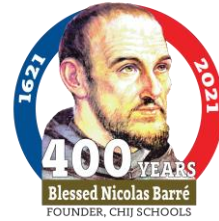




CHIJ KATONG CONVENT

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KC/G/24/2021

1 March 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians

This memo will focus on key information for your attention and updates on forthcoming school programmes. The listing of the events/ programmes is chronologically ordered for your noting.

1. Annual School-Based Health Screening

The School Health Team will be visiting our school from **1 to 11 March** to conduct the yearly age-appropriate health screening for all Sec 1 and 2 students, and selected students from Sec 3 and 4, if they are on Health Promotion Board's (HPB) follow-up for certain medical conditions. If your daughter/ ward has undergone the screening, you may wish to access her Health Assessment Summary (HAS) at <https://HealthHub.sg> via SingPass login. If you are not able to access your child's HAS, you may wish to contact HPB's School Health Service via email at HPB_Mailbox@hpb.gov.sg.

2. Monthly Mass - March

For the month of March, Mass for Catholic students will be held in the hall on **Thursday, 4 March, 7.15am**. This month, Secondary 1 students will be invited to sign up for Mass.

3. Timetable Changes

For parity of curriculum spread across the year, we will be carrying out the following even week timetable schedule:

Carry out	Instead of
<u>Even</u> Thursday on 4 Mar (T1W9)	Odd Week Thursday
<u>Even</u> Friday on 5 Mar (T1W9)	Odd Week Friday

4. CCA Stand down

The last day of CCA for Sec 4 and 5 students who are not participating in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation 2021 or the National School Games sports competitions is **Wednesday 10 March**. Sec 4 and 5 students who are still involved in the SYF or sports competitions will continue with their CCA practice sessions, and will stand down from their CCA the day after their last performance or competition. Parents may check with the respective CCA teachers for the dates.

5. Holistic Development Profile (HDP) Progress Report

Students will receive their HDP progress report for Term 1 on **Thursday, 11 March**. As part of our school-wide effort to enable our students to re-focus on qualitative feedback for their holistic growth, we will not be reporting conduct grade (i.e., *fair, good, very good, excellent*) for Term 1 and Term 3. Students can therefore refer to the qualitative observations recorded on their conduct without the distraction of a grade. We believe this will contribute towards helping our students to look beyond quantitative data to guide their growth. We are grateful for your understanding in, and support of this change.

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6. Meet The Parents Session

This year, we will be holding our Meet-the-Parents sessions virtually on **12 - 13 March** in view of the ongoing pandemic. Parents will have received the letter dated 25 Feb (KC/G/22/2021) on the booking details and conference with the form teachers, and additionally, for parents of the graduating cohort, conference with subject teachers as well.

7. Independent Learning Day (Friday, 12 March)

As Friday, 12 March has been designated as our Meet the Parents Session (MTPS), students need not attend lessons in school. They will continue with their learning at home. Learning materials and assignments will be uploaded onto the Student Learning Space by 8 am on the day.

8. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination

Since 2019, Ministry of Health (MOH) has offered fully subsidised Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination, on an opt-in basis (one time), to all female students (Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents) as part of the national school based health programme. This is to prevent cervical cancer, which is the 10th most common cancer and 8th most common cause of cancer deaths among women in Singapore. The following is the schedule for the vaccination:

Level	Date
Sec 1* and 2	8 – 11 March
Sec 3 (only for those who miss 2 nd dose)	8 – 11 March
Sec 4	1 – 2 March

*Sec 1 parents/guardians need to opt-in for their child/ward. Please refer to instruction sent out via Parents Gateway on 14 January 2021.

9. NRIC Registration for all 15 Year-Old Students

Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA)'s mobile registration team will visit CHIJ Katong Convent in the morning of **Thursday, 11 March** to conduct the NRIC Registration for our 15 year-old students. ICA will send out notification letters to the affected students through their parents two weeks before the appointment date.

As mentioned in the instruction sent out via Parents Gateway on 19 February 2021, with effect from 2021, parents will be able to register their child's NRIC online. Parents are reminded to login to go.gov.sg/icreg with their SingPass to submit their child's NRIC registration and complete the followings:

- Verify their child's particulars; (If parents wish to add Chinese/Jawi/Tamil Characters, please include during the online submission under the 'Ethnic Name' field. If parents do not include in their application, school will not be able to amend the application thereafter);
- Upload their child's photograph and supporting documents (where applicable); and
- Make payment for their child's NRIC application (\$10 for Singapore Citizens / \$50 for Permanent Residents)

Parents are to complete the NRIC registration online before 7 March to ensure that their child's biometrics are enrolled smoothly. School will notify the affected students once the NRICs are ready for collection.

