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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have reached the last quarter of the year and we look to the culmination of a year's work. While the academic demands necessitate self-motivation and discipline on the girls' part, their well-being is paramount. Do connect with the Form and Subject teachers should you have any concerns about the learning and well-being of your daughters/wards.

The Secondary One, Two and Three students have received their Personal Learning Devices (PLDs) on 26 August 2021 and we hope that this also ushers in a new paradigm of learning. The students will need to bring their PLDs to school each day and be responsible to look after their own devices. The school will be helping them to use the PLDs to enhance their learning experiences. This year, we will focus on getting the students familiar with the routines and online platforms (eg iCON email, SLS, Google Classroom, etc) that will be used for learning and revision of work. Parents/Guardians will also be receiving more information on the use of the Device Management Application (DMA) when the information is available from MOE.

The school is guided by MOE on the adjustments to the safe management measures and routines which have become part and parcel of our daily lives. Do note that there may be changes as we move from the pandemic to endemic stage. We will persist in our efforts to advise our students to remain vigilant, to protect themselves in the fight to curb the spread of the virus. Please refer to <https://www.moe.gov.sg/faqs-covid-19-infection> to understand the most updated information on Approved Absence (AA) and Leave of Absence (LOA).

School Activities (Note the Change in Dismissal Time)

1. Teachers' Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday, 2 September. Students will report to school at 7.30am and be dismissed from 10.30am onwards (staggered dismissal) on that day. Your daughter/ward will be informed of the dismissal time nearer to the date.

As part of the safe management measures in place, students are advised to go home directly after being dismissed and not visit their primary schools to minimise the risk of inter-mingling.

2. GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations

The GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations will be conducted on Monday, 13 September and Tuesday, 14 September. Adjustments have been made to the dismissal time of the various levels to facilitate the preparation of the examination venues for the examinations to take place.

Levels	Dismissal Time	Dates
Secondary 1, 2 and 3	1.55pm*	13 and 14 September
Secondary 4 and 5	12.50pm*	

*staggered dismissal applies

For Secondary 1, 2 and 3 Students

3. Suspension of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

All face-to-face CCAs and e-CCAs will be suspended from Wednesday, 1 September to Tuesday, 19 October (inclusive). The sessions will resume after the End-of-Year Examinations from Wednesday, 20 October (subject to changes depending on the national posture of the COVID-19 situation).

4. Secondary 3 Mother Tongue Oral Examination

The Mother Tongue Oral Examination for all Secondary 3 students will be conducted on Monday, 13 September and Tuesday, 14 September from 2.45pm to 5.30pm. Details of the examination will be given to the students nearer the date and available on the school website.

5. Home-based Learning Day for Secondary 1 Students on Monday, 4 October

Secondary 1 students will continue with Home-based Learning (HBL) on Monday, 20 September and 4 October 2021. Like the other HBL Days on preceding even Mondays of this semester, Secondary 1 students will carry on with their learning at home, asynchronously.

Students are encouraged to spend their time revising for the upcoming End-of-Year Examinations (commencing Wednesday, 6 October) after completing the tasks assigned to them that day.

6. End-of-Year Examinations

The Secondary 1 to 3 End-of-Year Examinations will be conducted during the following periods:

Level(s)	Examination Period
Secondary 1 and 2	Wednesday, 6 October – Friday, 15 October
Secondary 3	Monday, 4 October – Friday, 15 October

The examination timetables will be distributed to the students on Thursday, 2 September and can be downloaded from the school website under the 'Resources for Students' section. The timetable has also been sent to the students via their **stmargs and ICON email account**.

7. Curriculum Continuity and Study Camp

Curriculum Continuity: Lessons will be conducted for all Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students after the End-of-Year Examinations (EYE). This is especially important to help students better understand the content that was not tested in the EYE. These lessons are also designed to help students to bridge their learning gaps identified in the EYE.

Study Camp: For students who do not perform satisfactorily in the EYE, a study camp will be conducted to help them close the learning gaps that they have. Students identified for the study camp will be notified after the release of the End-of-Year Examination results.

The schedule for the Curriculum Continuity sessions and study camp is as follows:

Level(s) / Classes	Curriculum Continuity	Study Camp
Secondary 1 Secondary 2 & S3-9	Tuesday, 26 October – Friday, 29 October	Monday, 1 November – Friday, 12 November
S3-1 to S3-8	Tuesday, 26 October – Friday, 5 November	Monday, 8 November – Friday, 12 November

For Secondary 4 and 5 Students

8. Night Study, Farewell Assembly and Last Day of School for Graduating Classes

(a) Night Study

The optional night study for graduating classes will continue to run from Monday, 13 September to Friday, 24 September until 7.00pm to support students in their final lap of preparation for the national examinations. Teachers will help to monitor and supervise students between 5.00pm to 7.00pm and safe management measures will be put in place to safeguard the well-being of students.

The main gate will be closed at 7.00pm. Parents/Guardians who are driving are advised to wait at the Farrer Gardens carpark for their daughters/wards.

(b) Farewell Assembly, Last Day of School and Study Break(s) for Graduating Classes

The Farewell Assembly for the Secondary 4 and 5 graduating students will be conducted on Monday, 27 September.

The last day of school and the study break(s) for the graduating classes is as follows:

Classes	Last Day of School	Study Break(s)
S4-1 to S4-5 & S5-1	Monday, 27 September	Tuesday, 28 September – Friday, 15 October
S4-6 to S4-8	Monday, 27 September	(1st window) Saturday, 4 September – Sunday, 12 September (2nd window) Tuesday, 28 September – Sunday, 3 October
S4-9	Thursday, 30 September	(1st window) Saturday, 4 September – Sunday, 12 September (2nd window) Friday, 1 October – Sunday, 3 Oct

Students are advised to stay at home to revise during the study breaks and refrain from visiting their schoolmates' home to study.

9. Updated Arrangements for the 2021 National Year-End Written Examinations

For the forthcoming national year-end written examinations, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (SEAB) have updated the arrangements for students so that as many students as possible can sit for their papers while keeping students and staff safe.

The information is appended in the press release accessible at <https://go.gov.sg/examarr21>.

Students who fall into the categories as listed in the press release are required to inform their Form Teachers as soon as possible.

Others

10. St. Margaret's 179th Anniversary Celebration

On Tuesday, 16 November, St. Margaret's celebrates our 179th anniversary. A video showcasing the activities of the year in St. Margaret's will be produced and the link to access it will be placed on our school's Facebook page from 16 November onwards.

The theme chosen for this year's celebration is "179 Years in Unity". We thank God for the strong unity we have forged all these years, especially during this pandemic despite not being able to meet face-to-face. Besides the video, there will also be various memorabilia sold to raise funds for St. Margaret's Primary School's upgrading project. More information will be available on our school's Facebook page nearer to the date.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal