiz.

2. Student Council Commendation Ceremony

The Student Council Commendation Ceremony recognises the contributions of our 2023/2024 batch of Student Councillors and formally welcomes the 2024/2025 batch of Student Councillors as they officially take on their leadership roles.

This year, the Student Council Commendation Ceremony will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on **Wednesday, 24 April**.

For Secondary 2, 4 and 5 Students

3. National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test

The NAPFA test is a compulsory MOE test conducted by the PE Department to evaluate the overall physical fitness for students who are in Secondary 2, 4 and 5.

The NAPFA test comprises 6 stations:

- Sit-Up
- Standing Broad Jump
- Sit and Reach
- Pull-up
- Shuttle Run
- 2.4 km Run

All stations will be tested on one day except for the 2.4 km Run test which will be conducted during your child/ward's PE lesson(s) in Term 2.

The NAPFA test dates are found in Annex A.

For Secondary 3, 4 and 5 Students

4. Upper Secondary Mother Tongue Languages Oral Examination

As part of the overall assessment in Mother Tongue languages, students will be required to sit an Oral Examination. The scores of this examination will be incorporated into the End-of-Year Examination for the Secondary 3 students and the Preliminary Examination for the Secondary 4 and 5 students.

The schedule for the Oral Examination is shown in Annex B. Further details will be provided to the students by the Mother Tongue teachers prior to the examination.

For Secondary 3 Students

5. Work Attachment/Job Shadowing Programme

The Work Attachment/Job Shadowing (WAJS) Programme provides an avenue for our students to understand the work environment and cultivate better work habits. This year, WAJS opportunities will be made available to our Secondary 3 students between **Monday, 4 November and Friday, 22 November** for a duration of 5 to 10 days.

Parents/Guardians who are keen and able to **support** us in this programme can kindly indicate your availability/interest via the online form accessible at <http://go.gov.sg/wajs2024> or by scanning the QR code below by **Friday, 26 April**.

The ECG team will then contact you on the necessary follow-up to work out placement opportunities in May 2024.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jean Tan (Subject Head/ CCE - ECG & Partnership) at tan_lay_ching@moe.edu.sg.



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For Graduating Students

6. CCA Sessions for Graduating Students

CCA sessions for Sec 4 and 5 students will be suspended from **Friday, 5 April** except for selected students who are still involved in competitions and performances (e.g. National Schools Games (NSG) and Student Council Commendation Ceremony).

The specific CCA suspension dates for these students will be advised by their respective CCA teachers-in-charge.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal

Annex A

National Physical Fitness Award (NAPFA) Test

Schedule

| Date | Timing | Classes |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| Tuesday, 30 April | 3.00pm – 5.00pm | 2 Kindness 2 Goodness 2 Faithfulness |
| Tuesday, 7 May | 4.00pm – 6.00pm | 2 Love 2 Joy 2 Peace 2 Patience |
| Wednesday, 8 May | 7.30am – 9.45am | 4 Patience 4 Peace 4 Joy 4 Love 5 Devotion |
| | 1.15pm – 3.35pm | 4 Temperance 4 Gentleness 4 Faithfulness 4 Goodness 4 Kindness |

Annex B

Upper Secondary Mother Tongue Languages Oral Examination

Schedule

| Level/Group | Subject | Dates |
|---|---|---|
| Secondary 4/5 | Chinese / Malay / Tamil / Higher Chinese / Higher Tamil / Chinese 'B' / Basic Chinese / Basic Malay / Basic Tamil | Monday, 15 April – Tuesday, 16 April |
| Secondary 3 Higher Mother Tongue Students | Chinese / Malay / Tamil | |
| Secondary 3 Higher Mother Tongue Students | Higher Chinese / Higher Malay / Higher Tamil | Wednesday, 11 September & Friday, 13 September |
| Secondary 3 Mother Tongue Students | Chinese / Malay / Tamil / Chinese 'B' / Basic Chinese / Basic Malay / Basic Tamil | |