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5 January 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

## NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS (TERM 1/ 2022)

1. A Happy New Year and a very warm welcome to all who are returning to Montfort Junior after the holidays. We especially welcome our new students and our Primary 1 students. Welcome to the Montfort family!
2. As we begin the year, we would like to remind you of our school's Vision, Mission and Values (VMV):
  1. Vision: A Montfortian, A Man for Others - Scholar, Sportsman, Gentleman, Leader, Maker.
  2. Mission: Montfort is a Catholic School. Guided by our Montfortian values, and spirituality, we nurture each individual to realise his potential and inspire him to be a Man for Others.
  3. Values: Compassion, Humility, Respect, Integrity, Service, Team spirit, Excellence (CHRISTE).

The VMV guides us in the work that we do and with your partnership, we have confidence in being able to provide an educational experience that will enable us to fulfill them.

### Communication with Parents

3. The annual Parents' Engagement session for the different levels to better understand how we can support one another to help your child/ward achieve his fullest potential is scheduled for the different levels (P2 on 11/1/22; P3 and P4 on 13/1/22; P5 and P6 on 14/1/22) from 4.00pm to 5.00pm via Zoom. All P2 to P6 parents/guardians are invited to the session. The details will be sent out separately.
4. To maintain close communication with parents, the school will be using the Student Handbook. The Student Handbook is used for parents to note the homework assigned for the day and any other messages between the teacher and the home. We seek your cooperation in checking the Student Handbook daily, and ensuring that all homework assigned is completed and all reply slips are returned by the deadlines given.
5. You may also communicate with our teachers via their official phone numbers and emails. Our teachers are unable to take any phone calls when they are in class. They will respond to emails/calls after lessons, during school hours. Should you wish to meet the teachers, please do make an appointment with them to ensure that they are available at the time of the meeting.

### Academic Matters/School Programmes

6. Holistic Assessment. For P1-P5 students, there will be bite-sized assessments for each subject area throughout the term. This will enable teachers to better assess students' level of attainment in specific topics and areas of concern, and provide timely remediation to close learning gaps. It will also prevent over-testing and allow for more curriculum time to be utilised for teaching and learning. Continual Assessments will, however, be carried out for P6 students to give them greater practice in examination skills.
7. CCA Selection Day will be held on 12 Jan 2022 (7.40am to 9.10am). Students can choose to sign up for one CCA. Signing up for a CCA is compulsory for all P5 and P6 students.

8. CCA and Modular CCA (MCCA). CCA/MCCA will begin on 19 Jan 2022. MCCA is compulsory for all P3 to P6 students. MCCA will be conducted during curriculum hours on Wednesdays. P3 and P4 students will be exposed to different MCCAs which aim to expose the boys to sports, appreciation of visual/performance arts and computational thinking.
9. **Chinese New Year.** Chinese New Year will be celebrated on 31 Jan 2021 (Mon). Students are encouraged to wear Chinese traditional costumes and bring two oranges to exchange with their teachers and classmates. Students will be dismissed at 10.00am.

### **Spiritual Programme**

10. We will be having Masses on the first Friday of every month for all Catholic boys from 7.00am to 7.30am. Due to Safe Management Measures, students will have to register if they will like to attend Mass and the numbers will be capped at 50. More information will be sent out to all catholic students.

### **Values Education**

11. Respect & Responsibility. To instill a sense of responsibility in our students, kindly ensure that your child/ward packs his bag daily according to the timetable given. This will enable him to have all that he needs for learning while preventing an excessively heavy bag. In the event that he has forgotten something, we strongly discourage parents from bringing these items to school. The General Office will not send up any items that he has forgotten to bring to school. Your child will also not be asked to come down to the office to collect the items unless it is an emergency or a medical requirement. This is to prevent disruptions in classroom teaching for your child and the rest of the class.
12. School Attendance. Please note that regular attendance in school is very important for students' learning. If your child is unwell, please do seek medical treatment. If parents/guardians choose not to bring their children to the professional health practitioners, supporting letters from parents/guardians up to 6 per semester is allowed but are not acceptable during continual assessments (CA) and semestral assessments (SA). During assessments, only medical certificates from professional health practitioners are acceptable.
13. Punctuality. It is important that parents work with the school to reinforce the value of punctuality. This teaches the boys to be responsible and to show respect for the flag raising ceremony which is intended to instill in them a sense of pride and affiliation to the nation. School begins punctually at 7.30am. Please ensure that your son is in school and seated in class by 7.15am for silent reading. He will also need to have a story-book with him at all times.

### **Health and Safety Matters**

14. Snack Breaks. Only dry snacks such as biscuits, sandwiches or fruits should be consumed in class during the snack break. Kindly refrain from packing wet food items for your child to consume in class as it will be difficult for them to eat or manage and the food also may not last or remain fresh for consumption after a few hours. Please discourage your child from consuming unhealthy or processed food such as chips, chocolates and sweets. Simple yet easy to eat snacks such as fruits, biscuits and bread with healthier choice symbols will serve the students' needs well. Eating healthily at a young age will go a long way in cultivating healthy lifestyle when they reach adulthood.
15. Safe Management Measures (SMM). The school will continue with the SMM that have been put in place due to Covid-19 pandemic. The measures are:
  - a. Daily temperature-taking with additional visual and question screening will continue to be carried out for all students and staff. In addition, students and staff who are unwell **OR** have COVID-like symptoms (e.g. *fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell*) will be reminded to stay away from school.
  - b. For students who are taking the school bus, our bus drivers will continue to visually screen the boys when they board the buses. Similarly, students who are unwell **OR** have COVID-like symptoms (e.g. *fever, runny nose, cough, loss of smell*) will **not** be allowed to board the bus.
  - c. Students will continue to take their temperature every morning. Please ensure that they have a working thermometer with them at all times.

