



CHIJ KATONG CONVENT

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

As the 2022 academic year draws to a close, we would like to share a message (Annex A) from Ms Vivienne Lim, Chairperson / IJ Board of Management, to our IJ community.

We also welcome our Principal Designate, Mrs Tan Mei Chuen, who joined us on 25 October 2022. She will be appointed as Principal with effect from 15 December 2022.

The rest of this memo will highlight key administrative matters for the end of the academic year.

1. Meeting with Parents

We will be conducting targeted end-of-year meetings with parents/ guardians of identified students. Meetings may be conducted virtually or face to face where needed.

2. Academic Programme for Secondary Three

The Secondary Three Academic Programme will commence for all Secondary Three students (Sec 3E/NA from 31 October to 4 November and Sec 3NT from 31 October to 2 November) as a means of extending support for these students as they manage the rigour of the upper secondary curriculum. Students can access their class timetable from the school website from 12 p.m. on Friday, 28 October. The Academic Programme will be held from 8.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in school.

3. Travel Declaration

We request for parents/ guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ ward only if she intends to travel for the year-end holidays. To make a travel declaration for your child/ ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. Please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by **Thursday, 17 November**. Only one parent is required to declare. If your child/ward is not travelling during the year-end holidays, no action is required on your side.

When planning your travel, please refer to www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart. If there is a *change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s)*.

4. Returning to School during School Vacation Period

Students who are returning to school for curriculum sessions, CCA and consultations should be properly attired in their uniform with school shoes and socks. Should students wish to see any school personnel in November or December, they are to make prior appointments to avoid being disappointed as staff may be engaged in end-of-year duties and/or may not be present in school.

5. General Office Operational Hours during School Vacation Period

From Monday 21 November, the General Office will operate from **7.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.** every work day during the November/ December 2022 school holidays.

6. Sale of Textbooks and Uniform for Academic Year 2023

The booklist will be distributed to students on Friday, 28 October together with the issuance of their Holistic Development Profile report. Secondary Two students progressing to Secondary Three should only purchase their 2023 Secondary Three textbooks after confirmation of their Secondary 3 subject combination.



In keeping with the prevailing climate, and to ensure optimal crowd management, parents are strongly encouraged to purchase textbooks and uniforms online. Purchase at the school bookshop is only by appointment. We have put together the essential information on Annex B for your reference and planning.

7. 2023 Timetable

The 2023 timetable will be uploaded to the school website by Saturday, 31 December.

8. President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA)

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in Singapore to recognise their professional excellence. They are the President's Award for Teachers (PAT) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA). We would like to invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) whom you know by clicking on the URLs or scanning the QR codes below:

PAT 2023	OYEA 2023
<p data-bbox="379 999 679 1025">https://go.gov.sg/pat2023</p> 	<p data-bbox="927 999 1251 1025">https://go.gov.sg/oyea2023</p> 

9. Holiday Advisory

We would like to remind our students to stay safe during the holidays, as well as to take measures to prevent themselves from becoming victims of crime. Students should always take care of their personal belongings, stay alert to what is happening around them, and avoid uncomfortable situations with strangers. Students are also advised to avoid walking through dimly lit and secluded places. Theft-related offences continue to be the predominant type of crime committed by youths. Students are also reminded that theft is a serious offence that could result in a criminal record. Students should always exercise self-control and not succumb to temptation or peer pressure to steal. We would like to remind students to stay away from all harmful substances like drugs, inhalants, and cigarettes.

10. Summary of Important Dates in November/December 2022

Date	Event	People Involved
31 Oct – 4 Nov	Sec 3 Academic Programme	Sec 3 students
17 Nov	Travel Declaration	All students travelling
19 Nov	KC Open House	All students involved
31 Dec	Release of 2023 timetable	All students

Please call the General Office at 6448 6433 or email chijktcs@moe.edu.sg should you have any queries.

Being the last issue of our 2022 Letter to Parents for this academic year, I wish to express my appreciation and gratitude to all parents for journeying with me in the education of our girls. It has been my privilege and honour to serve in CHIJ Katong Convent.

May you have a blessed and meaningful end-of-year season with your daughter and family members.

Yours sincerely



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Message from Chairperson, CHIJ Board of Management

In the past 2 years, when the world was gripped by the pandemic, we saw God's grace at work in the crisis as many came forward as witnesses of hope and pillars of generosity and support. As we slowly emerge from these very trying times, we give thanks to God for His mercy and love, and for giving us the strength and faith to deal with the trials that come our way.

