



## 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

### **You're Always There for Me**

When the world comes crashing in  
And chaos rules my mind,  
I turn my heart to you, Lord,  
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble  
You comfort me in pain;  
You nourish, heal  
and cleanse me,  
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,  
When things are going right,  
You lift me even higher,  
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;  
You hear my every plea;  
I'm safe because I know  
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs

<https://www.poemsource.com/Christian-poems.html>

## Traffic and Crowding Matters

We thank parents for assisting to minimise the inconvenience caused to parents while exiting the HDB carpark. Traffic was bad over the CNY week due to all students being released on Friday 20 Jan, and the heavy rains. Thankfully, it has much improved thanks to the segregated dismissal on rainy days, the commencement of after-school activities and to drivers being patient and considerate. Your assistance with the following has been much appreciated.

- Driving carefully so as to ensure the safety of students and others.
- Parking in an allotted space in the HDB carpark.
- Not sound the horn so as to be considerate to residents in neighbouring blocks.
- Getting your child ready a few minutes before alighting and entering/exiting your car quickly so as not to hold up the cars behind
- Refraining from stopping along Upper Serangoon Road especially at the bus-stop outside the school

- Keeping clear of the steps on the overhead bridge and staircases to give easy access to students and members of the public.

We have given our feedback to HDB on the situation, and we seek your understanding to continue working with us to improve the crowd and traffic situations in the mornings and at dismissal times.

## **General Information**

### **Wet Weather Dismissal**

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In the event of rainy weather, we will stagger the dismissal starting from 1.20 p.m. for the P1 to be dismissed first followed by P2 at 1.25 p.m. We will then make announcements from 1.35 p.m. onwards for the other levels to make their way down. P1 to P3 will continue to use Side Gate 2. This is to ease congestion at the gates as well as the area near the bus stop.

### **Total Defence Day**

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The school will be commemorating Total Defence Day on Wednesday, 15 February 2023. The theme is “Together, We Keep Singapore Strong”. It serves to remind us that every Singaporean has a part to play to keep Singapore strong and resilient.

In line with this theme, there will be activities conducted during CCE (FTGP) lessons and recess. Lessons will be held as usual on Wednesday, 15 February 2023 with a one-hour hall assembly programme for the students.



## Catholic Welfare Services Donation Draw Tickets

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After a 2-year hiatus, the Catholic Welfare Services will be organising its annual Donation Draw again to help the poor in our society as well as to help our Catholic schools fund educational and other projects. This year also marks their 50<sup>th</sup> year of organising the annual donation draw. 50% of the total value of the tickets sold by the school will go towards supporting the school's causes.

On Tuesday, 7 February 2023, each family will be issued 1 booklet of 10 tickets valued at \$10, and an envelope. Our girls will be asked not to sell tickets door-to-door but to approach people whom they already know (e.g. relatives and friends) instead. We will encourage them to help sell as many tickets as possible. We will also remind our girls to be responsible as a police report would need to be submitted for misplaced ticket(s)/booklets.

Money, ticket stubs and unsold tickets (if any) should be placed in the given envelope. The General Office staff will collect the envelopes from students on the following dates:

Level	Date / Day
P1	Thursday, 23 February 2023
P2	Wednesday, 22 February 2023
P3	Tuesday, 21 February 2023
P4	Monday, 20 February 2023
P5	Friday, 17 February 2023
P6	Thursday, 16 February 2023

As the Catholic Welfare services does not accept the return of unsold tickets, the school will have to absorb the cost of all unsold tickets. We hope all parents would be able to support us in the ticket sales. We would like to thank you for your generosity in the past and look forward to your continued support for this project.



## Absences from Reviews & Other Assessments

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Reviews and other assessments are used as a gauge of how well a child is learning. Some assessments like the End-of-Year examinations are taken under more formal circumstances in school while other assessments are made more informally through e.g. homework, worksheets and/or teacher observation.

Should your child be unwell, please do make the necessary arrangements to bring her to see a doctor and submit the medical certificate to the Form Teacher upon her return to school. She should not come to school. If in school already, she will not be allowed to take any component(s)/ paper(s).

Students who miss their assessment will be given a set of the affected assessment papers as an optional assignment. They are encouraged to complete the paper at home under exam conditions. 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. Make-up sessions will not be scheduled for students who are absent from any component(s)/ paper(s) from any written assessment.

Please note that any absence must be supported with documentation such as a Medical Certificate from a doctor or a photograph of the AG+ result where applicable. Letters from parents will only be accepted for formal assessments if there is a valid reason. Medical certificates from Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners will not be recognised.