10. CONNECT Day Camp for Catholic Students

The school is organising a day camp for all Sec 1 Catholic students. The objective of the camp is to build on the weekly Thursday CONNECT sessions, and to establish a Catholic student community rooted in faith through fellowship. The day camp will be on **Tuesday, 16 March** from 7.45am to 4.45pm in the school library. The letter of notification and consent will be disseminated through Parents Gateway in the week of 1 March.

11. COVID-19 Updates

We are grateful that parents have continued to work hand in hand with us in the implementation of Safe Management Measures (SMM) so that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students. The following are reminders of the key safe management measures that we should all observe:

- a) If your daughter/ ward is feeling unwell (e.g., sore throat, runny nose, fever or cough), please see a doctor and do not come to school.
- b) If there are any adult household members (18 years and above) unwell with flu-like symptoms (e.g., sore throat, cough, fever or runny nose), please inform the school and keep your daughter/ ward at home. She will be given an Approved Leave from school till the end of the household member's medical leave, or until the unwell household member's COVID-19 test result is reported to be negative.
- c) If there are any household members who are on **Home Quarantine Order (QO)**, or who have returned from all countries and are serving ICA-issued **Stay Home Notice (SHN)** at home, please keep your daughter/ ward at home and inform her Form Teacher accordingly. She will be placed on Leave of Absence. We wish to remind parents that the names of these students with household member(s) under this category will be surfaced by MOE HQ for the school's necessary follow-up.
- d) Parents/ Guardians will be requested to take their daughter/ ward home should they turn up in school when they are unwell or when they are still on medical leave.

12. Charities Week 2021

Caritas Singapore, the official social and community arm of the Catholic Church in Singapore, is the umbrella body of 27 Catholic charities and organisations serving more than 50,000 beneficiaries from among the poor and vulnerable regardless of race or religion. It runs more than 70 programmes ranging from psychotherapy to residential care, legal advice and family health. Each Lent, through Charities Week, Caritas Singapore collects donations to enable Catholic charities to help the poor. We have distributed these appeals to the Catholic students this week. Your generosity will give hope to the poor and the marginalised. Please return the envelopes to your parishes or post them to the said address by **9 May**.

13. National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP)

At MOE's Committee of Supply Debate in March 2020, MOE launched the National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP) for our schools and Institutes of Higher Learning to help students strengthen their digital literacy. One of the components of the NDLP is the introduction of the Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP) for all secondary school students, where every secondary school student will own a school-prescribed computing device or Personal Learning Device (PLD) by end-2021. CHIJ Katong Convent is in the Phase Two of its implementation. We will be engaging Sec 1-3 parents on the implementation details, as well as the purchase of the PLD for use in school by **end of May**.

14. Route Amendment for Bus Service 135

On behalf of SBS Transit, the following highlights the route amendment for Bus Service 135:

With effect from 28 February 2021 (Sunday), Service 135 will be amended to Jalan Kembangan via Telok Kurau Road, East Coast Road and Frankel Avenue. Service 135 will no longer ply Marine Parade Road east of Telok Kurau Road and Siglap Road. Please refer to the table below for the alternative travel options to get to the school.

Coming From:	Alternative Options
Amber Road, Marine Parade Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct alternative Services 13, 16/16M, 31, 36, 43, 47, 48, 55, 196 and 197, depending on exact origin location.
Tanjong Katong Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct alternative Services 31, 43 or 197.
Paya Lebar MRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct alternative Service 43 from the bus stop outside Paya Lebar MRT Station Exit B (BS 81111).
MacPherson MRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct alternative Service 43 from the bus stop outside MacPherson MRT Station Exit B (BS 70259).
MacPherson Estate, Upper Aljunied Road, Serangoon, Ang Mo Kio	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take Service 135 to the bus stop opposite Blk 72 along Marine Parade Road (BS 92051), and alight to make a same-stop connection to Services 16/16M, 31, 36, 43, 48, 196 or 197.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,



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