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Let our Light Shine!

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a series of meaningful activities to celebrate the 180th Anniversary of St. Margaret's School. The celebrations have provided an opportunity for the school community to revisit our rich heritage and celebrate a legacy of Charity, Patience and Devotion that we can be proud of.

We give thanks to God for reaching this milestone and for all the blessings on our school. We are also thankful for your support and partnership as we endeavour to create an enriching school experience for our students at St. Margaret's.

September signals the last quarter of the year and we look to the culmination of a year's work. The students and teachers have worked hard to be ready for the school and national examinations.

While lessons, consultation sessions and remedial work are in full swing, I would urge all of us to put our well-being at the top of our priorities. We hope you will contact the Form and Subject teachers should you have any concerns about the learning and well-being of your daughters/wards.

Relaxation of Safe Management Measures (SMMs)

To better support teaching and learning, students do not need to wear masks in all school settings, including national examinations. Those who prefer to continue wearing masks may do so. Note that it is still mandatory to put on her mask if she takes public transport.

Please continue to encourage your daughters/wards to practice good personal hygiene and exercise social responsibility.

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

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Installation of New Awnings

The installation of new awnings at the canteen drop-off/pick up point will begin on Monday, 5 September. The major aspects of the installation are expected to be completed by the end of the September school holidays. However, the installation might extend into Week 1 of Term 4, in lieu of inclement weather that may have impeded work.

During the period of installation, traffic flow could be affected.

Parents/Guardians are advised to drive carefully when in the vicinity of the canteen drop off/pick up point.

School Activities (Note the Change in Dismissal Time)

GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations

The GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations will be conducted on Monday, 12 September and Tuesday, 13 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	1.55 pm	12 and 13 September
Secondary 4 and 5	1.25 pm	

For Secondary 1, 2 and 3 Students

1. Suspension of Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

All CCAs will be suspended from Wednesday, 31 August to Monday, 17 October (inclusive). The sessions will resume after the End-of-Year Examinations from Tuesday, 18 October.

2. Secondary 3 Mother Tongue Oral Examination

The Mother Tongue Oral Examination for all Secondary 3 students will be conducted on Thursday, 22 September and Friday, 23 September from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. Details of the examination will be given to the students nearer the date.

3. 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, 5 October – Thursday, 13 October
Secondary 3	Monday, 3 October – Thursday, 13 October

The examination timetables have been distributed to the students on Monday, 29 August and can be downloaded from the school website under the 'Resources for Students' section. The timetable will also be sent to the students via their **ICON email account**.

4. Headstart Programme and Study Camp

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 Study Camp will be notified after the release of the End-of-Year Examination results.

The schedule for the Headstart Programme and Study Camp is as follows:

Level(s) / Classes	Headstart Programme	Study Camp
Secondary 1 & Secondary 2	-	Monday, 31 October – Friday, 11 November
S3-1 to S3-8	Tuesday, 25 October – Friday, 4 November	Monday, 7 November – Friday, 11 November
S3-9	Tuesday, 25 October – Friday, 28 October	Monday, 31 October – Friday, 11 November

For Secondary 4 and 5 Students

5. Night Study, Farewell Assembly, Last Day of School, Study Breaks and Timetables for National Examinations

(a) Night Study

The optional night study for graduating classes will run from Monday, 12 September to Monday, 26 September until 7.00pm to support students in their final lap of preparation for the national examinations. Teachers will help to supervise students between 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

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 Breaks

The Farewell Assembly for the Secondary 4 and 5 graduating classes will be held in the School Hall on Monday, 26 September.

The last day of school for Sec 4-1 to 4-8 will be on Monday, 26 September.

The last day of school for S4-9 will be on Friday, 30 September

Classes	Study Break(s)
S4-6 to S4-8	Tuesday, 27 September – Sunday, 2 October
S4-1 to S4-5 & S5-1	Tuesday, 27 September – Friday, 14 October

The study break allows time for students to consolidate their learning and prepare for their National Examinations. Students are encouraged to arrange for consultations with teachers during this period of time.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to support your daughters/wards in their mental and physical well-being to ensure their health and safety as they prepare for their examinations.

(c) Timetables for the National Examinations

For the latest information on the National Examinations, please refer to the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board (<https://www.seab.gov.sg/>) for updates.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal