

#### **School Mission**

A CHIJ School is a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of students who are disadvantaged in any way.

#### **School Vision**

Girls of Today for Tomorrow



# Thanksgiving and P6 Farewell Programme

The Thanksgiving and P6 Farewell Programme will be held on Tuesday, 14 November 2023. It will be an intimate affair to give our P6 graduates the chance to say goodbye to their teachers and younger school mates. All students are expected to be in school as this is a school day. School hours are as per normal i.e. 7.30am to 1.30pm.

### **GRACIA!** Celebrations: Prize Presentation

The GRACIA! Celebrations will be held on Wednesday, 15 November 2023 in the school hall.

All prize winners and performers are to report to school at 7.00am and they will be dismissed at 10.30am. P6 students will report at 9.00am and they will be dismissed at 10.30am. The prize winners will be notified by Thursday, 9 November 2023 and parents of prize winners will be cordially invited to attend the event.

The school bus service will be operating for students registered with them. Please register with KW Bus if you require the service. The school will take note of the prizewinners and performers who may not reach by 7.00am due to school bus timings.

The pick-up time in the morning will be as per normal, and the buses will send the students home at the end of the event at 10.30am. For students not taking the school bus, parents are requested to make the necessary transport arrangements for them.

P1 to P5 students who are not prize-winners or not performing at the GRACIA! Celebrations are not required to report to school on Wednesday, 15 November 2023.

# General Office Closure on Wednesday, 15 November 2023 (GRACIA! Celebrations)

The General Office will be closed for a staff event from 11.30am to 3.00pm on Wednesday, 15 November 2023 (GRACIA! Celebrations). In the event of an emergency, you can send a WhatsApp message to 90605967 if you need to contact us.

## Meet-the-Parents Session on Thursday and Friday, 16 and 17 November 2023

With reference to our letters [reference nos. 2023OLN\_0467 for P1, P3 and P5, 2023OLN\_0468 for P2 and 2023OLN\_0469 for P4], we invite all P1 to P5 parents to make an appointment via Parents Gateway to meet their children's Form Teacher(s). The objective of this meeting is to discuss the child's learning progress. We hope you will find the session fruitful.

These 2 days will be non-school days for our students.

### **General Information**

#### Class Allocation

All P1, P3 and P5 students will be promoted enbloc to the P2, P4 and P6 levels respectively. They will stay in the same class with their classmates in 2024.

P2 and P4 students will be informed of their P3 and P5 classes for 2024 on **Tuesday**, **14 November 2023**. Do note that the allocation to P3 and P5 classes is NOT based on academic results. This change in class will be a good opportunity for the girls to build social skills by mixing with other girls in the level and by doing so, have a wider circle of friends.

#### MOE / School-Based Financial Assistance Scheme

Application for the MOE FAS 2024 is now open. Singaporean students from households with a gross monthly income of \$3,000 and below (or with a per capita income of \$750 and below) can apply for the MOE FAS. You can make use of the eligibility calculator (<a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance">https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance</a>) on the MOE website to check if you are eligible.

Successful applicants under the MOE FAS will be eligible for full subsidy of miscellaneous fees, free textbooks, uniforms, meals, and subsidised transport. Do refer to the poster that is attached to the PG message for more information as to the benefits. If your child is eligible for the scheme and you wish to apply for it, you can choose one of the following ways to submit the form:

- 1. Submit the application online using SINGPASS via https://go.gov.sg/moe-efas. Please ensure you have softcopies of the supporting documents ready as you will need to attach them to the application.
- 2. Download the softcopy of the form <a href="here">here</a> and email the completed form along with supporting documents to maliga\_servalingam@moe.edu.sg. Do include "FAS" in the subject of the email by Friday, 10 November 2023.
- 3. Collect the hardcopy application form from the General Office and submit the completed application along with the supporting documents to the General Office by Friday, 10 November 2023.

We appeal to parents to refer to the instructions in the form and submit the information and supporting documents as requested. This is to prevent any delay in processing should any of the information and supporting document be omitted.

