



Term 1 2024

CONVENT OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS SECONDARY

## NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Parents & Guardians*

**B**LESSINGS of peace and joy for the Christmas season! We are eagerly anticipating the start of the school year and are thrilled to welcome our girls back to school. Special greetings to our new Secondary 1 students!

This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate our school's 170th anniversary. We look forward to our jubilee Mass on 2 Feb and to our big bash at the National Stadium on 20 May involving all CHIJ schools in Singapore, as well as other celebratory events, such as our IJ Fiesta on 23 Mar. I would like to highlight our CHIJ Alumni Tea on 7 Sep, which includes the launch of a 170th anniversary time capsule, with our President's wife, Ms Jane Ittogi, as our special guest. Do look out for details of these events closer to the dates!

We value the collaboration between home and school, and we are committed to supporting your daughter/ward on her educational journey towards excellence. To facilitate this partnership, we encourage you to refer to our online **Student Handbook**, which contains crucial information about your daughter's/ward's schooling journey. **Attached to this Parents Gateway post are sections on the Code of Conduct, Acceptable-Use Policy Agreement for Technology, and Students' Creed. Please read these and acknowledge that you have done so by Tuesday, 2 Jan 2024, via the reply button.**

We wish to emphasize the importance of regular school attendance throughout the term, with exceptions made only for valid medical reasons or compassionate grounds. Please refrain from scheduling overseas travel during the school term.

Many exciting programmes have been planned for the coming year. You may check our **school website** for information and follow our school's official social media accounts on **Instagram, Facebook** and **YouTube** to keep abreast of the key happenings in school.

For Term 1 Week 1, we have planned an IJ Character Education Week (which we fondly term the IJCE Breaker Week). The range of student development experiences will serve as a platform for students to connect with one another and reflect on their learning, encouraging them to build strong peer and student-teacher relationships to begin the year on a good note. There will be no lessons during this week (except for a few lessons for our Sec 5 students) and the programme will see some cohorts heading out of school for learning journeys and other activities. Do look out for an announcement on Parents Gateway for more details.

You will soon also receive a post on Parents Gateway from your daughter's/ward's form teachers, which will provide, among other information, the email addresses of her subject teachers, to facilitate open and regular communication. While teachers will strive to respond promptly to your queries, please understand that, for their well-being, responses from them may be limited after office hours - that is, from 1800 to 0700 on weekdays, and at weekends. If you have any feedback, please feel free to email me at [chijtpss@moe.edu.sg](mailto:chijtpss@moe.edu.sg) or [rachel\\_ang@moe.edu.sg](mailto:rachel_ang@moe.edu.sg).

May I wish you and your families a fruitful and blessed 2024!

Warmest regards

*Mrs Rachel Lee*

Principal



## STAFF MOVEMENT

We bid farewell to the following members of staff, who left IJ at the end of 2023. We thank them for their service to the school and wish them God's blessings on all their future endeavours.

- Mr Ang Hoot Woon
- Mdm Kamariah Sajat

To the following members of staff we extend a warm welcome to the IJ family.

- Mdm Lim Lay Hoon (*Vice-Principal*)
- Ms Nathalie Tan (*Chemistry and Biology*)
- Ms Janice Yong (*Mathematics*)



## SAFETY & SECURITY

Morning peak-hour traffic along Lorong 1 Toa Payoh is usually heavy. Parents who are entering the school in a vehicle are reminded to use Gate 1. For morning drop-offs, please keep to the leftmost lane on Lorong 1 Toa Payoh for entry into the school. Students are to alight at the designated drop-off points along the driveway - drop-offs at the porch are not allowed unless it is raining, and drop-offs are not allowed at the bus stop.

Students entering or leaving the school on foot will only be allowed to use the following gates at the stipulated times:

- Gate 2 (facing Lorong 1 Toa Payoh): 0630-0730, 1330-1900;
- Gate 3 (next to Block 168): 0630-0725, 1315-1830.

In addition, to protect our students and staff against Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses, we seek your support to keep the school a safe environment. If your daughter/ward is unwell, please ensure that she stays at home and seeks medical attention if necessary. If she is recovering from a respiratory illness, please remind her to exercise social responsibility - for example, by wearing a mask and minimizing social interactions with big groups. Let us all do our part to exercise personal and social responsibility and stay safe.



## For Graduating Students: PRACTICAL LESSONS & CONSULTATIONS

To support our graduating students on their journey towards the national examinations, Science practical lessons and consultations for other subjects will be held in the last week of the June holidays (18-21 Jun). O Level Science students will have practical lessons on one, two or three days (depending on the number of Science subjects they are taking). In addition, subject teachers may arrange for consultation sessions for groups of students on selected days during the week. Families of graduating students are thus advised to take the programme for that week into account when making plans for the June holidays. More details will be given in due course.



## KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1 2024



### IJCE Breaker Week

Tue 2 Jan-Fri 5 Jan

- Sec 1: Orientation
  - Sec 2: Outdoor adventure experience
  - Sec 3: Team-building and eco-stewardship activities
  - Sec 4: Self-awareness camp and Education & Career Guidance
  - Sec 5: Education & Career Guidance and introduction to subject teachers
- For the detailed programmes, please refer to our [school website](#).*



### Friday Morning Masses

Every Friday from Fri 5 Jan 0655 (unless announced otherwise)

*Parents are welcome to join us in the Chapel for Mass.*



### Parent-Teacher Meeting and Talks for Parents

- Sec 1 parent-teacher meeting: Fri 5 Jan 1645 (*in person*)
- Talk for Sec 2 Exp parents: Thu 18 Jan 1700 (*online*)
- Talk for Sec 2 N(A) & N(T) parents: Fri 19 Jan 1700 (*online*)
- Talk for Sec 4 & 5 parents: Fri 19 Jan 1700 (*in person*)
- Talk for Sec 3 parents: Thu 25 Jan 1700 (*online*)



### Sec 4 & 5 Education Fair

Wed 24 Jan



### 170th Anniversary Mass & Celebration

Fri 2 Feb 0740

*This is our school-internal celebration, marking 170 years since the IJ Sisters arrived in Singapore on 5 Feb 1854. The entire IJ family in Singapore will celebrate the jubilee at the National Stadium on 20 May.*



### Chinese New Year Celebration

Fri 9 Feb

*Students will be dismissed at 1030.*



### Ash Wednesday Mass

Wed 14 Feb 0650 Chapel



### Total Defence Day Commemoration

Thu 15 Feb



### Investiture of Class Committees

Wed 28 Feb



### Lenten Reconciliation Service for Catholics

Fri 1 Mar



### Sec 4 & 5 Career Seminar

Wed 6 Mar



### Sec 1 Adventure Camp

### Sec 2 Learning Journeys & Enrichment Activities

Wed 6 Mar-Fri 8 Mar

*Details will be given in due course.*

## Home-Based Learning Days

Tue 23 Jan

Mon 26 Feb

## Holidays

Mon 12 Feb

In lieu of Chinese New Year (*public holiday*)

Tue 13 Feb

In lieu of Chinese New Year (*school holiday*)