



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



Thanksgiving and P6 Farewell Programme

The Thanksgiving and P6 Farewell Programme will be held on Tuesday, 12 November 2024. The intent is 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, 13 November in the school hall. The prize winners will be notified by Wednesday, 6 November 2024.

We are pleased to be giving out more awards this year to affirm the children, e.g. the IJ Angel award for demonstrating the GRACIA values. With the increased number of students receiving awards and due to limited seating capacity, we will only be inviting 1 parent to attend this event.

The school bus service will be operating for students registered with them. Please register with KW Bus if you require the service. 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 P6 students who are not prize-winners or not performing at the GRACIA! Celebrations are not required to report to school on Wednesday, 13 November 2024.

General Information

IJ Bazaar A project by P6

It's time for the IJ Bazaar once again! This annual fund-raising activity organised by our graduating girls raises funds for the IJ Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC). Last year, the P6s raised \$7361.00 and as a result of this and other IJOLN projects throughout 2023 i.e. Project G.O.O.D and sale of hot cross buns, IJOLN donated a total of \$10,696.20 to IJHCC. This year, we hope to bless IJHCC similarly.

The 2024 IJ Bazaar will be held on Monday, 4 November 2024 during the recess. The P6 students will be making handicrafts and games and the price ranges from \$0.50 to \$3.00. All proceeds will be again donated to IJHCC. We have shared this with all our girls on Friday, 25 October 2024 and we look forward to their support on 4 November 2024.

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 2025.

P2 and P4 students will be informed of their P3 and P5 classes for 2025 on **Tuesday**, **12 November 2024**. 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 mix with other girls in the level, have a wider circle of friends and to grow their social skills.

General Office Closure on Wednesday, 13 November 2024 (GRACIA! Celebrations)

The General Office will be closed for a staff event from 11.30am to 3.00pm on Wednesday, 13 November 2024. In the event of an emergency, please send a WhatsApp message to 90605967 if you need to contact us.

Meet-the-Parents Session on Thursday and Friday, 14 and 15 November 2024

With reference to our letter [reference no. 2024OLN_0472], we invite all P1 to P5 parents to make an appointment via Parents Gateway to meet their children's Form Teacher(s) via Zoom. 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.

MOE / School-Based Financial Assistance Scheme

Application for the MOE FAS 2025 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 (https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance) 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, school attire, 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 <u>here</u> and email the completed form along with supporting documents to <u>maliga_servalingam@moe.edu.sg</u> by <u>Monday</u>, 11 November 2024. Do include "FAS" in the subject of the email.
- 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 Monday, 11 November 2024.

We appeal to parents to refer to the instructions in the form and submit the information and supporting documents as requested. This will prevent any delay in processing.

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 here and email the completed form along with supporting documents to mailga_servalingam@moe.edu.sg by Monday, 11 November 2024. 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

Purchase of Schoolbooks

Vendor: BL Marketing Pte Ltd

The sale of school textbooks, workbooks, school worksheets and stationery will be <u>strictly</u> via online ordering through the school bookshop's website <u>http://blmarketing.sg</u>. 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**, **12 November 2024**. Please note the following dates for the sale of books:

- 15 November 2024 to 15 December 2024: 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 2024.
- 25 November 2024 to 19 December 2024: 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 http://blmarketing.sg from Wednesday, 15 November 2024 onwards.

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

Parents who intend to sign up for MOE FAS 2025 and the School-based FAS 2025 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:

\$6.00	For orders less than \$50
\$8.00	For orders between \$50 and \$80
\$10.00	For orders between \$80 and \$120
\$12.00	For orders between \$120 and \$150
\$15.00	For orders above \$150

• E-appointment to visit the physical shop (5000 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 #05-09, Techplace II S569870) through https://www.magdalene.com.sg/e-appointment between 15 November 2024 to 10 January 2025.

• Walk-in purchase in the school on the following dates (9am - 3pm):

Month	Dates
November	25, 27, 29
December	2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19

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 2025 and the School-based FAS 2025 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 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 (Friday, 1 November 2024, 9.00am to Thursday, 21 November 2024, 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) <u>and</u> 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 <u>here</u>.

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
5 Nov (Tue)	Administration Day	No school for all students. All students are to report back to school on Wednesday, 6 November 2024.
5 Nov (Tue)	CHIJ Netball Fiesta	Our P4 and P5 Netball school teams will be competing against other CHIJ schools (Primary).
12 Nov (Tue)	Promotion Activities Thanksgiving P6 Farewell Ceremony	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
13 Nov (Wed)	GRACIA! Celebrations	
14 - 15 Nov (Thu - Fri)	P1 to P5 Meet-the- Parents Session	Please refer to PG Letter Reference No.: 2024OLN_0472.
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) 18 - 20 Dec (Wed - Fri)	PSLE Release of Results (Tentative) Release of PSLE Posting Results (Tentative)	For P6 students only. The actual date will be announced via a press release from Ministry of Education in due time.
24 Dec (Tue)	Christmas Eve	General Office will be operating till 1.00pm only.
25 Dec (Wed)	Christmas Day Public Holiday	School will be closed.

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
31 Dec (Tue)	New Year Eve	General Office will be operating till 1.00pm only.
1 Jan 2025 (Wed)	New Year Day Public Holiday	School will be closed.
2 Jan 2025 (Thu)	School reopens for 2025 P1 students	
3 Jan 2025 (Fri)	School reopens for 2025 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 <u>school website</u> for copies of letters issued by the school.