



## 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

### **New Years Prayer**

Dear Lord,  
In the new year, we pray that  
You will guide us each new day  
in paths that are pleasing to You.

Lord, the new year gives us  
another chance to rededicate our  
lives to You, to study Your Word  
so that we know right from  
wrong and to act in accordance  
with Your commands.

Thank You for the sense of  
direction, purpose and peace we  
get from aligning our lives with  
Your Holy will.

We pray for the strength  
and the will to obey You  
each and every day of the new  
year, and when we fail,  
we pray for Your mercy,  
Your compassion, Your grace  
and Your love.

Help us in the new year to be  
Your faithful servants.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*By Joanna Fuchs*

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

## Principal's Message

We are excited to welcome our students back to CHIJ OLN, starting with our P1s on 3 January followed by the rest of the school on 4 January.

Each year, our plans are designed with a school value in mind. This year, it is Responsibility, a key virtue and learning disposition that will help our girls succeed in life. Do ask your daughter about our talks and lessons and how they help her better understand it.



My colleagues and I look forward to partnering you in 2023 to educate your children, and as always, if you would like to share your thoughts and feedback with us, do contact me via email at [christina\\_teo@moe.edu.sg](mailto:christina_teo@moe.edu.sg).

May God bless you and your family with health and happiness in 2023!

## General Information

### Updating of Pupil Particulars Form (PPF)

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MOE will send all parents a notification on the PPF on Tuesday, 3 January 2023. Please update your contact details and other personal particulars online by Tuesday, 31 January 2023.

However, with the start of the new school year, we hope you can still help the school to update your contact details and other information via the hardcopy Pupil Particulars cum Medical Record Form that you will receive through your child. This is an avenue for our teachers to get to know your child better. Please complete and submit it to your child's Form Teacher by Friday, 7 January 2023.

### Temperature-Taking Exercise & SMMs

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As part of our measures to ensure your daughter's safety, we need all pupils to be familiar with the temperature-taking process. As such, there will be a temperature-taking exercise on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Please ensure that your child brings her personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) on that day if she has not already handed her ODT to her Form Teacher for safe-keeping. All P1 pupils will be given an ODT issued by MOE and this will be kept by the Form Teachers to facilitate the temperature-taking exercises. The ODT will be returned to your child at the end of the year.

While we are in the endemic stage, COVID is still very much around us. As such, to keep everyone safe we will continue maintaining the safe management measures such as wiping down in school and emphasising on social responsibility.



## **School Smart Card (SSC) for P1 and P6 students**

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There will be a photo-taking session for P1 and P6 students during school hours on the following days:

P1: Tuesday, 17 January 2023

P6: Wednesday, 18 January 2023

Your child will need to be in her school uniform (i.e. school blouse and pinafore) for the photo-taking session. If she has a PE lesson that day, please ensure that she has her school blouse packed in her school bag.

P1 students should be able to get their SSC by April 2023. For P6 students, the photo taken that day will be used for the SSC issued in 2024 when she goes to Secondary 1.

## **For P3 only - Gifted Education Programme (GEP)**

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The tentative schedule is as follows:

- GEP Screening Exercise - 17 August 2023 (Thursday)
- GEP Selection Exercise - 17 and 18 October 2023 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

## **School Organiser**

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Each child will be issued a School Organiser (compliments from the school) in Term 1 Week 1. All parents are encouraged to browse through the organiser to familiarise themselves with the important information in it. In addition to being a source of information, the School Organiser could also be used as a means to communicate with your child's teachers. We also seek your cooperation to remind your child to keep it safely as there will be no replacement for lost organisers.



## **Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2023**

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MOE has continued to engage Income Insurance Limited to manage the Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2023. The insurance policy provides accident coverage related to school activities and/or co-curricular activities. The insurance premium is borne by MOE. You can refer to <https://www.income.com.sg/group-insurance-for-schools-and-centres-and-moe> for more information on the coverage.

## **Chinese New Year Celebration on Friday, 20 January 2023**

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Our Chinese New Year celebration will be held on Friday, 20 January 2023. 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 and a concert which includes the blessing of mandarin oranges. Your child can bring along 2 mandarin oranges to school on Friday, 20 January 2023 if she wants to participate in the blessing of oranges. Your child is to come in her school uniform with school shoes.

