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Let our Light Shine!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

July was one exhilarating ride! As part of our 180th Anniversary Celebrations, we started July with an exciting 'Spirit Fortnight'. Team events like the Amazing Race strengthened the camaraderie among the girls! Workout Day followed and it was a refreshing change to see the staff and students dressed in attire suited for sporting pursuits. Some even brought along their sports-related paraphernalia, a celebration of youth and a salute to fitness! Non-Backpack Day was another spark in the 'Spirit Fortnight'. Carrying our belongings to school in non-conventional bags helped students appreciate the need to reduce waste and to repurpose receptacles.

On 22 July, we commemorated Racial Harmony Day. The celebration this year focused on "Our Multicultural Mosaic" which is a celebration of our unity and diversity. On the same day, we also celebrated our 180th Speech and Prize-giving Day to acknowledge the achievements, both academic and in other areas of both students and staff.

The highlights of August would be National Day followed by Teachers' Day. We are grateful for the opportunity to mark these special events which bring the school together. On 8 August, the eve of National Day, the students will be the first to experience the virtual edition of the 180th Anniversary Heritage Trail! From the trail, one may learn more about the origins and history of St. Margaret's School and how the curriculum has changed across the years while the school stays true to its mission to nurture confident, creative and caring young ladies. We will share with you how you can also have access to this trail in due time to join us on the journey through the years since our founding to nurture confident, creative and caring young ladies who will serve God, the Country and the Community.

We thank all parents/guardians for supporting your daughters/wards in their learning at home and throughout the school year.

Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

In alignment to prevailing national SMMs, please note the following school SMMs:

(i) 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

(ii) 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.

(iii) Practising Social Responsibility and Seeking Medical Attention When Unwell

Students who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical attention. If a student has a household member who is confirmed to be a COVID-19 case, she should exercise social responsibility and take the necessary precautions under Protocol 3 (i.e. test herself to be negative in a self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART) during the 5-day self-monitoring period before leaving her home).

She can attend school if self-tested negative on the ART daily and is well during their self-monitoring.

Do refer to <https://www.covid.gov.sg> for the latest MOH 1-2-3 Protocols.

180th Anniversary Commemorative Jackets

As part of our 180th Anniversary celebrations, students will be presented with a special 180th Anniversary Commemorative Jacket on the dates as shown in the table below. We give thanks to the School Management Committee for their generosity in sponsoring the jackets for our staff and students of St. Margaret’s Primary and Secondary Schools.

Date	Level
Monday, 1 August	Sec 3, 4 and 5
Tuesday, 2 August	Sec 1 and 2

For All Students

1. National Day Celebration (7.30am – 10.30am)

The school will be having our National Day Celebration on Monday, 8 August. As we look forward to the celebration of a nation united, rising to meet the challenges of this era, we too strive to be resilient.

The theme of the celebration is “Stronger Together, Majulah!” and is a call for all Singaporeans to forge ahead as a united and strong people towards a better future. “Stronger Together” reminds Singaporeans that unity in our diversity is what makes us stronger. Communities, families and friends coming together form the bedrock of our nation’s strength and resilience, and enable us to overcome challenges.

“Majulah”, which means “onward”, encapsulates our hopes and spirit as a nation since our independence 57 years ago, and is a rallying call for Singaporeans to strive for a better future, and grow from strength to strength as we emerge from COVID-19.

Students are encouraged to attend school in their red and/or white attire for the celebration. They are to report to school at the usual time and will be dismissed at 10.30am.

Note also that Tuesday, 9 August is a public holiday and Wednesday, 10 August is a school holiday.

2. Adjustment to Timetable (Even Week Friday Timetable will run on Even Week Tuesday, 30 August)

To allow for the recovery of curriculum time due to the loss of curriculum time disruption caused by school holidays and events that fall on even week Fridays (eg 180th Speech and Prize Giving Day and Teachers' Day) the school **will run the Even Week Friday timetable on Tuesday, 30 August.**

For Upper Secondary Students Only

3. NRIC Biometrics Enrolment

The NRIC Biometrics Enrolment for 15-year-old students who are Singapore citizens and Permanent Residents will be held in school on Friday, 19 August. All students involved in the enrolment will be receiving a notification letter through their parents/guardians from ICA to complete the online NRIC registration as specified in the letter before Tuesday, 16 August.