I am heartened that our schools have thus been able to resume a wide range of wholesome learning and bonding activities for students and staff. In particular, on the lovely morning of 25 May 2022, all 11 CHIJ schools in Singapore celebrated Founder's Day together as one family, with staff and students in each school gathered to attend Mass, strengthening the spiritual bond that we share as beneficiaries of Blessed Nicolas Barré's legacy. In the afternoon, we conducted the first ever IJ Colloquium for all teaching staff of CHIJ schools in Singapore, where teachers were energised through an online dialogue with inspiring IJ alumnae, who shared on how IJ Sisters and teachers nurtured them to grow in faith and lead with heart. On 3 June 2022, we gathered all our non-teaching staff at CHIJ St Nicholas Girls' School to share on the IJ spirit and educational philosophy, as well as show our deepest appreciation for their wholehearted contributions as our partners in IJ education.

The Catholic fraternity in Singapore share the deep honour of having our Archbishop William Goh appointed to the College of Cardinals by the Holy Father, Pope Francis. William Cardinal Goh is now one of the Pope's closest advisors and the Vatican's highest-level administrators, assisting the Holy Father in the task of governing the Universal Church, on top of leading the archdiocese of Singapore. Representatives from all the IJ schools attended the Thanksgiving Solemn Mass and we continue to pray with joy for Cardinal Goh, as His Eminence continues to build a vibrant, evangelising and missionary church beyond Singapore. As a school community, we strive to continue to support the vision His Eminence outlined for his Cardinalate which include promoting inter-religious dialogue for human fraternity, climate action to better protect our earth, and improving the lives of others especially the poorest and the least.

I am also heartened that many students, alumnae, teachers and parents from CHIJ and other Catholic schools were able to come together in September to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday (CES) at churches throughout Singapore. CES underscores the importance of the Church-Home-School partnership in nurturing youth of service and faith, where Christ is at the centre of all we do. As the family of IJ schools, we commit to live out the Gospel in every facet of the school experience and work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love.

Let us continue to be guided by our IJ motto, "Simple in Virtue, Steadfast in Duty", as we work closely to build on the foundations that our Founder Blessed Nicolas Barré, IJ Sisters and all our forebearers have forged for us.

May God continue to bless CHIJ Katong Convent, her leaders, staff, students and parents, as always.

Yours in Christ

Ms Vivienne Lim
Chairperson, CHIJ Board of Management

Sale of Textbooks and Uniform During School Holidays

A. Online Purchase (Preferred Mode)

	Pacific BookStore	Asencio Uniform Supplier
Website	www.pacificbookstores.com	www.asencio.com.sg
Store	nil	120 Hillview Ave, #05-01 Kewalram Hillview, S(669594)
Payment Mode for Online Purchase	PayNow, Credit and Debit Card	PayNow, Credit and Debit Card
Home delivery cost	\$13.80	\$6.00
Contact Hotline	6559 2269 / 6929 8012	9648 5011 / 6764 3102
Collection in school	Limit to 10 slots / hour	Limit to 10 slots / hour

For collection in school, parents are to observe the following:

- Access to school is limited to one parent and one child only.
- Proof of purchase/ collection date to be shown to security.
- For change of collection date, parents are advised to contact respective vendors.

B. Walk-In Purchase by Appointments Only

We strongly encourage parents to purchase online, however if parents can only purchase through walk-in, we seek your understanding that only one parent and child can be allowed into the school premises. Please book your walk-in purchase (for textbooks only) by e-appointment from 3 Nov 2022 at: <http://register.ezy-queue.com/>

For enquiries, please contact Admin Manager, Mr Tan Wee Hian for any clarifications.

Please note that the bookshop will be closed from 15 Dec in preparation for Sec 1 registration.

	Pacific BookStore	Ascencio Uniform Supplier
Sec 2	22, 25, 30 Nov; 5, 8 Dec	
Sec 3	23, 28 Nov; 1, 6, 9 Dec	
Sec 4/5	24, 29 Nov; 2, 7, 12 Dec	
Open	13 – 14 Dec	
Payment Mode for Walk-in Purchase	PayNow, NETS and Cash	PayNow and Cash
Operating Hours	9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.