

OLN Connect

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



Student Wellbeing & Personal Hygiene

Although the transition of COVID-19 to an endemic disease brings a return to normalcy, it is critical to remain vigilant against other diseases that may emerge by continuing to exercise personal hygiene and social responsibility. Here are some ways you can help your child in doing so:

- Remind her to wash her hands regularly
- Bring along items to school daily that can aid your child to maintain her personal hygiene e.g. hand sanitizer, a packet of tissue or wet wipes. Used tissues should be disposed of properly in waste bins.
- Avoid sharing personal items with classmates

If your child is unwell, do let her stay away from school and to seek medical attention if necessary. Our teachers will continue to do daily visual screenings and we seek your understanding that if your child happens to be unwell in school, we will contact you to bring her home to see a doctor. Thank you for working with us to ensure that CHIJ OLN continues to be a safe and conducive learning environment for our children!



General Information

Inculcating a Sense of Responsibility *Reminder*

We would like to remind parents not to bring books, bags, money etc., at the request of your child. Should your child forget to bring the items for that day, all she needs to do is to highlight the fact to her teachers. The teachers will do the necessary e.g. to ensure that she is able to participate in the lessons. We seek your cooperation to inculcate in our students the need to be responsible and take ownership of their learning in school.

Children's Day: A Grand Celebration

This Children's Day, we're encouraging our girls to show their love and appreciation through the "Celebrating Our Grands" initiative.

Each student will receive a special craft set to create a meaningful gift. We encourage them to complete the crafts at home and present them to their grandparents or older family members in the month of October. Instructions on how to do the craft and more information can be found here.

Parents are invited to post photos or videos of the girls presenting the completed crafts to their grandparents or older extended family members on Families for Life (FFL) Families for Life (FFL) Facebook or tag FFL on Instagram.

Let's create lasting memories and foster intergenerational connections!

Absences from End-of-Year Examinations

For your child's well-being, she will not be allowed to take any component(s)/paper(s) if she is unwell on the day of assessment. Please make the necessary arrangements to bring your daughter to see a doctor and to obtain a medical certificate if she is unwell. Letters from parents will not be accepted, unless there is a valid reason and this is subject to the Principal's approval. Medical certificates from Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners will not be recognised.

The purpose of assessment is to check for students' understanding and to provide timely feedback to improve learning. As such, while make-up sessions will not be scheduled for students who are absent from any component(s)/paper(s), students who missed their written assessment will be given a set of the affected assessment papers as an optional assignment. They are encouraged to complete the paper at home independently and at one sitting. The subject teacher will mark the assignment and provide feedback on the student's progress. The marks will not be included in the computation of the Overall Performance for the year.

Science Textbooks / Workbooks for 2025 (P5 to P6)

P5 students should keep their 2024 Science Textbooks and Workbooks for use in 2025. The current Science textbooks and workbooks are meant to be used over 2 years.

We wish to alert parents and guardians of P5 students who are currently on the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) or intend to apply for FAS that there will not be any replacement for the Science Textbooks and Workbooks in the new academic year, should these books be misplaced or thrown away.

Bookshop Closure Days in Term 4

Parents who wish to buy school attire or other stationery during the school term (excluding weekends and public holidays) can visit the school bookshop from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Do note that the bookshop is closed on the following days in Term 4:

- Children's Day Celebration (3 October 2024)
- Children's Day School Holiday (4 October 2024)
- PSLE Marking Exercise (14 16 October 2024)
- Administration Day (5 November 2024)
- GRACIA! Celebrations (13 November 2024)
- Meet-the-Parents session (14 15 November 2024)

Gentle Reminders

Children's Day Celebration

The school will celebrate Children's Day on Thursday, 3 October 2024. We will be having activities like a carnival and class picnics, and end the day with a concert.

All students are to report to school by 7.25am and will be dismissed at 10.30am. To minimise overcrowding, we will implement staggered dismissal:

P1 & P2	P3 & P4	P5 & P6
10.20am	10.25am	10.30am

The bookshop and canteen will be closed that day. There will be <u>no</u> afternoon activities that day, i.e. support lessons, P6 supplementary lessons and CCA. Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child to return home if she is not taking the school bus.

