



# St. Margaret's Secondary School

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## 2 September 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

August was a memorable month as we came together as a nation to celebrate Singapore's 54<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As we approach Term 4 and the End-of-Year and National Examinations, we wish our students the very best as they prepare and sit for the examinations. May God guide our students in their preparation during this period.

### For All Students

#### 1. Secondary 1 to 3 End-of-Year Examinations

The timetables for the Secondary 1 to 3 End-of-Year Examinations have been distributed to the students on Monday, 26 August. These documents can also be downloaded from the school website under the 'Resources' section.

#### 2. Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 5 September. Students will report to school at 7.30am and be dismissed at 11.30am on that day.

#### 3. Suspension of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

All CCAs will be suspended from Monday, 9 September and resume after the End-of-Year Examinations, from Tuesday, 15 October.

#### 4. Change in Timetable

In view of a number of Friday lessons being affected by public and school holidays, the school will be operating on Friday's timetable on Tuesday, 3 September. Lessons will end at 1.25pm. Afternoon programmes on Tuesday, 3 September remain unchanged.

#### 5. Change in Dismissal Time Due to Listening Comprehension Examinations

The GCE 'N' Level Listening Comprehension Examinations will be conducted on 18, 20, 23 and 25 September. Adjustments have been made to the dismissal time for some classes to facilitate the preparation of the examination venues for the examination to take place:

Dates	Dismissal Time	Classes
18 September	1.55pm	All classes
20, 23 and 25 September	12.50pm	S4-1 to S4-5, S5-1 & S5-2
	1.55pm	All Secondary 1, 2, 3 classes, S4-6, S4-7 and S4-8

#### 6. Headstart Programme and Study Camp

As mentioned in the January Principal's letter, the Headstart Programme will be conducted for all Secondary 3 students, to provide them with a headstart on their Secondary 4 syllabus.

All Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students who do not perform satisfactorily in the End-of-Year Examinations will be required to attend a Study Camp to help them improve academically. Students identified for this programme will be notified after the release of the End-of-Year Examination results.

The schedule of the Headstart Programme and Study Camp is shown below:

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Headstart Programme</b>	<b>Study Camp</b>
S1-1 to S1-7 & S2-1 to S2-7		Tuesday, 29 October – Friday, 8 November
S3-1 to S3-5	Wednesday, 23 October – Friday, 1 November	Monday, 4 November – Friday, 8 November
S3-6 to S3-8	Wednesday, 23 October – Friday, 25 October	Tuesday, 29 October – Friday, 8 November
S3-9	Wednesday, 23 October – Friday, 25 October	

Parents are reminded not to take your child/ward away from school during term time as shown above. Ample notice will be given on holiday programmes to aid you in planning your vacation.

### 7. Teachers' Day Sale by Parent Support Group

The Parent Support Group will be organizing a Teachers' Day craft and sale at The Shop. Craft workshops will be conducted on Monday, 2 September and a sale of handmade gifts will be held on Wednesday, 4 September. We encourage our students to show expressions of gratitude to their teachers on Teachers' Day through handmade cards and crafts. Parent volunteers will be available to assist the students in the craft at the Shop.

## For Upper Secondary Students

### 8. Secondary 3 Mother Tongue Oral Examinations

The Mother Tongue Oral Examinations for all Secondary 3 students will be conducted on the following dates:

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
S3-6 to S3-9	Monday, 16 September	2.30pm – 5.30pm
S3-1 to S3-5	Wednesday, 18 September	

Details of the Oral Examinations will be given to the students nearer the date.

### 9. Farewell Assembly and Last Day of School for Graduating Classes

On Monday, 30 September, we bid all Secondary 4 and 5 graduating students a formal farewell. We would like to thank St. John's Chapel for supporting this event.

The last day of school before the study break for the graduating classes is as follows:

<b>Classes</b>	<b>Last Day</b>
S4-6 to S4-8	Monday, 30 September
S4-1 to S4-5, S5-1 & S5-2	Tuesday, 1 October
S4-9	Friday, 4 October

## For Lower Secondary Students

### 10. Study Camp for Lower Secondary Students

Secondary 1 and 2 students who do not perform satisfactorily at the End-of-Year Examinations will be required to attend a compulsory Study Camp. Students identified for this programme will be notified after the release of the End-of-Year Examination results.

The schedule is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tuesday, 29 October – Friday, 8 November	8.00am – 10.00am

We seek your assistance and cooperation in taking these dates into account for holiday plans that involve your child/ward.

### **11. Founder's Day Service**

Our Founder's Day Service will be held at St. Andrew's Cathedral on Friday, 15 November. It is a tradition for our Secondary 1 students to attend this service and they will be required to assemble at the ISH basketball court at 9.30am. One-way transport will be provided to the venue. After the service, students will be dismissed directly from the cathedral at 12.15pm.

## **Others**

### **12. St. Margaret's 177<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch**

On Saturday, 16 November, the school will be celebrating her 177<sup>th</sup> anniversary at St. Margaret's Secondary School, 111 Farrer Road. The celebration will start at 11.30am. The theme for the event is 'With a Grateful Heart'.

All staff, parents/guardians, former and current students, partners and friends are invited to join St. Margaret's in celebrating 177 years of God's love and faithfulness. Tickets for the sit-down lunch are available at \$40 per person and the sale of tickets will start from Monday, 9 September to Tuesday, 15 October.

To purchase tickets for the lunch, please complete the attached Ticket Purchase Form on page 4 and submit both the form and payment to the respective person-in-charge (as indicated on the form) before the closing date.

### **13. Parents Gateway Updates**

The school has started using Parents Gateway since Term 3, 2019. We would like to inform that from Tuesday, 20 August, parents will now have the option to turn on email notifications. The feature will trigger an alert when there is a new message sent via Parents Gateway as well as updates of application updates. Parents would however still need to log into the app to view the entire message (announcements/consent forms) and to respond to consent forms.

Please note that this update feature would only be available to parents after they have upgraded their mobile version of Parents Gateway to v3.1. Updates are available through Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Parents who have yet to onboard to Parents Gateway, are invited to download the free Parents Gateway App to remain up-to-date with school events.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours faithfully,  
Lee Lin Yee (Mdm)  
Principal



## ST. MARGARET'S EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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### ST. MARGARET'S 177<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

*Theme : With A Grateful Heart*

*Dress Code : Casual*

**Date: Saturday, 16 November 2019**

**Time: 12 noon (please be seated by 11.55am)**

**Registration begins at 11.30am**

**Venue: St. Margaret's Secondary School**

**School Hall**

**111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240**

### TICKET PURCHASE FORM

(Closing date: 15 October 2019)

I would like to purchase the following number of tickets at **S\$40.00 per person**:

	Chinese Halal	Vegetarian	Total Amount S\$
<b>Total No. of Tickets</b>			

I / We enclose S\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash / Cheque** (Bank Name & Cheque No.) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please issue cheque in favour of "St. Margaret's Ex-Students' Association")*

**Particulars of Ticket Purchaser:**

Name: _____ Mobile: _____ Home/Office: _____ E-mail: _____ Mailing Address: _____ Member of: <u> ** SMESA / PSG / PTA / Staff of SMSS / Staff of SMPS / Others</u> (**delete accordingly)
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**Please contact the following persons for tickets:-**

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