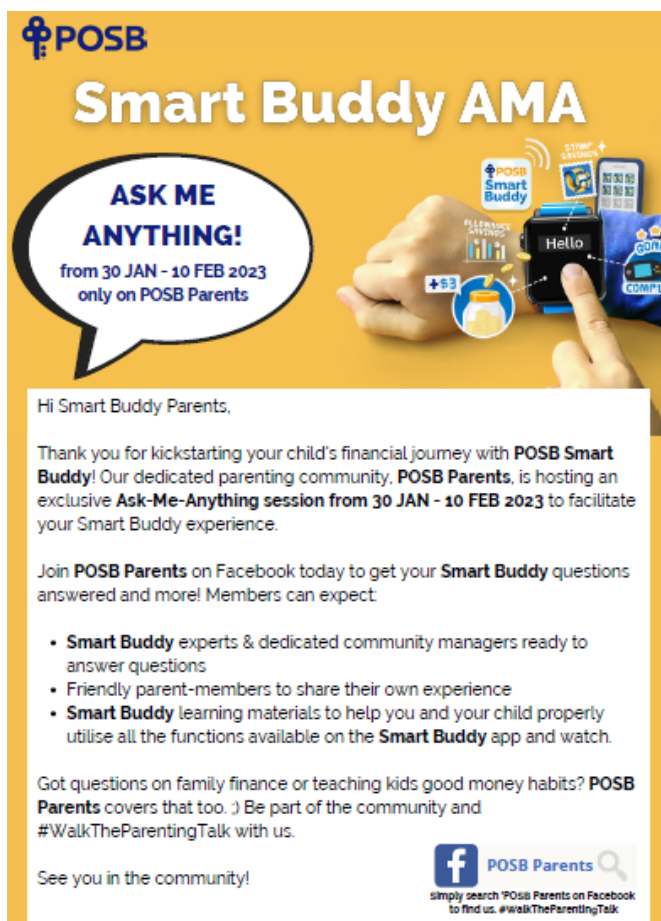
## Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2023

As shared in January's issue of OLN Connect, Income Insurance Limited will still manage the Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2023. The insurance policy provides accident coverage related to school activities and/or co-curricular activities. Do refer to the product sheet enclosed in the Parents Gateway announcement for February's issue of OLN Connect.

## Sale of Cardigans at School Bookshop

The sale of cardigans will commence at the school bookshop from 15 February 2023. For any queries pertaining to the sale of cardigans, please call Magdalene Sewing Centre at 62935840.

## POSB Smart Buddy Programme - Ask-Me-Anything session



**POSB**

### Smart Buddy AMA

**ASK ME ANYTHING!**  
from 30 JAN - 10 FEB 2023  
only on POSB Parents

Hi Smart Buddy Parents,

Thank you for kickstarting your child's financial journey with **POSB Smart Buddy**! Our dedicated parenting community, **POSB Parents**, is hosting an exclusive **Ask-Me-Anything session from 30 JAN - 10 FEB 2023** to facilitate your Smart Buddy experience.

Join **POSB Parents** on Facebook today to get your **Smart Buddy** questions answered and more! Members can expect:

- **Smart Buddy** experts & dedicated community managers ready to answer questions
- Friendly parent-members to share their own experience
- **Smart Buddy** learning materials to help you and your child properly utilise all the functions available on the **Smart Buddy** app and watch.

Got questions on family finance or teaching kids good money habits? **POSB Parents** covers that too. :) Be part of the community and #WalkTheParentingTalk with us.

See you in the community!

**f POSB Parents**  
simply search 'POSB Parents' on Facebook to find us. #WalkTheParentingTalk

POSB is hosting a special Ask-Me-Anything session to answer common questions and issues regarding the Smart Buddy programme (e.g. how does the card/watch work, what to do if the watch is damaged etc.) on Facebook (POSB Parents).

Should you be keen to sign up for POSB Smart Buddy Programme, you can sign up via <https://www.posb.com.sg/chijoln>



## Home News

We warmly welcome the following staff to the CHIJ OLN family:

- Mrs Lim Kim Tia, Operations Support Officer
- Mdm Sharon Gan, Operations Support Officer

We extend our best wishes to Mdm Koh Sok Hwee, Operations Support Officer who has left IJ OLN.

## Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
25 Jan - 3 Feb 2023 (Wed - Fri)	Annual Health Screening Exercise for all levels	
3 Feb (Fri)	Networking session for P3 and P5	Please refer to letter reference no.: 2023OLN_0029 for more information.
8 - 10 Feb (Wed - Fri)	P5 Camp (Non-Residential)	Please refer to letter reference no.: 2023OLN_0035 for more information.
15 Feb (Wed)	Total Defence Day	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
27 Feb to 3 Mar (Mon - Fri)	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment P6 Conditioning Exercise	Please refer to the following letters reference no. for more information.  P3 to P5: 2023OLN_0043 P6: 2023OLN_0044
6 - 8 Mar (Mon - Wed)	World Water Week Commemoration	More information will be given later.





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Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
6 Mar (Mon)	P4 Track On!	
7 Mar (Tue)	P5 Track On!	
9 Mar (Thu)	P6 Track On!	
10 Mar (Fri)	School-Wide Learning Journey (1)	
11 - 19 Mar (Sat - Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	Students are to report to school on Monday, 20 March 2023.
29 Mar (Wed)	Home-Based Learning (HBL) Day	Students are expected to be at home completing the HBL tasks.  More information will be given later.
31 Mar - 3 Apr (Fri - Mon)	Class Photo-Taking	More information will be given later.
<p><i>We seek your understanding that there may be changes to the schedule of activities shared in this newsletter due to the evolving Covid-19 situation. Please refer to Parents Gateway and our school website (<a href="https://chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/communications/letters-to-parents">https://chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/communications/letters-to-parents</a>) for copies of letters issued by the school.</i></p>		



## Frequently Used Links from School Website

[CLICK TO RESET SLS & STUDENT ICON PASSWORDS](#)

[CLICK IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FOR THE DAY](#)

[CLICK TO VIEW STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES](#)

[CLICK TO VIEW PAST COPIES OF OUR LETTERS](#)

[CLICK TO VIEW CCA SCHEDULES](#)

[CLICK TO VIEW SUPPORT LESSON SCHEDULES](#)

[CLICK TO VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

[CLICK TO VISIT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE](#)

[CLICK TO VISIT COVID-19 FAQS ON MOE WEBSITE](#)

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