School dismissal will be as per normal at 1.30pm. There will be no afternoon activities (i.e. CCA, support lessons and enrichment programmes) that day.

There will be no classes for all students on Monday, 23 January 2023 and Tuesday, 24 January 2023. Classes will resume on Wednesday, 25 January 2023.



## **Bookshop Operating Hours**

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The bookshop supplier is BL Marketing Pte Ltd and the operating hours (for parents) are as follows:

	<b><i>3 to 6 Jan 2023 only</i></b>	<b>From 9 Jan onwards</b>
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	2.00pm to 4.00pm	11.30am to 12.30pm

School uniform by Magdalene Sewing Centre is available for sale at the school bookshop.

## **Inculcating a Sense of Responsibility** Reminder

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Please do not 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 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.

## **Birthday Gifts and Goodies** Reminder

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This is a reminder that the school does not accept goodie bags or food items from parents to be given to a child's classmates for birthday or other celebrations.



## Safety Reminders

CHIJ OLN has 1440 students and as such, there are large numbers of cars, caregivers, and children coming in and going out through our gates each day. Let us always be good role models for our children and their friends. Should your child be driven to/from school, please do note the following:

- Get your child ready a few minutes before alighting and enter/exit the car quickly so as not to hold up the cars behind
- Not stop along Upper Serangoon Road especially at the bus-stop outside the school
- Not sound the horn so as to be considerate to residents in neighbouring blocks. A little patience goes a long way. Let's all be gracious as there is no need to respond in kind
- Drive carefully so as to ensure the safety of students and others. Please note there can only be 1 line of cars once your car enters the HDB carpark (or the school in the mornings).
- If you need to leave the car, please park in an allotted space in the HDB carpark.
- The HDB carpark is most crowded 10 minutes before/after assembly and dismissal. Do adjust your drop-off/pick-up time accordingly.



# School Rules Reminders

## School Attire

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Please note that students are to wear their pinafore at knee length. If your child's pinafore is short, please purchase a longer one for her.

Students must have their iron-on name tags on their school uniform / PE attire. Name tags can be purchased from the school bookshop and ironed/sewn onto her pinafore and PE T-shirt. Please refer to pages 32 and 33 of the School Organiser for the position of the name tags.

Please note that students should not wear any jewellery or accessories with their school uniform. Religious items if worn should be tucked into the school blouse/T-shirt and not displayed.

## Use of Smart Watches

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Please note that students are not allowed to wear smart watches or watches with recording functions to school. The only exception will be the POSB Smart Buddy Watch that your child is currently using at the canteen.

**Please refer to the school organiser (pages 28 -31) for more information**





**Gentle Reminders on School Re-Opening** (Reference from OLN Connect (Dec) and Letter reference no. 2022OLN\_0512 for P2 to P6 and 2022OLN\_0513 for P1)

## **School Hours - General & Punctuality**

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Please note the official school hours for 2023:

- Mondays - Fridays: 7.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Students are expected to be with their class by 7.30 am. Do ensure that your child comes in early so that she has sufficient time to join her class by 7.30 a.m. It would take her 5-10 mins to walk up to her classroom.

Assembly will begin promptly at 7.30 a.m. and students who are not with their class for assembly at 7.30 a.m. will be considered late. There are implications on your child's conduct grade if she is persistently late. Please ensure that your child is punctual for school.

## **Access Timing for School Gates 2023**

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<b>Gate</b>	<b>Opening Hours during School Term ( Mondays – Fridays )</b>
Main Gate	<p>7.00 a.m. – 7.45 a.m. (only for school buses and parents who are driving their children to school)</p> <p>Should you arrive earlier than 7.00 a.m., please let your child alight at Side Gate 2 near the HDB carpark at Blk 465A.</p> <p>Parents who drive and pick up their children from school after dismissal, should wait at Side Gate 2.</p>





Gate	Opening Hours during School Term ( Mondays – Fridays )
Side Gate 1 (Behind the bus stop)	6.30 a.m. – 8.00 a.m. (the gate will be opened only if it rains)  1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. (P4/P5/P6 students will be dismissed via Side Gate 1)
Side Gate 2 (Near the HDB car park at Blk 465A)	6.30 a.m. – 8.00 a.m.  1.30 p.m. – 2.00 p.m. (P1/P2/P3 students will be dismissed via Side Gate 2)  3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.

