

CANOSSIAN SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Desk

October is a significant month for Canossians. We remember three important founding persons in our journey of faith formation. The first two persons are our Foundress, St Magdalene of Canossa, and co-founder, St Josephine Bakhita. Canossian spirituality is premised on dedication to Mother Mary, mother of Jesus. To honour her we pay special focus on the rosary, which are prayers to Mother Mary during the months of May and October. St Magdalene was born in Verona, Italy, to a wealthy family living in Canossa Palace on 1 March 1774. At age 5, her father died and within two years, her mother remarried and St Magdalene was left at the palace. As she grew, she felt a strong compassion for the poor and distributed food daily to those in need. This led her to starting schools, hospitals and homes for abandoned children during the Napoleonic Wars. In 1808, she founded the Order of Canossian Daughters of Charity to look after girls and a few years later the Canossian Sons of Charity for boys. Much of her works were funded from her own wealth inherited from her parents. She died on 10 April 1835 and her holiness was recognised by Pope Pius XII. She was canonised in Rome by Pope John Paul II on 2 October 1988.

Pope John Paul II also canonised St Josephine Bakhita on 1 October 2000, although her life story was very different from St Magdalene. St Bakhita was born around 1869 in Darfour, Sudan. When she was 7 or 8 years old, she was captured from her African village and traded as a slave several times in Arabia, Turkey and finally sold to a family who brought her to Italy. During her earlier years as a slave, she was severely tortured and whipped leaving her body with permanent scars and weakened health. Her Italian owners were kind to her and she served as a nanny. After some years, she found herself drawn to the Canossian Sisters. She was baptised and became a Sister in Schio, Italy, where she served her mission in a Convent. She died on 8 February 1947 and was always a symbol of forgiveness and cheerfulness.

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

St Magdalene of Canossa
known for her values of
Charity and Humility



St Josephine Bakhita
known for her values of
Forgiveness



P1 Lifeskills Lesson

The P1s had their first Life-Skill lesson of Milo-making in the canteen. They were excited as they set their table with cups, Milo sachets and spoons. They opened their sachets of Milo, poured warm water and stirred their Milo all by themselves. Finally, they enjoyed drinking their Milo. What did they have to say of their experience? YUMMY!!!



P2 Lifeskills Lesson

Last term, Primary Two students experienced a sense of independence and achievement as they prepared their own beverages and sandwiches through a Life-Skill lesson in the canteen. There was much fun and laughter during the lesson. Not only did they enjoy preparing their own snacks, they also enjoyed consuming them!

Adaptive Living Skills

In term 3, the audiologists conducted two more sessions on Adaptive Living Skills for the students. Through classroom teaching and mini-activities such as role play, they taught students how to communicate their thoughts more effectively using communication strategies such as facing the listener. Students also learnt interpersonal skills such as how to read facial expressions to better understand someone speaking to them.



Teachers' Day Celebration

The Teachers' Day virtual celebration took place on 3 Sep from 7.30am to 10.30am in CCPS classrooms with class bonding sessions. The entire celebration was organised by prefects from both CS and CCPS who took on the responsibility as Canossians to model the way, lead and inspire their peers. The morning celebration ended on a high note as our students and teachers had fun playing virtual games via Kahoot and participating in physical activities such as a treasure hunt despite being in their separate classrooms to maintain social distancing.



Staff Appreciation Day

On 3 September, eve of Teacher's Day, the Staff Welfare Committee organised activities for all staff of CS. Staff enjoyed "travelling" to different countries and engaged in themed activities in each country to collect points. They were also treated to an appreciation video put together by the students and delicious snacks, cakes and desserts prepared by parents.



Mid-Autumn Festival Activity

Canossian Catholic Primary School and Canossian School celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival with a video story on the origin of the festival. The students were given a lantern each and proceeded to assemble it. They decorated their lanterns with pre-cut sticker cut-outs. Take a look at their creativity.



Dates to take note in October

Children's Day	
Thurs 8 Oct	Children's Day celebration in school. Students to report to school from 7 am to 1.30 pm.
Fri 9 Oct	No school.
Support Classes	
Tues 13 Oct	Last day of afternoon support classes.
PSLE Marking Days	
Mon 19 Oct to Wed 21 Oct	Students to report to school from 7am to 1.30 pm. Please bring own snacks for recess as canteen will be closed.
Thurs 22 Oct	There is no school on this day. School resumes on Friday 23 October 2020.