



# St. Margaret's Secondary School

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*Let our Light Shine!*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are thankful for your support and partnership as we endeavour to nurture an enriching learning environment for our students at St. Margaret's. In line with our transition towards COVID-19 resiliency, school Safe Management Measures (SMMs) will gradually be eased to provide more opportunities for the community to interact and connect with one another.

The activities to celebrate the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our school is under way. Our Performing Arts groups have been working hard towards the production of the online 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Virtual Concert. We look forward to launching it on Friday, 20 May. Parallel to the Virtual Concert and designed to help the audience connect more closely with it is the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Activity Box (FAB). This includes activities like scratch art and conversation cards. Our Uniformed Groups have been committing time to create the FAB. As part of a Values in Action programme, we will be collaborating with the Northwest CDC to present the FAB to 500 residents in Ghim Moh. There will also be a limited quantity of the FAB that will be sold as part of SMSS efforts to help raise funds for the development of the SMPS building. More details on how the FAB can be obtained will be announced in May.

On another note, our Secondary 1 and 3 students joined our Secondary 2 students for Home-Based Learning (HBL) this term. On the specified Wednesdays, students are offered asynchronous lesson packages designed to help them become more self-directed in their learning.

Meanwhile, the National School Games (NSG) have started in earnest. Our girls, having devoted themselves to training hard in preparation for the competitions, are giving of their best and we commend them for their determination!

We thank all parents/guardians for supporting your daughters/wards in the multi-faceted learning environment.

## **Updated Safe Management Measures**

As Singapore gradually eases more of the Safe Management Measures, please note the following:

### **(a) Wearing of Masks**

The school compound remains a mask-on environment. As such, students are required to wear their masks at all times except when:

- participating in specific mask-off activities (e.g. music, sports and performing arts CCAs)
- eating and drinking

### **(b) Practising Good Personal Hygiene**

Please work with your daughter/ward in adherence to the spirit and intent of practising good personal hygiene, and to wash her hands frequently with soap and water.

**(c) Carrying of TraceTogether Tokens**

As there will be more school activities where students mingle and connect with one another, please remind your daughter/ward to have a TraceTogether token in working condition with her at all times.

**(d) Practising Social Responsibility and Seeking Medical Attention When Unwell**

In order to help curb the spread of COVID-19, students who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical attention where necessary. Students should test ART negative each morning if they are on Health Risk Notice (HRN) before entering the school.

**Mid-Year Examinations**

The Mid-Year Written Examinations for Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students will be conducted from Tuesday, 26 April to Wednesday, 12 May.

Note that the Secondary 1 and 3 students will continue to have their Weighted Assessments in Term 2. During this period, the Secondary 1 and 3 students will report to school and have lessons as per usual.

**(a) Reporting time for Secondary 2, 4 and 5 Students during the Examination Period**

The reporting time for the Secondary 2, 4 and 5 students during the examination period will be based on the examination schedules which have been issued to the students on Friday, 25 March. The schedules and duration of the papers have been uploaded to the school website and the files are accessible at <http://go.gov.sg/mye22>.

The details of the reporting time on Wednesdays during the examination period are as follows:

Date(s)	Levels/Classes	Reporting Time
Wednesday, 27 April & Wednesday, 4 May	Secondary 4 & Secondary 5	7.30am
Wednesday, 11 May	S4-9	8.40am
	Secondary 2, S4-1 to S4-8 & Secondary 5	7.30am

**(b) Science Practical Examinations**

The Mid-Year Science Practical Examinations will be conducted during curriculum time for the following classes:

Classes / Levels	Dates
S4-1 to S4-5 & Secondary 5	Thursday, 14 April, Monday, 18 April Wednesday, 20 April & Thursday, 21 April

Lessons will continue as usual for students who are not scheduled for any practical examination. More information will be provided by the subject teachers in due course.

### (c) Mid-Year Mother Tongue Oral Examinations

The Mid-Year Mother Tongue Oral Examinations for all Secondary 4 and 5 students, and Secondary 3 Higher Mother Tongue students, will be conducted as follows:

Date	Time
Monday, 11 April	2.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday, 12 April	2.30pm – 5.30pm

More information will be provided by the subject teachers in due course.

