



29 December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Secondary 3 Students,

Information for Parents of Secondary 3 Students (Academic Year 2023)

We warmly welcome our students back to Evergreen Secondary School for Academic Year 2023. As we embark on a new year, here are some preliminary information to keep you updated on some school matters.

1. Principal's Message

Welcome to 2023! Our school vision of being “A **dynamic community** that thinks and cares” guides our approach in creating a quality schooling experience for our students.

The school has accomplished much despite the Covid restrictions in the past 3 years. These include piloting Full Subject Based Banding and implementing the Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP). Most significantly, the teachers had worked tirelessly to ensure the quality and continuous learning of our students throughout the Covid period. We are very proud that EVGians had shown grit and self-directedness.

Our school's theme for 2023 is “**Synergy**”. Synergy means to combine or coordinate to produce a joint effect that is greater than the sum of the parts. This is a unique characteristic of the Evergreen community. Together with our partners and parents, we can achieve synergy in three aspects.

First, we want to continue to prepare our students for the future. Our Applied Learning Programmes in Effective Communications has extended beyond the English Language to include the Mother Tongue Languages. The multi-tiered programmes include in-class and out of class experiences that engage students in language use in various contexts. There are also opportunities for students to go on Overseas Learning Journeys as overseas trips are reinstated. We will also continue to hone 21st Century Skills in our students through their CCA experiences. More opportunities will be given to all students to relate to one another as well as to solve problems together.

Second, we want to promote a positive learning environment that is uplifting and affirming for all. EVGians are already known for their caring and discipline dispositions, and these strengths will be further harnessed to create a positive classroom culture where there is care for one another, and a common passion to contribute. Students will have the opportunities to collaborate with one another through academic and CCA programmes. They will also be able to plan and implement meaningful projects for the community.

Third, we will create quality learning experiences that are engaging and ICT-enabled for all students. Besides keeping abreast of the latest syllabus development, teachers collaborate within departments and with curriculum experts in MOE to promote the use of technology to empower learning. In the light of Home-Based Learning, and PDLP,

learning has become more blended, and tech-enabled with opportunities for students to access learning at their own time and pace.

As we start the year, I urge every EVGian to make every effort to work with one another, and your teachers, to make learning a positive and fun experience for all.

Remember, **together, we are stronger!**

Warmest regards,
Mr Vincent Toh
Principal

2. School Information

2.1 **First Day of School. 3 Jan 2023**

Students will report to their respective classrooms by 8.50 am on 3 Jan 2023 (Tuesday). The suggested list of items to bring on the first day of school are as follows:

- i. Pocket money for recess
- ii. One notebook and writing materials
- iii. One water bottle
- iv. Financial assistance form (if any)
- v. Medical reports (if any)

2.2 **Late-Start Days in the School Timetable& Blended Learning Days**

In 2023, our school will have late-start days on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and students report to school by **8.50 am**. Students are required to report to school by **7.30 am** on other days (Mon, Wed and Fri).

The school has also set aside a few Blended Learning (BL) Days every term to develop our students' self-directedness learning competencies and curiosity for life-long learning. On these days, lessons will be conducted online and your child will be required to attend the lessons from home via their personal learning devices. Blended Learning Days in Term 1 have been scheduled on these dates:

Term 1 Blended Learning Days	
Term 1 Week 7	15 Feb 2023 (Wednesday)
Term 1 Week 9	2 Mar 2023 (Thursday)

2.3 **Snack Time**

Students will be able to have a light snack during snack time. However, they are not allowed to leave the class during this time to purchase any food. You may wish to pack healthy snacks for your child.

Day and Time for Snack Break	
Monday to Thursday	1.40 pm
Friday	11.55 am

2.4 **Traffic Safety in and around School**

The opening hours of the side gate behind the bus stop are:

- Morning (Mon, Wed & Friday) : 6.30 to 7.30 a.m.
- Morning (Tues & Thurs) : 6.30 to 8.50 a.m.
- Afternoon: Dependent on the dismissal time

If you are driving your child/ward to school, please let your child/ward alight only at the arrival porch in the school.

3. **EVG Parent Support Group**

To promote healthy social-emotional and character development of our students, the **EVG Parent Support Group (PSG)** organises activities to better support fellow parents.

