



St. Margaret's School (Secondary)

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are moving swiftly into the last term of the year. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all parents/guardians for the unwavering support you have provided for your daughter/ward throughout their journey thus far. Your love, guidance, and encouragement have been the cornerstones of their personal growth as they strive to be a light and spread positivity in the lives of those around them.

As the students consolidate their learning for the year, we turn our attention to the impending End-of-Year school and national examinations. There is an almost palpable sense of anticipation and excitement as the first examinations for the year are held.

While the students work hard to prepare and ensure that they are ready for these examinations, they have the full support of the school leaders, teachers and non-teaching staff. Whether academic or otherwise, we encourage the students to seek us for consultation and support when and where necessary, or simply to just share any ideas to enhance their learning.

Together, we can celebrate the whole school experience. Thanks be to God!

Health Matters

Please continue to work with your child/ward in adherence to the spirit and intent of practising good personal hygiene, and to wash her hands frequently with soap and water. Students who are unwell should stay at home and seek medical attention where necessary.

As the temperature continues to rise amidst climate change, please encourage your daughter/ward to stay hydrated and drink enough fluids (preferably chilled) before, during and after exercises to prevent and alleviate any heat strain.

For All Students

1. Teachers' Day School Holiday

The school celebrated Teachers' Day on Wednesday, 30 August. We are grateful to the creative and heartfelt display of love and affection from the students to their teachers. It is indeed a great testimony that our students enjoy positive and endearing relationships with many of their teachers.

Do note also that due to the Presidential Election, **Monday, 11 September** is now a school holiday.

2. GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations

The GCE N-Level Listening Comprehension Examinations will be conducted on Tuesday, 12 September and Wednesday, 20 September.

Adjustments have been made to the *timings for dismissal* of the various levels to facilitate the preparation of the examination venues for the examinations to take place:

Levels	Dismissal Time	Date(s)
Secondary 1 to Secondary 5	2.00pm	Tuesday, 12 September
Secondary 4 and 5	1.30pm	Tuesday, 12 September & Wednesday, 20 September

3. Adjustment to Timetable on 20 and 22 September

The school will be operating the Wednesday, 20 September timetable on Friday, 22 September timetable and vice versa.

On Wednesday, 20 September, students will report to school by 8.30am and the school will run the Even Week Friday timetable.

On Friday, 22 September, Secondary 4 and 5 students will report to school by 8.30am and Secondary 1 to 3 students will be doing HBL. The school will run the Even Week Wednesday timetable on this day.

The table below summarises the timetable adjustments:

Date	Timetable Adjustments
Wednesday, 20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All students will report to school by 8.30amSchool will operate the Even Week Friday timetable
Friday, 22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HBL for Secondary 1, 2 and 3 studentsSecondary 4 and 5 students will report to school by 8.30amSchool will operate the Even Week Wednesday timetable

For Secondary 1, 2 and 3 Students

4. Secondary 3 Mother Tongue Oral Examination

Secondary 3 Mother Tongue Oral Examination will be conducted on Wednesday, 20 September and Thursday, 21 September from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

Details of this examination will be given to the students nearer the date.

5. End-of-Year Examinations

(i) Examination Timetable

Secondary 1 to 3 End-of-Year Examinations will be conducted during the following periods as shown below. The examination timetables have been distributed to the students on Monday, 28 August and can be downloaded from the school website under the 'Resources for Students' section.

Level(s)	Examination Period
Secondary 1 and 2	Wednesday, 4 October – Thursday, 12 October
Secondary 3	Monday, 2 October – Thursday, 12 October

(ii) Reporting time on Wednesdays during the Examination and Post-Examination Period

The reporting times for Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students in October will be adjusted for the following Wednesdays in light of the examinations:

Dates	Reporting Time
4, 11, 18 and 25 October (Wednesdays)	Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students will report to school by 7.30am for the morning assembly.
T4W2, T4W4, T4W6 and T4W8.	<u>There will be no late reporting on these Wednesdays.</u>

6. 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.

