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Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 2 – 5 students

Happy New Year! We would like to share with you some important information to facilitate your planning and follow-up with your child/ward, as we prepare for another exciting year at Anderson Secondary School.

1. School Routines

(i) Reporting Time

All students are to report to school on 3 January 2023, Tuesday, by 7.30am. Students are reminded to enter the school building through the school porch.

(ii) School Attire

Day	Instructions
First Day of School	Students are to report to school in half or full uniform.
Mondays	<p>Students are expected to wear their full school uniform throughout the day and put on their tie before morning assembly at 7.30am.</p> <p>If the class has PE lesson on Monday, students will change into their PE attire before PE and may remain in this attire after the PE lesson.</p>
Tuesdays - Thursdays	<p>Students are allowed to wear half-uniform on these days.</p> <p>They may report to school in their PE attire if there is PE lesson for the class.</p>
Fridays	<p>Students are permitted to wear half-uniform with their current class t-shirts.</p> <p>They may report to school in their PE attire if there is PE lesson for the class.</p>

(iii) Grooming

We would like to seek your help to ensure that your child/ward adheres to the personal grooming standards (pertaining to hairstyle, uniform, footwear, etc.) spelled out in the e-Student Handbook (which will be made available on your child's Personal Learning Device, the iPad) when your child/ward returns to school.

(iv) Mobile Phone Policy

The mobile phone policy requires students to switch off and store their mobile phones securely in their personal lockers during curriculum hours (including recess). The aim of this policy is to provide:

- an environment that is safe and conducive to learning without inappropriate mobile phone usage or distractions; and
- more opportunities for in-person social interaction.

We hope that you will be able to advise your child to continue to adhere to this policy. If you wish to communicate important or urgent matters to your child during school hours, you may contact the school at **6459 8303**.

(v) Recess Times

As students' well-being is critical, the school is introducing two meal breaks for students from all levels in 2023, from Mon to Thurs. These two 30-minute recesses will help students to recharge and stay more focused during lessons/activities in the afternoon and/or CCA sessions after lessons. Lower and Upper Secondary students may be dismissed at 1.30pm or 12.30pm respectively if they do not have any lessons after the second recess.

Level	First Recess	Second Recess (named 'Lunch' in timetable)
Lower Secondary	10.00am – 10.30am	1.30pm – 2.00pm
Upper Secondary	9.00am – 9.30am	12.30pm – 1.00pm

(vi) Social Responsibility

We seek your help to remind your child/ward to observe the following measures to mitigate the spread of infections:

Stay away when unwell	Students who are unwell or have been infected with Covid-19 should not report to school. They should seek proper medical attention and stay at home to recuperate.
Wipe down routines	Wipe down work areas and common/shared equipment regularly.
Good personal hygiene	Wash hands with soap and water regularly.

2. Vehicular Entry Restrictions

When driving your child/ward during the morning peak periods and picking him/her up at dismissal times, we seek your cooperation to adhere to the following guidelines:

- You may drive into the school compound to drop off or pick up your child/ward from the car porch.
- At all times, refrain from either parking in the school compound or waiting at the car porch.
- Please wait for your child/ward at the HDB car park opposite the school if he /she is not at the car porch when you arrive.
- Do not exceed 15 km/h when you drive in the school compound.

3. Revision in Canteen Food Prices

Our school canteen stallholders are facing challenges with rising costs, especially with costlier ingredients for healthy meals. In view of this, the price of a standard-sized meal will be increased by 20 cents from 3 January 2023.

KEY EVENTS IN TERM 1

1. 'Build, Enhance, Challenge and Aspire' Orientation Programme

To facilitate your child/ward's transition to a new academic year, the school has planned for an orientation programme for your child/ward from **3 to 5 January 2023 Tuesday to Thursday**. Please refer to the next page for the programme focus for each level and the dismissal time on the orientation days.

Level	Focus of Activities / Workshops	Dismissal Time
Sec 2 (Enhance)	Developing Time Management Skills & Social Etiquette	Day 1: 1.00pm Day 2: 1.30pm Day 3: 1.00pm
Sec 3 (Challenge)	Building Positive Relationships / Emotions and Resilience	Day 1: 1.00pm Day 2: 1.00pm Day 3: 1.00pm
Sec 4 & 5 (Aspire)	Inculcating Growth Mindset, Personal Effectiveness & Study Skills	Day 1: 1.30pm Day 2: 2.00pm Day 3: 2.00pm

2. Temperature-Taking Exercise

To educate students to take personal responsibility for their own health and practice social responsibility, the school will be conducting a temperature-taking exercise once a semester. The exercise will take place on **11 January 2023**, Wednesday. All students are to bring a working oral thermometer and a packet of tissue paper to school that day.