Students should bring along a small bag with a water bottle, stationery and some healthy dry snacks for the class picnic. The Form Teachers will inform the classes separately if they are required to bring along other items.

The following day i.e. Friday, 4 October 2024, is a school holiday. The General Office will be closed at 5.00pm on 4 October 2024.

PSLE Marking Exercise on 14 to 16 October 2024

The PSLE Marking Exercise will take place from 14 to 16 October 2024. Due to the availability of resources and greater familiarity with HBL, the school is able to extend learning during the marking exercise. Please take note of the following arrangements for P1 to P6 students on these 3 days:

- P1 to P2 students will report to school for lessons on these 3 days. School hours will remain unchanged i.e. 7:30a.m. - 1:30p.m.
- P3 to P5 students will not report to school. Instead, they will be assigned HBL, and task sheets will be made available by 11 October 2024, 6p.m. Some P4 students are required to return to school to attend the Swimsafer Programme if you have earlier given consent for your child to attend the Swimsafer Programme. Please refer to the Parents Gateway letter dated 7 August 2024 for the schedule.
- P6 students will not report to school. Instead, they will be assigned work at home to prepare for the annual IJ Bazaar. Teachers will share more information with the girls after the PSLE.

All students are to report to school on Thursday, 17 October 2024.

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
1 Oct (Tue)	PSLE Science	Classes are conducted as per normal for P1 - P5 students. P6 students will be dismissed at the end of the paper.
2 Oct (Wed)	PSLE Higher Mother Tongue (HTML)	Classes are conducted as per normal for P1 - P5 students. This is only for P6 students taking HMTL, who will be dismissed at the end of the paper. P6 students who are not taking this paper should not report to school.
3 Oct (Thu)	Children's Day Celebration	School will end at 10.30 am. Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
4 Oct (Fri)	Children's Day School Holiday	School holiday. All students are to report to school on Monday, 7 October 2024. The General Office will operate from 8.00am to 5.00pm that day.

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
7 Oct (Mon)	P3 - P5 End-of-Year Written Examination (EYE): EL and MTL Paper 1	Please refer to PG Letter Reference No.: P3: 2024OLN_0443 P4: 2024OLN_0444
8 - 11 Oct (Tue - Fri)	P3 End-of-Year Oral Examinations	P5: 2024OLN_0445
10 - 11 Oct (Thu - Fri)	P4 - P5 End-of-Year Oral Examinations	
14 - 16 Oct (Mon - Wed)	PSLE Marking Exercise	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
15 - 16 Oct (Tue - Wed)	P3 Gifted Education Programme Selection Exercise	For selected P3 students only.
17 - 18 Oct (Thu - Fri)	P6 GRACIA Camp	Please refer to PG Letter Reference No.: 2024OLN_0456
21 Oct (Mon)	P3 - P5 EYE: EL Paper 2	Please refer to PG Letter Reference No.:
22 Oct (Tue)	P3 - P5 EYE: Mathematics	P3: 2024OLN_0443 P4: 2024OLN_0444
23 Oct (Wed)	P3 - P5 EYE: MTL Paper 2	P5: 2024OLN_0445
24 Oct (Thu)	P3 - P5 EYE: Science	
25 Oct (Fri)	P5 EYE: Higher MTL Paper 1 and 2	
30 Oct (Wed)	Eve of Deepavali	Hindu/Sikh students are allowed to be dismissed at 10.30am. More information will be disseminated later.

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
31 Oct (Thu)	Deepavali Public Holiday	School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Friday, 1 November 2024.
5 Nov (Tue)	Administration Day	No school for all students. All students are to report back to school on Wednesday, 6 November 2024.
12 Nov (Tue)	Promotion Activities Thanksgiving P6 Farewell Ceremony	
13 Nov (Wed)	GRACIA! Celebrations	More details will be
14 - 15 Nov (Thu - Fri)	P1 to P5 Meet-the- Parents Session	given later.
16 Nov - 31 Dec (Sat - Sun)	Term 4 School Holidays	School reopens on Thursday, 2 January 2025 for P1 and Friday, 3 January 2025 for P2 to P6.
20 - 22 Nov (Wed - Fri)	PSLE Release of Results (Tentative)	For P6 students only. The actual date will be announced via a press release from Ministry of Education in due time.

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 <u>school website</u> for copies of letters issued by the school.