- As a member of our school's PSG, you will be invited to attend termly meetings with the school's key personnel, to get a better understanding of school policies and programmes.
- Most of all, you will have the opportunity to get to know other parents to build a network for mutual support in this exciting journey.
- Our first PSG meeting will be on **4 February 2023 (Saturday)**. More information will be disseminated through Parents Gateway nearer the date.

4. **Academic Year (AY) 2023 Week 1 Schedule**

The first week of school is important as it sets the tone for the rest of the school year ahead. It is also a time set aside for the teachers and students to get acquainted with one another. The first week's activities will be centred on such purposes and your child/ward is expected to attend all the activities during this week.

Date	Attire	Reporting Time	Dismissal Time	Remarks
3 Jan 2023	Half Uniform (PE T-shirt and pants/skirt)	8.50 am	2.30 pm	Students are to report to their respective classrooms.
4 Jan 2023		7.30 am	1.40 pm	
5 Jan 2023		8.50 am	2.50 pm	
6 Jan 2023	Camp Preparation Day			Students are generally <u>not</u> required to attend school. Some students may be required to come to school to help out in the preparation, and these will receive official letter for parents.

5. **AY2023 Week 2 Level-wide Camps: Camp Resilience (Overnight camp)**

The school is organising a 3D2N Camp Resilience for all Secondary 3 students from 9 to 11 Jan 2023.

Through the camp, we want students to:

- develop their social-emotional competencies, especially resilience;
- appreciate diversity through social interactions and forge camaraderie through challenging camp experiences; *and*
- apply the outdoor skills of simple navigation and camp craft in a rugged environment to develop mental toughness

As the camp is part of the school's curriculum, **attendance is compulsory**, except for students with valid medical reasons.

6. **Registration for National Examinations (Sec 3 Higher Mother Tongue students)**

Registration for the 'O' and 'N'-Level Examinations will be in February 2023. The actual dates for the examinations will be posted on the SEAB website.

7. School Calendar Highlights for Term 1 2023




The following are the key events that will take place in Term 1. Additional details will be given later.

S/N	Date	Event	Remarks
1	1 Jan	New Year's Day	Public Holiday
2	2 Jan	New Year's Day (Observed)	School Holiday
3	3 – 5 Jan	Level Talks	For the respective levels
4	6 Jan	Camp Preparation Day	Students are not required to come to school
5	9 – 11 Jan	Sec 3 Camp Resilience	More information will be provided in the first week of Term 1
6	10 Jan	Sec 3 Campfire	Parents are invited to join our online campfire
7	14 Jan	CCA Open House	For selected students who are representing their CCAs on the day.
8	16 – 17 Jan	Sec 1 & 3 Photo taking	For selected students only. More information will be provided at a later date.
9	20 Jan	Chinese New Year Celebrations	Further details will be sent out at a later date.
10	22-23 Jan	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
11	24 Jan	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday in lieu of Chinese New Year on 22 Jan
12	25 Jan	Class Committee Training	Further details will be sent out at a later date.
13	15 Feb	Total Defence Day (Blended Learning Day as well)	Commemoration of Total Defence Day. Students are to attend lessons online.
14	20 Feb – 9 Mar	Assessment Period	A separate schedule will be provided at a later date.
15	27 February – 3 March	EVG Careers Week	More information will be provided at a later date.
16	2 Mar	Blended Learning Day	Students are to attend lessons and revision online

17	10 Mar	EVG Road Run	More information will be provided at a later date
18	11 – 19 Mar	Term 1 Break	School Holidays
19	17 Mar	Sec 3 NRIC registration	For selected students only More information will be provided at a later date.
20	20 Mar	First day of Term 2	Students to report to school by 7.30 am

8. **School Contact Information**

Our school has several communication channels through which you may obtain more information. The timetable is also available on the school website under the “School Information” menu at: <https://evergreensec.moe.edu.sg/student/timetables/> .

Communication Channel	Contact Details	QR code
School Telephone No. (General Office)	63656392	
EVG School Website (For official school matters)	www.evergreensec.moe.edu.sg	
EVG Email (For general enquiry)	evergreen_ss@moe.edu.sg	
EVG Facebook (For updates on student activities)	http://facebook.com/EvergreenSecondary	
EVG Facebook (For updates on student activities)	https://www.instagram.com/evergreen_secondary_official	

For clarifications on school matters, please contact the following :

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