4. Preliminary Examinations

The Secondary 4 and 5 Preliminary Examinations will be held as follows:

Classes	Examination Period
S4-1 to S4-5 & S5-1	Monday, 15 August – Wednesday, 31 August
S4-6 to S4-8	Thursday, 11 August – Monday, 22 August
S4-9	Thursday, 11 August – Monday, 22 August

The examination timetables have been distributed to the students (via email and hardcopies) on Friday, 8 July. These are also available on the school website under the "Resources for Students" section.

We thank all parents/guardians for your encouragement and support to our graduating students, and in working alongside us in ensuring their well-being as they prepare for the examination

For Lower Secondary Students Only

5. Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination

The HPV Vaccination exercise will be held as follows:

Level	Dates
Sec 1	Wednesday, 14 September – Thursday, 15 September
Sec 2	Thursday, 11 August – Friday, 12 August

Parents may login to <https://www.healthhub.sg/HealthServices> for more information and view their child's immunisation records.

Others

6. Home-School Partnership Award 2022

The Home-School Partnership Award 2022 aims to promote collaboration between teachers and parents/guardians for the betterment of our students. This award recognises a teacher who:


- Proactively engages parents on ways to develop your daughter/ward
- Is helpful, approachable, effective and a good role model for students



We would like to encourage you to nominate a teacher for this award through the online form accessible at <https://go.gov.sg/smhsp22> or via the QR code shown above. Nominations will open from Monday, 1 August and close on Monday, 22 August.

7. Positive Parenting Programme (Triple P) Talks for Parents by MSF

Triple P aims to support parents in their parenting journey and to improve their relationship with their children. Our school has partnered with MSF and Lakeside Family Services to conduct a series of Triple P talks for parents:

Seminar	Date	Time	Registration
Seminar 1: Raising Responsible Teenagers	Saturday, 6 August	9.30am to 10.30am	 http://go.gov.sg/smt22
Seminar 2: Raising Competent Teenagers	Saturday, 13 August		
Seminar 3: Getting Teenagers Connected	Saturday, 20 August		

The talks will be conducted online and parents can register your interest via the link or QR code shown above before Saturday, 6 August, 9.00am. Further details on the talks are found in Annex A.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal

Annex A

**SEMINAR SERIES - ON ZOOM** 

POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME

Having trouble managing common behavioural issues? Wondering how you can communicate, support and understand your teenager better?

Lakeside Family Services, in partnership with St. Margaret's Secondary School, brings you the Triple P - Positive Parenting Programme. These seminars teach the principles of positive parenting and are packed with simple ideas to help make raising your teens easier, enjoyable, and rewarding. Join us to find out more!



<u>SEMINAR 1</u>	<u>SEMINAR 2</u>	<u>SEMINAR 3</u>
RAISING RESPONSIBLE TEENAGERS	RAISING COMPETENT TEENAGERS	GETTING TEENAGERS CONNECTED
6 AUG 2022 SAT 9:30 AM-10:30 AM	13 AUG 2022 SAT 9:30 AM-10:30 AM	20 AUG 2022 SAT 9:30 AM-10:30 AM



Register today via the QR code or link below:



<http://go.gov.sg/smtp22>

For more information, contact Daniel Lim at daniel-lim@lakeside.org.sg

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TRIPLE P GUEST SPEAKER



ESTHER LAI

CONFERENCE SPEAKER, MASTER COACH
AND FAMILY LIFE CONSULTANT

Mrs Esther Lai is a highly sought-after conference speaker, master coach and family life consultant who is passionate about enabling couples and parents build a strong foundation for their families. She has been involved in family life education for some eighteen years and she conducted parenting classes at the Family Court for eight years. Esther's greatest joy comes from equipping families with values and principles to help their families stay connected amidst emotional or financial difficulties. She is presently conducting classes in Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) and PREP (Prevention and Relationship Education Program). She was a speaker at the Parenting Congress (2015, 2016) and MOE's Parents' Guidance Seminar (2016). Esther is happily married for 33 years and she has two grown-up sons.

REGISTER TODAY. TAP/CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW.

<http://go.gov.sg/sntp22>