If your child is a ComCare recipient, there is no need to submit an application as the MOE FAS status will be autogranted to ComCare beneficiaries in Government and Government-Aided Schools.

If your child requires financial assistance but is ineligible for the MOE Financial Assistance Scheme, you can apply for the School-based FAS status if your household has a per capita income of \$1100 or less. You can download the form <a href="mailto:here">here</a> and email the completed form along with supporting documents to maliga\_servalingam@moe.edu.sg by Friday, 10 November 2023. Eligible applicants under the school-based FAS will be eligible for free textbooks, uniforms, meals and subsidized transport.

Should you need any clarification on either scheme (MOE FAS or school-based FAS), please contact the General Office at 63852455. We would be glad to assist.

### Purchase of School Books and Uniform

As last year's purchase arrangement of schoolbooks and uniform was well-received, we strongly encourage you to place orders for your child's books and uniform online and opt for the home delivery service where possible.

## Purchase of Schoolbooks

Vendor: BL Marketing Pte Ltd

The sale of school textbooks, workbooks, school worksheets, art materials and stationery will be <u>strictly</u> via online ordering through the school bookshop's website <a href="http://blmarketing.sg">http://blmarketing.sg</a>. The school bookshop will not entertain walk-in sales.

The booklist will be given to P1 - P5 students along with their report books on Tuesday, 14 November 2023. Please note the following dates for the sale of books:

- 15 Nov 2023 to 15 Dec 2023: You can access the online portal during this period. Please allow 5 working days for orders to be processed. The website will officially close at 10.00pm on 15 Dec 2023.
- 22 Nov 2023 to 20 Dec 2023: You can opt to collect your orders or to arrange for home delivery during this period. Home delivery is chargeable at a flat fee of \$12.50. Parents who intend to collect their orders from the bookshop must choose an available time slot via the bookshop's website. Orders can be collected between 9.00am to 3.00pm.

More information can be found on the vendor's website <a href="http://blmarketing.sg">http://blmarketing.sg</a> from Wednesday, 15 November 2023 onwards.

If you have any queries, please call 62848785 or email sales@blmarketing.sg.

Parents who intend to sign up for MOE FAS 2024 and the School-based FAS 2024 should not purchase school books via this mode. The school will inform all successful FAS applicants as to the collection mode.

### Purchase of School Uniform and PE Attire

• Vendor: Magdalene Sewing Centre

You can purchase the school uniform and PE attire through any of the following modes:

• Online ordering through the <u>supplier's website</u> at https://www.magdalene.com.sg/

• Home delivery fee:

\$8.00	For orders less than \$80
\$12.00	For orders between \$80 and \$150
\$15.00	For orders above \$150

- <u>E-appointment</u> to visit the physical shop (5000 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 #05-09, Techplace II S569870) through <a href="https://www.magdalene.com.sg/e-appointment">https://www.magdalene.com.sg/e-appointment</a>
- Walk-in purchase in the school on the following dates (9am - 3pm):

Month	Dates
November	27, 29
December	1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20

For more information, please contact Magdalene Sewing Centre Pte Ltd at 62935840. You can also contact them via 8683 6993 (WhatsApp) or info@magdalene.com.sg (email).

Parents who intend to sign up for MOE FAS 2024 and the School-based FAS 2024 should not purchase uniforms and PE attire via this mode. The school will inform all successful FAS applicants as to the collection mode.

# Travel Declaration for November/December School Holidays and Long Weekends

If your child is travelling during the upcoming long weekend (i.e. Deepavali long weekend) and November/December school holidays, please make the necessary declaration for her via Parents' Gateway (PG) under Services -> Declare Travels. If there is a need to amend the travel plan, you can do so via the same module in PG. If your child is <u>not</u> travelling during the holidays or the long weekends, <u>no</u> <u>action is required</u>.

