

#### 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

# **OLN Connect**

# Principal's Message

We are excited to welcome our students back to CHIJ OLN, starting with our P1s on 4 January followed by the rest of the school on 5 January.

This year, we welcome our new Vice-Principal (Academic), Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins, to the CHIJ OLN family. Mrs Beins was formerly with CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace and we look forward to her working with us to enhance our IJ identity and holistic education for our students.

With the Covid-19 situation still not showing signs of stability, we will continue maintaining the safe management measures to keep everyone safe.

My colleagues and I look forward to partnering you in 2022 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 <a href="mailto:christina\_teo@moe.edu.sg">christina\_teo@moe.edu.sg</a>.

May God bless you and your family with health and happiness in 2022!

# **General Information**

## **Updating of Pupil Particulars Form**

With the start of the new school year, we will need to update your contact details and other information. You will receive the Pupil Particulars cum Medical Record Form through your child. Please complete and submit it to your child's Form Teacher by **Friday**, **7 January 2022**.

## **Temperature-Taking Exercise**

As part of our measures to ensure your child's safety, we will be continuing with the daily temperature-taking exercise. Please ensure that your child brings her personal oral digital thermometer (ODT) every day.

All P1 students will be given an (ODT) issued by MOE and this will be kept by the Form Teachers to facilitate the temperature-taking exercises.

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

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

P1: Friday, 14 January 2022 P6: Monday, 17 January 2022

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 2022. For P6 students, the photo taken that day will be used for the SSC which will be issued in 2023 when she goes to Secondary 1.

# For P3 only - Gifted Education Programme (GEP)

The tentative schedule is as follows:

- GEP Screening Exercise 17 August 2022 (Wednesday)
- GEP Selection Exercise 18 and 19 October 2022 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

# **School Organiser**

Each child will be issued a School Organiser 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 can also be used as a means to communicate with your child's teachers.

### Students' Accident Protection Scheme for 2022

MOE has continued to engage NTUC Income to manage the Scheme Students' Accident Protection for 2022. insurance policy provides accident coverage related to school activities and/or co-curricular activities. The insurance MOE. premium borne by You refer is can https://www.income.com.sg/group-personal-accident-forstudents for more information on the coverage.

# Chinese New Year Celebration on Monday, 31 January 2022

Chinese New Year celebration will be held on Monday, 31 January 2022. This is an opportunity for students and staff of different races to come together and celebrate the Chinese tradition and culture.

Like 2021, in adherence to the safe management measures (SMMs), the blessing of mandarin oranges will be done in the classrooms. Your child can bring along 2 mandarin oranges to school on Monday, 31 January 2022 if she wants to participate in the blessing of oranges.

Your child is to come in her school uniform with school shoes. There will be an online celebration followed by classroom activities.

As it is the eve of Chinese New Year, the staggered dismissal schedule will be as follows:

• P1: 10.15am

• P2: 10.20am

• P3/P4: 10.25am

• P5/P6: 10.30am

Please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child to return home if she is not taking the school bus. The school will also operate till 1.00pm on the eve of Chinese New Year.

As the canteen will be closed, we will implement snack time for all levels instead. Please remind your child to bring along healthy dry snacks. There will be no afternoon activities (i.e. CCA, support lessons and enrichment programmes) that day. The bookshop will also be closed that day.

There will be no classes for all students on Tuesday, 1 February 2022 and Wednesday, 2 February 2022. Classes will resume on Thursday, 3 February 2022.

# **Bookshop Operating Hours**

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

	4 to 7 Jan 2022 only	From 10 Jan onwards
Monday to		11.15am to 12.15pm
Thursday	2.00pm to 4.00pm	
Friday		11.45am to 12.30pm

School uniform is available for sale at the school bookshop.

Parents/Guardians are to adhere to the Covid-19 Social Management Measures such as TraceTogether SafeEntry, visual screening and social distancing. The school may stop parents from entering its premises if the number of visitors is too large. You may contact the bookshop via its main office at 6281 9274 or via email at <a href="mailto:sales@blmarketing.sg">sales@blmarketing.sg</a>.

# Inculcating a Sense of Responsibility Reminder

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

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.

Gentle Reminders on School Re-Opening (Reference from OLN Connect (Dec) and Letter reference no. 2021OLN\_0383)

#### School Hours - General

Please note the official school hours for 2022:

- Mondays Fridays (except Wednesdays): 7.30am 1.30pm
- Wednesdays : 7.30am 1.15pm

Assembly will begin promptly at 7.30am and students who are not with their class for assembly at 7.30am will be considered late.

# **Recess Timing**

We will continue to have 6 recesses in 2022 due to prevailing SMMs. The recess timing is as follows:

Level	Recess Time	Snack Time
P1	8.15 am to 8.45am	Anytime between 10.45am and
		11.15am
P2	10.15am to 10.45am	Anytime between 12.15pm and
		12.45pm
P3	9.15am to 9.45am	Anytime between 12.15pm and
		12.45pm
P4	Mon to Thu:	Between 11.45am and 12.15pm
	8.45am to 9.15am	
	Fri: 11.15am to 11.45am	Between 8.45am and 9.15am

P5	10.45am to 11.15am	Anytime between 8.45am and 9.15am
P6	9.45am to 10.15am	Anytime between 11.45am and 12.15pm

# Access Timing for School Gates 2022

The access timing for the school gates will be as follows:

Gate	Opening Hours during School Term (Mondays — Fridays)
Main Gate	7.00  a.m. - 7.45  a.m. (only for school
	buses and parents who are driving their children to school)
	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.
	Parents who drive and pick up their children from school after dismissal,
Sido Cato 1	should wait at Side Gate 2.
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 /	1.15 p.m. − 2.00 p.m.
	(P4/P5/P6 students will be dismissed
	via Side Gate 1)
Side Gate 2 (Near the HDB	6.30 a.m. — 8.00 a.m.
car park at Blk	1.15 p.m. — 2.00 p.m.
465A)	(P1/P2/P5/P6 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.