While we put in much effort to do well, we acknowledge that not all students may be able to perform well during the examinations. Some 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 review their learning. 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, 30 October – Friday, 10 November
S3-1 to S3-8	Monday, 23 October – Friday, 3 November	Monday, 6 November – Friday, 10 November
S3-9	Monday, 23 October – Friday, 27 October	Monday, 30 October – Friday, 3 November

For Lower Secondary Students

7. Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccination

The HPV Vaccination exercise will be held as follows:

Levels	Dates
Secondary 1 and Secondary 2	11, 12, 13, 14 September

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

For Graduating Students

8. 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 Tuesday, 12 September to Monday, 25 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.

Side gate E (at Farrer Road, next to St John's Chapel), Side Gate G (at the Farrer Gardens carpark) and the school's main gates will be closed at 7.00pm.

Farewell Assembly, Last Day of School and Study Breaks

The Farewell Assembly for the Secondary 4 and 5 graduating classes will be held in on Monday, 25 September.

The last day of school for S4-1 to S4-8 will be on Monday, 25 September.

The last day of school for S4-9 will be on Friday, 29 September.

Classes	Study Break
S4-6 to S4-8	Tuesday, 26 September – Sunday, 1 October
S4-1 to S4-5 & S5-1	Tuesday, 26 September – Tuesday, 17 October (Science Practical Examinations on 4, 9, 12, 17 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.

(b) 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.

Others

9. Talk for Parents

Growing up with technology, our daughters are recognised as digital natives. They are exposed to all sorts of influences - cultural, social, political; positive and negative. It is more important than ever for parents to be vigilant about the values that shape our daughters' minds in the online world and to be aware of the risks posed using the Internet unsupervised.

To support parents in protecting their daughters in the cyberworld, there will be an online talk organised on Saturday, 16 September. The details are given in the table below:

Talk	Date & Time	Registration
Protecting our Daughters in the Cyberworld	Saturday, 16 September 2.00pm – 3.00pm	 https://go.gov.sg/smparentstalk

More details can be found in Annex A. Registration for the talk closes on Wednesday, 13 September at 5.00pm. The link to access the talk will be sent via email to all registrants on Thursday, 14 September.

10. St. Margaret's 181st Anniversary Dinner

On Thursday, 16 November, the school will be celebrating her 181st anniversary at St. Margaret's School (Secondary). The celebration will start at 6.30pm. The theme of the event is 'Be Connected: Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future'.

All parents/guardians, former and current students are invited to join St. Margaret's School in celebrating 181 years of God's love and faithfulness.

It will also be an evening to reconnect with our teachers, staff and classmates. Tickets for the buffet dinner will be sold on a first come first served basis and are available at \$50 per person.

Ticket Sale Period	Online Purchase Form
Monday, 4 September to Monday, 16 October	 https://for.edu.sg/sm181

More information about the event can be found in Annex B.

Yours in partnership,

Ms Linda Lim
Principal

Annex A

Talk for Parents

Protecting our Daughters in the Cyberworld

Date: Saturday, 16 September

Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Mode: Online via Zoom

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Synopsis

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In this talk, the speaker will share practical ways that parents can protect their daughters in the cyberworld:

- How the Internet shapes beliefs and attitudes in the younger generation
- Common risks of the cyberworld
- Cyberbullying, pornography, misinformation and device addiction
- Practical ways to help our daughters navigate the risks involved

About the Speaker

Ms Agnes Lee is an Assistant Senior Counsellor with REACH Community Services and has a Master of Counselling degree and graduate certificate in Education Studies from Monash University, Melbourne. She is a clinical member and registered counsellor under the Singapore Association of Counselling (SAC) and has a strong passion in helping individuals discover their deeper meaning and purpose in life, through collaborative exploration of each person's strengths, values and resources around them. She uses an integrative approach that draws on different therapeutic approaches to best fit her client's needs, with specialization in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).

Annex B

St. Margaret's School 181st Anniversary Dinner



181st Anniversary

Be Connected

Honouring the Past, Embracing the Future

Thursday, 16 November 2023
6.45pm
Registration commences at 6.00pm
Guests are requested to be seated by 6.30pm

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Price: \$50 per person
Closing Date: 16 October 2023



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