3. Individual Photo Taking Session for Secondary 3 Students

Please be informed that there will be a photo taking session for all Secondary 3 students on 17 and 19 January from 2.30pm – 5.30pm. More details will be given to students during the orientation period.

4. Annual Health Screening

The Health Promotion Board's School Health Service (SHS) provides free age-appropriate health screening and immunisation for your child/ward. The health screening will be held in school for Secondary 1 to 3 students from 11 to 20 January 2023. The information sheet will be sent to parents/guardians via Parents Gateway.

5. National School-Based Human Papillomavirus Vaccination for Secondary 1 and 2 Female Students

Under the National School-based Human Papillomavirus (HPV) programme, HPB offers fully subsidised HPV vaccinations to Secondary 1 and 2 female students. HPV

vaccination is not compulsory and parental consent is required for the student to receive the HPV vaccination. The vaccination will be held on 16 and 17 January 2023. The information sheet will be sent to parents/guardians via Parents Gateway.

6. NRIC Registration Exercise for Secondary 3 Students

The NRIC registration exercise will be held in school for Secondary 3 students on 14 February 2023. A notification from Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) will be sent to your child/ward's home address before then. The NRIC registration costs S\$10 for Singapore citizens and S\$50 for Singapore Permanent Residents. Payment can only be accepted via the School Smart Card or EZ Link cards.

Students are to bring along the following documents for their NRIC registration:

- ⇒ School smart card;
- ⇒ A passport-sized photograph;
- ⇒ Photocopy of birth certificate;
- ⇒ Foreign passport with valid re-entry permit (Original documents and photocopies are required for Singapore Permanent Residents only); and
- ⇒ ICA's Notification Letter for NRIC registration

7. Parent Engagement Sessions

The school will be conducting parent engagement sessions for the different levels in Term 1. During these sessions, we will be providing the latest updates on the education landscape and sharing information with you on how you can support your children in their educational journey. The details are as shown below.

Date	Time	Level	Mode of Engagement
13 Jan 2023, Fri	6.00pm – 7.45pm	Sec 1	Zoom
3 Feb 2023, Fri	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Sec 4 & 5	Zoom
10 Feb 2023, Fri	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Sec 2	Zoom
24 Feb 2023, Fri	6.00pm – 7.30pm	Sec 3	Zoom

Further details will be sent to all parents later. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend the engagement session.

8. Chinese New Year

Please take note of the following dates:

Date	Event	Remarks
20 Jan 2023, Fri	Chinese New Year Celebration (10.30am – 12.30pm)	Dismissal time: 12.30pm
22 Jan 2023, Sun	1 st Day of Chinese New Year	-
23 Jan 2023, Mon	2 nd day of Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
24 Jan 2023, Tue	Chinese New Year Holiday	Public Holiday
25 Jan 2023, Wed	Resumption of Lessons	Normal School Day

9. Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight

To encourage the students' love for Mother Tongue Languages and create an immersive learning environment outside the classroom, the school will be conducting annual MTL Fortnight programmes and enrichment activities for students of all levels.

Level	Date	Time
Sec 1 & 3	7 Mar & 9 Mar 2023	After lessons up to 6.00pm
Sec 2, 4, 5	21 Mar & 23 Mar 2023	

10. Elective Programme in Malay Language for Secondary Schools (EMAS)

The EMAS Programme aims to nurture the language talents of Malay Language (ML) students so that they can attain a high level of proficiency in the Malay Language and a deeper appreciation of Malay culture and literature. Being one of four schools that offer the EMAS programme in Singapore, the school will continue to organise exciting and meaningful Malay Language activities for ML students from all levels. Please take note of the following information.