Primary School Transfer Service (Wednesday, 1 November 2023, 9.00am to Thursday, 23 November 2023, 4.00pm)

The aim of the Primary School Transfer Service is to centrally facilitate the transfer of primary school students who are Singapore Citizens (SC) or Permanent Residents (SPR) and have relocated to another address, to schools nearer to their new residences. If you are seeking a school transfer due to a change of address, you can submit your application using Singpass via the MOE website <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Revised School Fees**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) will be increasing school fees for Singapore permanent residents (PR) and international students (IS) in Government and Government-Aided schools over the next three years (i.e. 2024 - 2026). This is part of MOE's regular review of school fees.

Table 1: Monthly School Fees (Primary School)

Nationality	Current (2023)	2024	2025	2026
SC	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PR	\$255	\$280	\$305	\$330
IS (ASEAN)	\$520	\$545	\$570	\$595
IS (NON-ASEAN)	\$885	\$935	\$985	\$1,035

Note: Fees for SC and PR are exclusive of GST, while fees for IS (ASEAN) and IS (Non-ASEAN) are inclusive of GST.

MOE also announced in July this year that it would merge the standard and second-tier miscellaneous fees into a single tier from 2024. This applies to all nationalities.

<u>Table 2: Single-tier miscellaneous fee for all nationalities</u> per month (Primary School)

	Current Maximum Second-Tier	New Single-Tier Miscellaneous Fee
Fee	Miscellaneous Fee	(from 1 Jan 2024)
\$6.50	\$6.50	\$13

Note: Miscellaneous fees are exclusive of GST. For IS, there will be a 9% GST imposed on the miscellaneous fees.

## **Home News**

We warmly welcome Mr Allan Chua (Operations Manager) to the CHIJ OLN family.

We are happy to announce that the following officers have received the MOE Excellence Service Award:

MOE Excellence Service Award - Platinum

Ms Bai Huixin

MOE Excellence Service Award - Gold

- Mdm Maliga Servalingam
- Mdm Sutinah Bte Saob

MOE Excellence Service Award - Silver

- Mrs Eadelin Marzinek
- Mdm Farhanna Zainal
- Mrs Masturah Azman
- Mdm Raniah Mohd Noor

We would like to extend our appreciation to Mr Mohamed Qabeer, Administrative Executive who has transferred to another school. We wish him all the best.

## **Upcoming School Events**

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
7 Nov (Tue)	Administration Day	No school for all students. Students are to report to school on Wednesday, 8 November 2023.

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Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
13 Nov (Mon)	Deepavali Public Holiday	Students are to report to school on Tuesday, 14 November 2023.
14 Nov (Tue) (Last day of school)	Promotion Activities Thanksgiving P6 Farewell Ceremony	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
15 Nov (Wed)	GRACIA! Celebrations	
16 - 17 Nov (Thu - Fri)	P1 to P5 Meet-the- Parents Session	Please refer to the following letters reference no.: P1: 2023OLN_0467 P2: 2023OLN_0468 P3: 2023OLN_0467 P4: 2023OLN_0469 P5: 2023OLN_0467
18 Nov - 31 Dec (Sat - Sun)	Term 4 School Holidays	School reopens on Tuesday, 2 January 2024 for P1 and Wednesday, 3 January 2024 for P2 to P6.
22 - 24 Nov (Wed - Fri)	PSLE Release of Results (Tentative)	For P6 students only. The actual date will
20 - 22 Dec (Wed - Fri)	PSLE S1 Posting of Results (Tentative)	be announced via a press release from Ministry of Education in due time.
25 Dec (Mon)	Christmas Day Public Holiday	

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Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
1 Jan (Mon)	New Year Day Public Holiday	
2 Jan (Tue)	School reopens for 2024 P1 students	More details will be given later.
3 Jan (Wed)	School reopens for 2024 P2 - P6 students	

We seek your understanding that there may be changes to the schedule of activities shared in this newsletter due to unforeseen circumstances. Please refer to Parents Gateway and our school website (<a href="https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/letters-to-parents">https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/letters-to-parents</a>) for copies of letters issued by the school.

Do check out our school website if you need more information about the school: https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/