# Staggered Dismissal

To reduce congestion during this period, the dismissal time for the respective levels will be as such till further notice:

Level	Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)	Wednesday
P1	1.15pm via Gate 2	1.00pm via Gate 2
P2	1.20pm via Gate 2	1.05pm via Gate 2
P3	1.20pm via Gate 1	1.05pm via Gate 1
P4	1.30pm via Gate 1	1.15pm via Gate 1
P5	1.30pm via Gate 2	1.15pm via Gate 2
P6	1.30pm via Gate 2	1.20pm via Gate 2

While waiting for your child, please adhere to social distancing measures, refrain from inter-mingling and keep your masks on at all times.

## TraceTogether (TT) Tokens

Your child must have a working TT Token with her when she returns to school. Should the TT Token require a change of battery, please do so at the nearest TT Token Replacement Vending Machine/ Community Centre/ Club at the soonest. You can find more details here: <a href="https://token.gowhere.gov.sg/">https://token.gowhere.gov.sg/</a>

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

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons for P5 and P6 will commence from Thursday 6 January 2022 onwards.

# Support Lessons - P3 to P5

Support lessons will commence for identified students from Monday 17 January 2022 onwards. The list of identified students and the support lesson schedule will be made known.

and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 7 January 2022 via PG (Parents Gateway).

## Supplementary Lessons - P6

Supplementary lessons will commence for all P6 students from Monday 17 January 2022 onwards. The supplementary lesson schedule will be made known and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 7 January 2022 via PG.

# Co-curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA will commence from Monday 17 January 2022 onwards. The confirmed CCA schedule will be published on the school website under the 'Learn @ IJ OLN' tab by Tuesday, 4 January 2022. 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 evolving Covid-19 situation. Should there be a need, we will contact parents via PG. Information will also be posted on the school website.

# **Home News**

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

- Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins, Vice-Principal (Academic)
- Mdm Yang Wenxia, Senior Teacher (Chinese Language)
- Ms Chew Yin Sy, Teacher



- Ms Jacqueline Nai, Teacher
- Mdm Sim Suat Lee, Teacher
- Mrs Yuvaraj Thenmozhi, Teacher
- Mr Chew Min Xuan, Teacher
- Mdm Nur Faezah, Desktop Engineer

We extend our congratulations to Ms Charissa Chern who has been recently appointed Level Head (English Language).

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

- Mdm Yeo Dai Yun, Vice-Principal (Academic)
- Mrs Sharidah Lim, Year Head
- Mdm Chua Chee Hoon, Teacher
- Mr Ng Yee Hong, Teacher
- Ms Zahidah Binti Mohd Nizar, Teacher
- Ms Celestine Kau, Teacher
- Ms Javirthaa d/o Rengasamy, Teacher
- Ms Koh Yu Ying, Teacher

# **Upcoming School Events**

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
1 Jan (Sat)	New Year's Day: Public Holiday	
3 Jan (Mon)	School Holiday in lieu on New Year's Day (a Public Holiday that falls on a Saturday)	

# **Upcoming School Events**

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
4 Jan (Tue)	School reopens for P1s only. Registration for P1s will start from 7.15am to 7.55am.	P2s to P6s do <u>not</u> report to school.
5 Jan (Wed)	School reopens for P2s to P6s	
4 - 7 Jan (Tue - Fri)	Back to School Programme	
6 Jan (Thu)	Commencement of P5 & P6 HMTL classes	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
10 Jan (Mon)	New Year Mass	
14 Jan (Fri)	Photo-Taking Session for School Smart Card (P1)	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
17 Jan (Mon)	Photo-Taking Session for School Smart Card (P6)	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
17 Jan (Mon)	Commencement of Support Lessons, Supplementary Lessons and CCAs Commencement of P3 HMTL lessons	More details will be given later.
21 Jan (Fri)	Networking Session for all levels (Zoom)	More details will be given later.
31 Jan (Mon)	Chinese New Year Celebrations (Eve of Chinese New Year)	Staggered dismissal will be as follows:  • P1: 10.15am  • P2: 10.20am  • P3/P4: 10.25am

# **Upcoming School Events**

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
		• P5/P6: 10.30am
14 Feb (Mon)	Total Defence Day	More details will be
	Celebrations	given later.
21 Feb - 4	P3 - P5 Weighted	
Mar (Mon -	Assessments	
Fri)	P6 Conditioning Exercise	

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.

# Frequently Used Links from School Website

CLICK TO VIEW STAFF EMAIL ADDRESSES

CLICK IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FOR THE DAY

CLICK TO VIEW PAST COPIES OF OUR LETTERS

CLICK TO VIEW CCA SCHEDULES

CLICK TO VIEW UPDATES RELATING TO COVID-19

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

CLICK TO RESET SLS/G-SUITE PASSWORDS

