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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the JYian Family!

We are pleased that you have chosen Juying Secondary to develop your child/ward in the next phase of his/her education. Today marks a new beginning for you and your child/ward. As your child/ward journeys with us, he/she will realize that education in a secondary school is different from that in a primary school.

Your child/ward will be expected to take on more responsibilities for his/her learning. The role that you play as a parent/guardian will be to guide and support him/her in this learning process. You may want to involve yourself in our Juying Parents Support Group (JPSG) so that you will have the opportunity to interact with fellow parents and share best practices in parenting approaches, which will benefit your child and your family.

As we welcome you and your child/ward into our community, we would like you to have a good understanding of our school Philosophy, Vision, Mission and Values so that we could work in tandem to nurture and develop our students holistically.

Our “OYSTER” Philosophy

“Oysters are known for their ability to draw sediments, nutrients and algae in and over their gills to create shiny, beautiful pearls. Likewise, we wish for Juying to be our students’ oyster. We are a nurturing family for students of all abilities and backgrounds as we believe that every student is unique and every student can learn. We aspire to enhance and amplify the individual talents of all students, and develop them to be persons with strength of character, such that they may, like pearls, shine and illuminate any organisation they join in the future.”

- O** pportunities for all (nurturing family for students of all abilities and backgrounds)
- Y** earning for lifelong learning (every student can learn)
- S** tudent-Centred (every student is unique)
- T** alent development (enhance and amplify the individual talents of all students)
- E** mpowerment (students are like pearls, shine & illuminate any organisation they join in the future)
- R** ²IGHT values inculcation (develop them to be persons with strength of character)

Our Vision, Mission & Values

Our vision is to develop “**A Gracious Community of Lifelong Learners with Strength of Character**”. We hope that JYians will be a gracious people, able to relate to and care for the community and country and having a strong passion for learning and improvement. Most importantly, we wish to develop them into people of fine character, with integrity as their hallmark.

To achieve our vision, we have a team of dedicated and committed teachers to bring out the best in your child/ward through our mission of **Inspiring Learning, Inculcating Values** and **Impacting Lives**. We aim to prepare JYians to be future-ready and useful citizens by inculcating values and inspiring in them a passion for learning.

We also strive to inculcate in our students the school’s core values of R²IGHT - **Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Gratitude, Humility and Tenacity**.

The key administrative information such as the (i) reporting and dismissal time, (ii) school attire and grooming, (iii) use of School Smart Cards for concessionary travel, (iv) Sexuality Education Programme, (v) handphone rules, and (vi) MOE Financial Assistance Scheme/NEU PC Scheme/other assistance scheme, are elaborated in *Annex A*. More information about the Secondary One R²IGHT Orientation Programme and Installation Ceremony is found in *Annex B*.

Should you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Roy Lee, Year Head (Lower Secondary), at lee_lian_hui_roy@moe.edu.sg. We look forward to your support and partnership in the holistic development of our students.

U and I, Together We Will Succeed!

Yours faithfully



Mdm Soh Beng Mui
Principal

KEY ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

(I) Reporting and Dismissal Time

Students will report to school by **7.20 am** every day. The school assembly will start at 7.30 am, followed by Form-Teacher Time or Extensive Reading Programme which ends at 8.00 am. Lessons will commence at 8.00 am daily.

The school dismissal times are as follows:

- Monday to Thursday: 2.20 pm
- Friday: 12.40 pm

Students will be given a 30-minute recess break daily, and a 10-minute snack break at 12.40 pm on Mondays to Thursdays.

(II) School Attire and Grooming

All students are required to wear the prescribed school uniform. Please take note that modifications to the uniform are strictly not allowed. We would advise you to purchase 2 sets of school uniform, 3 sets of PE Attire, black shoes (fastened by laces or Velcro tapes) and white socks. These items are available for purchase at the school bookshop. You may purchase the shoes and socks elsewhere.

We would like to highlight the importance of grooming and the projection of a positive JYian image. Students with coloured hair or undesirable hair styles will not be allowed to attend classes. Parents/Guardians will be informed to bring their child/ward to dye their hair black or have their hair cut. They will only be allowed to attend classes if they return to school with proper grooming.

All students entering the school compounds at any time, be it during school days or school holidays, must be in the proper school attire or PE attire. Please refer to the Student Handbook 2022, which provides details on Attire and Grooming, Acceptable Hairstyles, Attendance and Punctuality and Use of Handphones.

We sincerely seek your assistance and co-operation to remind your child/ward to abide by our school rules at all times.