- d. Students will need to have their functioning TraceTogether Tokens with them at all times in alignment with the national posture of Contact Tracing Process.
- e. Students will continue to be assigned fixed seating arrangement in the respective lesson venues and in the canteen.
- f. Students will need to wear their masks at all times, except during eating or drinking.
- g. Students will not be allowed to talk to one another when their masks are off, including during recess and lunch time.
- h. Students will continue to exercise strict wipe-down routines during lessons and meal times at the allocated seats. The school will clean high-touch surfaces and disinfect the premises more frequently.
- i. Students will be reminded frequently on maintaining a high level of personal hygiene such as washing their hands frequently with soap / using of hand sanitisers, refraining of touching their eyes, mouths and noses etc.
- j. Dismissal and recess timings are staggered to reduce congestion.
- k. Students should refer to the Health Protocols (refer to Annex A of PG sent on 30 Dec 2021 - School Reopening Matters) and take appropriate actions in event of displaying COVID-like symptoms, testing positive for ART or being a close contact of a confirmed C+ case. For any C+ case, MOH will guide in the quarantine, recovery and discharge process accordingly.

### **Traffic Safety**

- 16. We continue to seek your cooperation in preventing potential traffic accidents at the front gate when dropping off or picking up your son/ward. Due to the heavy traffic conditions of both vehicles travelling along the road and pedestrians crossing the walkway outside of the gate along Hougang Ave 8 (main road outside the school), any stoppage of vehicles near the front gate would constitute a breach of safety. On some occasions, the cars are blocking the entrance and cause congestion on the road. Please help the school to reinforce the importance of traffic safety and role model safety practices by dropping off or picking up your son/ward at any of the HDB car parks next to the side gate. Parents/guardians who are dropping off or picking up their sons/wards at the school main or side gates are to observe safe distancing measures. Please do not crowd around the gates and to stand at least 1 metre apart from each other.
- 17. For students and parents who cycle to school, please note that cycling along the narrow pedestrian pavements just outside the school can pose a danger to both the riders and pedestrians alike.

### **Safety in the School Bus**

- 18. For parents whose children are taking the school bus, please be informed that it is a requirement that all children wear seat belts when in the school bus. We seek your help in reminding your children of the importance of wearing their seat belts and remaining seated at all times while in the school bus. Repeated failure to wear the seat belts may result in the bus company taking action against your child and preventing him from using the school bus services.

### **Parents Support Group**

- 19. We encourage you to join the school's Montfort Junior Parents Connection (MJPC) to enhance the partnerships between the school and parents. You can sign up for activities that suit your schedule. More information are available at MJPC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MJPCconnection>
- 20. We look forward to working with you in 2022 to provide the best learning environment and experiences for our students. May God bless you and your family abundantly.

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Yours sincerely,



Wilbur Wong  
Principal

## Term 1 Calendar 2022

	EVENT
*4 – 7 Jan (Tue – Fri)	Orientation Week ('Start Right' Programme) *4 Jan: P1 Orientation. P2 to P6 students do not attend school. 5 Jan onwards: All students return to school.
7 Jan (Fri)	Information Session for P3 to P5 Parents on MSTEAM Programme, 12.30pm to 1.30pm
11 Jan (Tue)	Parent Engagement Session (P2) via Zoom, 4.00pm to 5.00pm
12 Jan (Wed)	CCA Selection Day (7.40am to 9.10am)
12 Jan (Wed)	Photo-taking for School Smart Card for P1 and P6 students
13 Jan (Thu)	Parent Engagement Session (P3 and P4) via Zoom, 4.00pm to 5.00pm
14 Jan (Fri)	Parent Engagement Session (P5 and P6) via Zoom, 4.00pm to 5.00pm
21 Jan (Fri)	Montfortian Dedication of School Mass (8.00am)
31 Jan (Mon)	Chinese New Year Celebrations (Dismissal at 10.00am)
1 – 2 Feb (Tue – Wed)	Chinese New Year - Public Holidays
3 – 4 Feb (Thu – Fri)	Class Photo-Taking for P1 to P6
15 Feb (Tue)	Total Defence Day
28 Feb (Mon)	P6 CA1 - English Language
1 Mar (Tue)	P6 CA1 - Mathematics
2 Mar (Wed)	P6 CA1 - Mother Tongue Languages
3 Mar (Thu)	P6 CA1 - Science
4 Mar (Fri)	P6 CA1 - Higher Mother Tongue Languages
14 – 18 Mar (Mon – Fri)	Term 1 School Holidays
21 Mar (Mon)	First Day of Term 2