



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



Chinese New Year Celebrations on Friday, 9 February 2024

Our Chinese New Year celebrations will be held on Friday, 9 February 2024. This is an opportunity for students and staff of different races to come together and celebrate the Chinese tradition and culture. The school will be planning activities including a concert and the blessing of oranges.

Your child can bring along 2 mandarin oranges to school on Friday, 9 February 2024 if she wants to participate in the blessing of oranges. Your child is to come in her school uniform with school shoes.

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

P1 & P2	P3 & P4	P5 & P6
10.10am	10.20am	10.30am

There will be no afternoon activities that day, i.e. CCA, support lessons and enrichment programmes. The bookshop and canteen will also be closed that day.

There will be no classes for all students on Monday, 12 February 2024 and Tuesday, 13 February 2024. Classes will resume on Wednesday, 14 February 2024.



General Information

Total Defence Day

This year, we are commemorating 40 years of Total Defence with the theme “Together, We Keep Singapore Strong”.

Known as TD40, its focus will be on Singaporean’s readiness and resilience in the face of crises and disruptions. Total Defence underpins our ability to deal with the ever-evolving threats and challenges to Singapore. After all, Singapore depends on every Singaporean playing their part to ensure that Singapore is prepared for crises and disruption.

As part of our commemoration of TD40 this year, the school will be having a special assembly programme on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 as well as a food disruption simulation and lights-off exercise on Friday, 17 February 2024. School hours are as per normal on both days.

On Friday, 17 February 2024, the canteen will not serve any form of meat (e.g., chicken, fish, pork, beef, mutton and seafood) on that day to encourage students to be flexible in food choices and be open to protein alternatives in the event of such disruptions. In addition, our students will also experience an hour of lights-off (similar to Earth Hour) in the school. After the exercise, our students will get to reflect and share on their experience.

Do ask your child about the event and get her to share her learning with you and your family. You can share with her your own thoughts on Total Defence and other National Education events that you attended when in school, and how each of us can make a difference to Singapore.

Season of Lent

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<https://www.kandle.ie/primary-resources-lent-2017/>

Lent is a Catholic liturgical season of 40 days, beginning with Ash Wednesday (14 Feb 2024).

Lent is a time of preparation and an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with God through fasting, prayers and alms giving.

As a school, we would also be sharing with students the meaning of special days like Ash Wednesday and organising activities like Project G.O.O.D. More details will be shared later.

PSG “Inside Out” Movie Night on Friday, 1 March 2024

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to the first Family Movie Night at CHIJ OLN on Friday, 1 March 2024. As the response was overwhelming, the Parent Support Group (PSG) has extended this event to 292 households, which would include more than 1000 people, from the initial plan of 800.

The PSG will contact all who have successfully registered by 23 February 2024. If you are unable to join us for any reason, please contact: psg24chijoln@gmail.com.

For those who were unsuccessful during registration, we have placed you on the waiting list and will contact you if there are cancellations.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday 1 March!

Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2024

As shared in January's issue of OLN Connect, Income Insurance Limited will still manage the Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2024. 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.

Absences from Weighted Assessments

As with any school day, a student should not be in school if she is unwell. Please make the necessary arrangements to bring your child/ward to see a doctor and submit the medical certificate to the Form Teacher upon her return to school. This applies on days when weighted assessments take place too.

The purpose of assessment including Weighted Assessments 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.

Home News

We would like extend our best wishes to our Vice-Principal, Mrs Annie Yuen, who has left the school with effect from 19 January 2024. Mrs Yuen will be furthering her studies to contribute more to the education fraternity and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We would like to welcome Ms Amelia Phua (Untrained School Counsellor) to the IJ OLN family!

We would also like to congratulate Mdm Illiany on being a new mother to a baby girl!

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
9 Feb (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebrations: Eve of Chinese New Year	All students will be dismissed by <u>10.30am</u> as it is the eve of Chinese New Year. To minimise overcrowding, we will implement staggered dismissal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P1 & P2: 10.10am • P3 & P4: 10.20am • P5 & P6: 10.30am The school will be closed by 12.30pm.
10 - 12 Feb (Sat - Mon)	Chinese New Year Public Holiday	School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Wed, 14 Feb 2024.
13 Feb (Tue)	Chinese New Year School Holiday	

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14 Feb (Wed)	Commemoration of TD40	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
17 Feb (Fri)		
21 - 28 Feb (Wed - Wed)	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment	Please refer to PG letter ref no.: 2024OLN_0056 .
	P6 Conditioning Exercise	Please refer to PG letter ref no.: 2024OLN_0057 .
1 Mar (Fri)	PSG Movie Night	Please refer to PG letter ref no.: 2024OLN_0086.
4 - 6 Mar (Mon - Wed)	World Water Week Commemoration	
4 - 6 Mar (Mon - Wed)	P5 Camp	Please refer to PG letter ref no.: 2024OLN_0072.
8 Mar (Fri)	School-Wide Learning Journey (1)	More details will be given later.
9 - 17 Mar (Sat - Sun)	Term 1 School Holidays	All students are to report to school on Mon, 18 Mar 2024.
18 - 28 Mar (Mon - Thu)	Annual School Health Screening Exercise	Only P1 and P5 students are to submit their health booklets to the Form Teachers by Thu, 29 Feb 2024.
29 Mar (Fri)	Good Friday Public Holiday	School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Mon, 1 Apr 2024.

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](#) for copies of letters issued by the school.