

23 June 2023

INFORMATION AND PROGRAMMES FOR TERM 3 - SECONDARY 1

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to Semester 2 Term 3. We hope that your child / ward has had a good school holiday with family and friends and is well-refreshed to make a positive start to a new term.

We would like to take the opportunity to update you on school operations and programmes for Term 3.

1. Student Attire for School Days

In view of the warm days expected for the rest of June going into July, students will be allowed to report to school daily in half-uniform (PE / level t-shirt, with school pants / skirt). This will take effect from 26 June 2023, until further notice. Students are encouraged to bring their water bottles daily for hydration.

2. Temperature Taking Exercise (5 July)

The school will be conducting a temperature taking exercise on the morning of 5 July 2023. Students are reminded to bring along their working digital oral thermometer for the exercise. Students are encouraged to keep it in their school bags on a daily basis for self-monitoring.

3. Introduction of Contactless E-Payments at School Canteen

The school has implemented a contactless e-payment system in our school canteen in partnership with POSB Smart Buddy Programme. Students can now make their purchases for food and beverages at the canteen using EZ-Link cards or debit/atm cards with the NETS contactless logo.



You may also apply for the POSB Smart Buddy card or watch for your child and download the POSB Smart Buddy mobile app to top up and track your child's purchases. The POSB Smart Buddy card / watch can only be used to make purchases at the school canteen, and not outside of school. More information about POSB Smart Buddy can be found at POSB's website.

Please note that students can still make purchases using cash.

4. School Programmes and Events

a. School Early Dismissal Due to Conduct of GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue Listening Comprehension Examination (4 July)

To provide an environment conducive for the GCE 'O' Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination taking place in the afternoon of 4 July, students not sitting for the examination will be dismissed from school at 1.50pm.



b. Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days for Term 3

We will be having our HBL days on 7 July, 21 July, 4 August, 18 August and 22 September. Students will not need to report to school on these days and will be expected to do their work independently at home. At the start of each HBL day, students will meet with their form teachers online via Zoom.

c. Science Enrichment - Signature SEM ExCEL Programme

Our STEM ExCEL Programme is an enrichment programme that aims to strengthen the interest and capabilities of our students in STEM. We want our students to be curious about the world around them, to think creatively and critically in solving problems and to be concerned citizens who make positive difference to the life of others.

Some of the activities have kickstarted in Semester 1 and we are continuing with more exciting activities in Term 3. Students involved will be informed nearer the dates and more information will be provided in due course via Parents Gateway.

d. Racial Harmony Day Commemoration (20 July)

Racial Harmony Day (RHD) marks the anniversary of the 1964 racial riots. Schools commemorate RHD for our students to celebrate Singapore as a harmonious society built on a rich diversity of cultures, requiring collaborative efforts from all to promote social cohesion and harmony.

This year's Racial Harmony Day theme, Singapore: Our Multicultural Mosaic, reflects how each community, while having the space to express its own identity as part of Singapore society, also intertwines with others to depict the unique cultural diversity that characterizes life in Singapore. Students from the various levels can expect a series of activities as part of our RHD programme, such as contemporary issues discussions, virtual learning journeys and games.

e. National Day Celebrations (8 August)

National Day marks our separation from Malaysia in 1965, and our emergence as an independent country in a community of nations. This year's NDP theme, "Onward As One" calls upon Singaporeans to look forward confidently and move onward together in building our shared future as one united people.

Students can look forward to school celebrations including our very own ND Observance Parade featuring our Uniformed Group students and band, recitation of the recollections as well as other exciting lead-up and celebration activities. Further details, if any, will be provided at a later date.

f. Teachers' Day Celebrations (31 August)

Teachers' Day is a day when our students can express their appreciation and show their gratitude to their teachers through simple words and gestures. We will be celebrating Teachers' Day on Thursday 31 August. More details will be provided nearer to the date.



5. Parenting Hack for the Term - 7 Things Parents Can Do to Keep Kids Cyber-Safe

The Internet may have transformed how children learn and connect with others, but it also exposes children to risks like cyberbullying, harmful content, and digital addiction. What can parents do to keep their kids safe online? Schoolbag spoke to four fathers who work in the technology industry for some tips. These include:

- 1) Assume your kids can disable settings.
- 2) Stay updated on parental control tools and don't be afraid to discipline.
- 3) Keep the lines of communication open.
- 4) Don't give unrestricted access to technology.
- 5) Reinforce cyber wellness lessons from school.
- 6) Set aside time to unplug.
- 7) Model to them what healthy electronic use means.

Click here to find out more.

<https://www.schoolbag.edu.sg/story/7-things-every-parent-can-do-to-keep-kids-cyber-safe-a-tech-dads-special>

This termly letter can be downloaded from the Parents Gateway (PG) and the school's website:

<https://navalbasesec.moe.edu.sg/parents-at-nbss/termly-letters>

If you need further clarifications, please send an email to:

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