### **Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons (HMTL) - P5 to P6**

Please take note of the commencement date for Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons:

P5 and P6	from Thursday 12 January 2023 onwards
P3 and P4	from Monday 16 January 2023 onwards

### **Support Lessons - P3 to P5**

Support lessons will commence for **identified students** from Monday 16 January 2023 onwards. The list of identified students and the support lesson schedule will be made known and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 6 January 2023 via PG.



## Supplementary Lessons - P6

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Supplementary lessons will commence for all P6 students from Monday 16 January 2023 onwards. The supplementary lesson schedule will be made known and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 6 January 2023 via PG.

## Co-curricular Activities (CCA)

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CCA will commence from Monday 16 January 2023 onwards. The confirmed CCA schedule will be published on the school website under the 'Learn @ IJ OLN' tab by Tuesday, 3 January 2023.

CCA teachers will contact you directly should there be a need for the CCA to commence earlier or should extra training days be required e.g. for preparation for competitions.

**We seek your understanding that there may be changes to the schedule, e.g. of activities shared in this newsletter, depending on the Covid-19 situation. Should there be a need, we will contact parents via Parents Gateway (PG).**

## Home News

Our congratulations to Mrs Brindha Shoban who has given birth to a baby boy!

We extend our congratulations to the following officers:

- Mrs Kiranjit Kaur-Singh who is appointed Year Head (Middle Primary)
- Ms Ng Hui Qi who is appointed Subject Head (Student Leadership Development)



- Mdm Nurathirah Sharoni who is appointed Subject Head (Social Studies/National Education)
- Mrs Ngoh Hui Erl who is Senior Teacher (Character and Citizenship Education)

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

- Mdm Joy Voo Ke Rui (Teacher)
- Mrs Sharon Elvin (Teacher)
- Miss A Sumathi (Teacher)
- Mrs Toh-Siow Pei Ling (Teacher)
- Mdm Pang Woei Rui (Teacher)

We extend our best wishes to the following officers who have left IJ OLN:

- Mdm Nur Ilyana, Subject Head (Art)
- Mrs Amanda Wong, Teacher
- Ms Alena Ho, Teacher
- Ms Kasturi, Teacher
- Mdm Sim Yang, Operations Support Officer

## Achievement

Our congratulations to Neriah Lim Jing Xuan for winning the “Design my Bag Contest” organized by MUJI (Singapore). Her design can be found in our [Facebook page](#).



## Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
1 Jan 2023 (Sun)	New Year Day	
2 Jan 2023 (Mon)	Public holiday in lieu of New Year Day on a Sunday	
3 Jan 2023 (Tue)	School starts (P1)	Only P1 2023 students are expected to be in school.
4 Jan 2023 (Wed)	School starts (P2 to P6)	
3 - 9 Jan 2023 (Tue - Mon)	Back to School Programme	Classes for P2 to P6 will begin on 4 Jan.
11 Jan 2023 (Wed)	Temperature Taking Exercise	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
11 Jan 2023 (Wed)	New Year Mass	
12 Jan 2023 (Thu)	Commencement of P5 & P6 HMTL classes	
16 Jan 2023 (Mon)	Commencement of Support Lessons, Supplementary Lessons and CCAs	
16 Jan 2023 (Mon)	Commencement of P3 and P4 HMTL lessons	
20 Jan 2023 (Fri)	Chinese New Year Celebrations	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
22 - 24 Jan 2023 (Sun - Tue)	Chinese New Year Public Holidays	School will be closed. All students are to report to school on Wednesday, 25 Jan 2023.



## Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
25 Jan - 3 Feb 2023 (Wed - Fri)	Annual Health Screening Exercise for all levels	Only P1 and P5 students are to submit their health booklets to the Form Teachers by Thursday, 12 January 2023.
8 - 10 Feb (Wed - Fri)	P5 Camp (Non-Residential)	More details will be given later.
15 Feb (Wed)	Total Defence Day	
27 Feb to 3 Mar (Mon - Fri)	P3 to P5 Weighted Assessment P6 Conditioning Exercise	
<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>		



## 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](#)

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