Level	Activity	Date	Time
Sec 2	Drama Workshop	17, 19, 26 & 31 Jan 2023	After lessons up to 6.00pm
Sec 3	Debate Workshop	17 Jan & 19 Jan 2023	
	Creative Writing Workshop	21, 23, 28, 30 Mar & 4 Apr 2023	
Sec 4	Public Speaking Workshop	21, 23 & 28 Mar 2023	

11. Special Mid-Term Programme for 6-9 February

To develop our students holistically, the school has planned a series of activities that will take place for Secondary 1 to 3 students during curriculum time in T1W6, **6-9 February**. (Secondary 4 and 5 students will continue with their academic learning during that week.) This includes the following:

- a. Aesthetics Programme & Emerging Digital Technologies Programme for Sec 1 students
- b. Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) workshops for Sec 2 students – As STEM education is a key feature of the school, the school has established strong partnerships with industry partners and Institutes of Higher Learning. The school participates in the Scientist-In-School programme with A*STAR. Under the programme, students and teachers can interact with A*STAR scientists who will advise on research projects. Students also attend learning journeys to A*STAR research facilities. Lecturers from Institutes of Higher Learning such as NUS, NIE, NTU and NYP form the distinguished panel of judges for the school's annual Elementz Science Project Competition at the zonal level.

To help our students integrate their learning through making interdisciplinary connections, and to give them opportunities to develop 21st century competencies, we provide them with exposure to STEM enrichment outside of their academic lessons, particularly for the Secondary 2 level. The Sec 2s will embark on learning journeys to the Science Centre between 7-9 Feb.

- c. Code for Fun (Math) Workshops and “Artefactually Speaking” Cohort Learning Journeys to the National Museum of Singapore for Sec 2 students
- d. Secondary 3 Camp (residential)

We will share more details on the above mid-term programme for the various levels at a later date.

12. Secondary 2 Geography Learning Journey to Sustainable Singapore Gallery

Students will visit the Sustainable Singapore Gallery at the Marina Barrage to learn about Singapore’s climate action plan, water story, and Singapore’s plan to become a smart, vibrant and sustainable global city as part of their enrichment.

Please take note of the following schedule for Sec 2 classes:

Date	Time	Class
15 Feb 2023, Wed	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2N & 2K
16 Feb 2023, Thu	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2E & 2R
22 Feb 2023, Wed	2.30pm – 5.30pm	2T, 2H & 2I

13. Emerging Digital Technologies (EDT) Programme for Secondary 1 & 2 Students

To develop our students’ computational thinking skills along with enhancing their digital literacy skills, all Secondary 1 and 2 students will undergo the Emerging Digital Technologies (EDT) programme to learn multimedia skills, digital content creation, text-based coding, and computational thinking. Secondary 2 students will start the programme in April 2023. Further details will be given to students at a later date.

14. Home-Based Learning (HBL@ANDSS) – Every EVEN Friday

We will continue to implement Blended Learning based on the learning needs of our students this year through our HBL@ANDSS. To promote self-directed learning and develop intrinsically motivated and independent learners, we are scheduling Home-Based Learning (HBL) every even Friday in Semester 1 and on five selected days in Semester 2. There will be 4 hours of curriculum coverage and 1 hour of Student-Initiated Learning (SIL) on each HBL day.

Please refer to the table on the next page for an overview of the dates for HBL@ANDSS.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
13 Jan	31 Mar	4 July	20 Oct (except Sec 4 & 5)
27 Jan	14 Apr	25 July* (except Sec 4 & 5)	
10 Feb	28 Apr	26 July* (except Sec 4 & 5)	
24 Feb	12 May	27 July* (except Sec 4 & 5)	
10 Mar	31 Mar		

* National oral examination days

For each HBL day, students will engage in learning based on instructions given by their respective subject teachers, as well as participate in activities based on their interests. They are not required to report to school in the morning but may be required to report to school for additional CCA practice in the afternoon, depending on their CCA commitments.

To help students to move towards self-directed learning, the teachers will guide students to complete a Personal Self-Initiated Learning Plan before the start of the SIL. In completing the plan, students will be required to do the following:

1. Identify their learning goals.
2. Identify the self-initiated activities which they would like to participate in. (Students can choose from the list of activities organised by the school or decide on their own activities.)
3. Plan the amount of time needed to complete all the activities.

We encourage students to show their Personal Self-Initiated Learning Plan to their parents/guardians.

15. Annual Cross Country

The school will be organising its annual Cross Country on 3 March 2023 from 7.30am to 11.00am, at Singapore Sports Hub. Further details will be provided at a later date.

We hope that the information given above is useful to you in helping your child/ward adapt to the new academic year. Our dedicated staff members look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to school and would like to thank you for your continued support.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Ms Tan Po Chin
Principal