## For All Levels

### 1. CCA Matters

#### (a) National School Games

The National Sports Games (NSG) provides opportunities for our students to hone their mental strength, build resilience, bond and participate in inter-school competitions.

With the recent announcement of allowing up to 30 fully vaccinated persons to take part in team sports, our 'B' Division Sports CCA students will be taking part in the NSG. More information from the respective Sports CCA teachers-in-charge will be provided to Parents/Guardians. SMM, aligned with national guidelines, will be put in place for the various NSG competitions.

#### (b) CCA Sessions in Term 2

The following table lists the CCA sessions in Term 2 for the different levels:

##### Secondary 1 and 2

Level(s)	Term 2 CCA sessions
Secondary 1	Students will attend CCA sessions till Friday, 27 May.
Secondary 2	CCAs will be suspended due to the Mid-year Examinations from Friday, 8 April and resume from Tuesday, 17 May onwards.

##### Secondary 3, 4 and 5

Level(s)	Term 2 CCA sessions	Remarks
Secondary 3	Students will attend CCA sessions till Friday, 27 May.	For selected students will be participating in the NSG. Parents will be informed of the schedule via Parents Gateway.  CCAs for these participants will be suspended upon completion of the respective NSG (specific dates as advised by CCA teachers-in-charge).
Secondary 4 & Secondary 5	Graduating students will officially step down from CCA with effect from Friday, 8 April. They need not attend CCA sessions henceforth.	

## 2. International Friendship Day

We will be commemorating International Friendship Day (IFD) on Friday, 8 April. The theme for IFD 2022 is 'Singapore in Asia'.

International cooperation remains key in our complex world. Asia is the world's fastest-growing region, and Singapore continues to facilitate closer economic, political, social, and cultural cooperation within ASEAN and in Asia. Our focus for our students this year will be on the learning of how St. Margaret's can Be Well, Be Connected and Be a Light as a member of ASEAN.

During the IFD commemoration, there will be a series of activities for our students to recognise the importance of connectedness between our neighbouring countries. It is hoped that our students can play an active role in fostering people-to-people ties, and thus celebrate the region's diversity and vibrancy and promote the spirit of friendship and collaboration.

## 3. Student Council Commendation Ceremony


The Student Council Commendation Ceremony recognises the contributions of our 2021/2022 batch of Student Councillors and formally welcomes the 2022/2023 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 Friday, 22 April.

## Others

## 4. Talk for Parents

There will be an online talk organised for parents/guardians on Saturday, 23 April:

Talk	Date & Time	Registration
Dealing with Exam Stress - Managing Inner Fears and Expectations	Saturday, 23 April  2.00pm – 3.00pm	 <a href="https://go.gov.sg/smtalk22">https://go.gov.sg/smtalk22</a>

More details can be found on the flyer in Annex A.

Registration for the talk closes on Tuesday, 19 April at 5.00pm. The link to access the talk will be sent via email to all registrants on Thursday, 21 April.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim  
Principal

## Annex A

### Talk for Parents Dealing with Exam Stress – Managing Inner Fears and Expectations

**Date:** Saturday, 23 April

**Time:** 2.00pm – 3.00pm

**Mode:** Online via Zoom

**Registration:** Sign up for the talk at  
<https://go.gov.sg/smtalk22>  
or by scanning the QR code below:



Registration for the talk closes on Tuesday, 19 April at 5.00pm. Registrants will receive the details to access the talk via email on Thursday, 21 April.

### Synopsis

Are you planning to apply for leave from work to monitor your daughter at home during the exam period? Do you feel more stressed about the forthcoming exam than your daughter? In this talk, parents will be coached on the following topics:

- The triggers to exam stress
- How the negative anxiety cycle works and its impact
- How to identify and respond to their own and children's stress symptoms
- How parents can play a supportive role for examination preparations

### About the Speaker

Ms Harjit Kaur holds a Masters in Business Administration and Masters in Counselling awarded by Monash University. She has been a trainer in schools for the last 20 years. Ms Kaur has been happily married for 24 years and is a mother of two children aged 18 years and 20 years. She is passionate about family wellness and is a strong advocate for quality family life. As an accredited Triple P and Signposts practitioner, Ms Kaur had been actively conducting talks for parents in primary and secondary schools and in community platforms. She had received good reviews from both parents and the school personnel who admire her professionalism, dedication and sincerity in helping the parents.