(III) Use of School Smart Cards (SSCs) for concessionary travel

Please be informed that all students entering Secondary One in January 2022 can continue to use their Primary Level School Smart Cards (SSCs) for concessionary travel till end April 2022. While waiting for their Secondary level SSCs to be ready, the students can still purchase the Bus Concession Pass (BCP) using their Primary Level SSCs to enjoy the concessionary travel. However, they will need to purchase the BCP for Secondary School students.

Students will be issued with a new Secondary level SSC in 2022.

(IV) **Sexuality Education Programme**

Sexuality Education (SEd) in schools is about enabling students to understand the physiological, social and emotional changes they experience as they mature, develop healthy and rewarding relationships including those with members of the opposite sex, and make wise, informed and responsible decisions on sexuality matters. SEd is premised on the importance of the family as the basic unit of society. This means encouraging healthy, heterosexual marriages and stable nuclear family units with extended family support. The teaching and learning of SEd is based on respect for the values and beliefs of the different ethnic and religious communities in Singapore on sexuality issues.

The goals of Sexuality Education for students are:

- a. To help students make wise, responsible and informed decisions through the provision of accurate, current and age-appropriate knowledge on human sexuality and the consequences of sexual activity;
- b. To help students know themselves and build healthy and rewarding relationships through the acquisition of social and emotional competencies of self-awareness, management of their thoughts, feelings and behaviours, development of empathy for others, possession of effective communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills; and
- c. To help students develop a moral compass, respect for themselves and for others as sexual beings, premised on the family as the basic unit of society, through the inculcation of positive mainstream values and attitudes about sexuality.

The key messages of Sexuality Education are:

- a. Love and respect yourself as you love and respect others;
- b. Build positive relationships based on love and respect (which are the foundation for strong families);
- c. Make responsible decisions for yourself, your family and society; and
- d. Abstinence before marriage is the best protection against STIs/HIV and unintended pregnancies. Casual sex can harm and hurt you and your loved ones.

The Acknowledgement Slip and Opt-Out Form (if applicable) will be given to your child/ward on 4 January 2022.

(V) **Mobile Phone Rules (extracted from the Student Handbook 2022)**

All students are expected to be responsible users should they decide to bring their mobile phones to school. The following rules are to be strictly adhered to:

- a. Mobile phones are to be treated as valuable items (like wallets) which are to be kept by the students at all times.
- b. Mobile phones are to be switched off and placed in the bags during lessons/CCA.
- c. Use of mobile phones is allowed in the School Canteen only.
- d. All students should be respectful and mindful of the common space in the School Canteen and turn off the volume of their mobile phones so as not to disturb others around them.
- e. Students should highlight to teachers if they observe that there are students spending too much time on their mobile phones and may have addiction issues. They should also highlight to teachers if there are students visiting undesirable websites.
- f. Mobile phones can be used during lessons with the teachers' permission and instructions.
- g. Students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during tests and examinations. If mobile phones are found to be in their possession during such circumstances, they will be deemed as cheating during tests and examinations.

Students caught violating the above rules would have their handphones confiscated for the day until the end of the school day.

(VI) **Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) / NEU PC Scheme / Other Assistance Scheme**

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to needy Singapore Citizen students in Government or Government-Aided schools and those in Independent schools. The intent of the FAS is to provide greater support to needy students while maintaining a "many helping hands" approach, involving MOE, schools and the community.

The "NEU-PC" scheme enables FAS students to apply to purchase new PC with Internet access at heavily subsidised rates. Application forms are available at the General Office.

There are also other available assistance schemes such as the School-based FAS, which provide transport and meal allowances. You can contact the school's General Office for assistance.

SECONDARY ONE R²IGHT ORIENTATION PROGRAMME AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY

We would like to inform that your child/ward is required to attend the afore-mentioned programmes.

(I) **Secondary One R²IGHT Orientation Programme (Tue to Fri, 4 - 7 Jan 2022)**

The 4-day in-house programme aims to allow the Secondary One students to be (i) familiar with the new school environment, (ii) experience the importance of respecting self and others through team bonding activities, (iii) learn to cooperate and collaborate and (iv) gain skills for effective teamwork. Under the guidance of our teachers, our Student Leaders will facilitate the Orientation Programme.

Your child/ward is to report to school on Tuesday, 4 Jan 2022, by 7.20 am in full school uniform (polo T-shirt and skirt/shorts). Below are some of the key activities from 4 Jan to 7 Jan 2022:

- Ice breakers and class bonding activities
- Tour of school compound
- CCA Experience
- Class Bonding Day
- Introduction to PASSION Modules

(II) **Secondary One Installation Ceremony (Fri, 7 Jan 2022)**

During the Secondary One Installation Ceremony, your child/ward will be presented with the JYSS SINGA badge. This inducts your child/ward into the JYian family and indicates that he/she is ready for the inculcation of the school values of R²IGHT: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Gratitude, Humility and Tenacity.

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