

CANOSSIAN SCHOOL REACH



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss

January 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome to the start of another year with Canossian School. I hope that you have all managed to spend quality time as a family over the November-December break and are ready to greet the new year with renewed enthusiasm and spirit. A new year heralds new beginnings and new practices. These new changes help us to improve ourselves continually so that we offer rich educational experiences for all our students.

This issue will outline some of the changes at the school:

1. A Renewed Mission Statement

The Canossian Fraternity in Singapore will be embracing a new Mission from 2021:

Nurturing each in her / his own way by **forming hearts, enlightening minds** and **empowering spirits** to live in
The Way, The Truth and The Life

And we will embrace an additional Core Value:

Charity, Humility, Forgiveness and Faith (our 4th value)

2. Canossa's 80th Year and CatholicSG200 Celebrations

2021 marks the 200th year of Catholicism in Singapore. Our Archdiocese is commemorating this momentous occasion with a new era of faith and all Catholics are called to "Ignite and Shine with Faith." Learn more about how we can renew our faith and what it means to ignite and shine. Visit www.catholic200.sg to find out how you can play a part in building a vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church.

This year also marks the 80th Anniversary of the establishment of Canossa Convent and Canossa Catholic Primary School. More information on the year end celebrations will be provided in due course.

3. Staff Movement

We welcome 3 new members of staff in 2021. They are:

Mr Tan Hue (Co-Form Teacher, Primary 5)

Ms Sujatha Naryanan (Co-Form Teacher, Primary 1)

Mr Leonard Mah (Accounts Manager)

We bid farewell to 2 teachers who will move over to Canossa Catholic Primary School. We thank them for their dedication and commitment for the two years at our school. They are:

Ms Marissa Yee and Mrs Jessie Koh

4. PSLE Students (2020)

We bid a fond farewell to our 11 graduands who completed their primary school education with us. We are happy to announce that all of them have been posted to both mainstream and specialized schools (Crest, Spectra and Northlight Schools) to continue with the secondary education. We wish them all the best at their new schools and we look forward to having them visit us and participate at certain school-based events.

5. Safe Management Measures (SMM)

To ensure that schools remain a safe place for teaching and learning, SMMs will continue to be observed when schools reopen, including visual screening and temperature-taking of individuals, observance of high standards of hygiene, and safe distancing between students and staff. Students who are unwell with flu-like symptoms such as fever or cough are reminded to seek medical attention and stay away from school.

While students are not expected to bring in their TraceTogether at the start of school, parents are still expected to collect the tokens for themselves and their children from their constituency's Community Centres/Clubs. For now, schools will continue to use the usual SafeEntry check-in procedures. The tokens will only be required in schools after nationwide distribution is completed.

To maintain our vigilance against spread of the COVID-19 virus, students are encouraged to have a spare mask in their school bags. The masks can be stored in their #CareKitWithLove personalised mask pouches that they designed in November 2020.

6. Strengthening our Home-School Collaboration

Families play a vital role in the development and education of their children. Strong family support contributes to better educational outcomes for the students. In this regard, we have reviewed our processes for developing Individual Learning Plans (ILPs) for students. By taking a more person-centered approach, we intend to engage families in the process as early as possible to jointly establish the annual goals for each student.

To do this, we will begin with dialogue sessions with all families over the next two weeks to share the enhanced process of developing the ILPs. The schedule for the dialogue sessions is as follows:

Date	Level	Time
Friday 8 Jan	Primary 2 & 3	5.00 pm - 6.30 pm
Saturday 9 Jan	Primary 6	8.00 am - 9.30 am
	Primary 4 & 5	10.00 am - 11.30 pm
Thursday 14 Jan	Primary 1	5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

The dialogue sessions will be held over Zoom and the links for the sessions will be sent by Form Teachers the day before each session. Parents / guardians are strongly encouraged to attend the sessions assigned for your child's grade so that you are kept updated on policies and programmes for the year.

To recap on discussions that we have had with parents on how families can support their child's learning, an infographic that we co-created during one of our Parent Engagement sessions is attached as an annex for your reference.

With this, I look forward to another year of working closely with all parents / guardians for the betterment of your child's educational experience with the school.

God Bless.

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

For your information

- **Afternoon Support Classes** will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning from **19 January 2021**. Classes will be held from 2.00 – 3.30pm for all students.
- CCAs will begin in the same week. The schedule for CCAs is:

CCA	Day / Time	Remarks
Art Club (Combined)	Mondays (2.00 – 4.00pm)	Combined Art Club with CCPS is held on Mondays.
Art & Gardening Club	Fridays (2.00 – 3.30pm)	All our students will participate in an Art Elective modular programme during selected band or choir sessions
Percussion Band	Wednesdays (2.00 – 5.00pm) Fridays (2.00 – 3.30pm)	Physical sessions will be conducted in school on both days
Choir	Fridays (2.00 – 3.30pm)	Virtual CCA conducted in school until further notice

- **School Operating Hours**
The General Office will operate from 6.30am – 5.00pm on Monday to Thursday and 6.30am to 4.30pm on Friday. We will appreciate that your child is fetched timely after his/her after school activities.

The school term calendar dates are appended in the following pages, other school scheduled holidays will be advised during the terms.

School Terms for 2021

Semester 1	
Term 1	Monday 4 Jan to Friday 12 March
Term 2	Monday 22 March to Friday 28 May
Semester 2	
Term 3	Monday 28 June to Friday 3 September
Term 4	Monday 13 September to *Friday 19 November

School Holidays for 2021

Holiday	Date
Youth Day	Sunday 4 July <i>(The following Monday, 5 Jul 2021 will be a scheduled school holiday)</i>
Day after National Day	Tuesday 10 August
Teachers' Day	Friday 3 September
Children's Day <i>(for primary schools and primary sections of full schools only)</i>	Friday 8 October

Public Holidays for 2021

Holiday	Date
New Year's Day	Friday 1 January
Chinese New Year	Friday 12 February
	*Saturday 13 February
Good Friday	Friday 2 April
Labour Day	**Saturday 1 May
Hari Raya Puasa	Thursday 13 May
Vesak Day	Wednesday 26 May
Hari Raya Haji	Tuesday 20 July
National Day	Monday 9 August
Deepavali	Thursday 4 November
Christmas Day	Saturday 25 December
<p><i>*Monday, 15 Feb, will be a school holiday.</i></p> <p><i>**Monday, 3 May, will be a school holiday.</i></p>	