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

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Guardians

This issue of Reach signals the close of yet another year. Another opportunity for reflecting, soul-searching, re-examining and for counting our blessings. One of our greatest blessings is having your trust in sending your children to us. We are all very proud of your children and would like to congratulate them on all their academic endeavours and pursuits in becoming better versions of themselves. You should be proud of them too and how they represent you, their families on a daily basis.

A special shout-out goes out to our Primary 6 students who are graduating. As you leave the school, remember that it is only goodbye for now and not farewell. Know that you will always be a part of our Canossian family and that you are always welcome to come back to mentor the younger students in their CCAs.



At our Annual Thanksgiving event, on Tuesday 15 November, we celebrate the achievements of all our students whether in academic learning or in their co-curricular programmes. We look forward to meeting with all of you and for you to be entertained by our students as they return to performing to a live audience.

The end of the year is a time for reflections by the school. We will continue to focus on creating nurturing, supportive learning environments while galvanising efforts at empowering parents at being the best advocates for your children. We are looking into various curricula to develop the “softer” skills required by students to demonstrate more self-determination, to become more socially aware and develop emotional resilience for a state of healthier mental well-being. Parents and guardians, you play a strong role in this and we rely on your partnership in growing your child in these areas.

At this time of the year, we begin to prepare for Christmas with the season of Advent. This season reminds us that even with all the gloom and doom of wars, uncanny weather changes, natural disasters, the Light of Christ always offers hope and shows us the Way ahead. With this, I'd like to end with a quote about the work of Christmas which is synonymous with the work of the school. This work begins in earnest after the season of celebration.

*“When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.”*

With the close of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Christmas and safe travels for those who are travelling.

God bless!

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal

Thanksgiving 2022

Every year the school ends the academic year with an awards ceremony to celebrate the successes of our students and this year our **Annual Thanksgiving 2022 is finally in-Person!**

The Theme is: Reflections - See Feel Inspire

Mark your Calendar and come celebrate this joyous occasion with us!



See Feel Inspire

REFLECTIONS



Canossian School cordially invites you to
Thanksgiving Day 2022

15 November 2022
3.30pm to 5.30pm
CCCS Hall
1 Sallim Road (S)387621

RSVP by 1 November 2022



Scan the QR-code or email us:
admin@canossian.edu.sg

Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima

Hark ye hear the angels pray and sing!

On 13 October, a Eucharistic Celebration and a Candlelight procession was held at St. Joseph's Church (Victoria Street) to honour the Feast day of Mother Mary, Our Lady of Fatima. 20 catholic children from CCPS, CS (Kathleen and Isabelle (Pri 4), and the Spanish community, were specially selected as angels to lead in the procession as they recite in the Rosary, praying specially for world peace. Resplendent with these beautiful angels, the procession wound its way round the church compound. Flickering flames lit up the dark night as devotees lifted up their voices as one in prayer and song.



20 angels from CCPS, CS and the Spanish Community



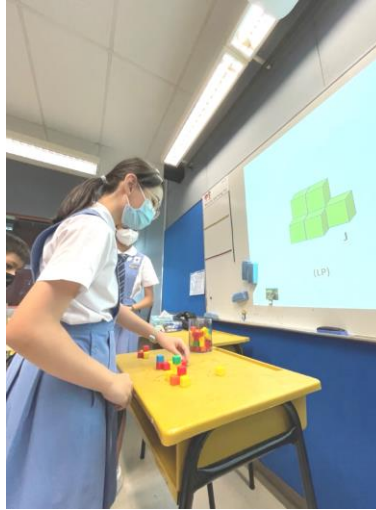
Mass and Rosary Procession

Math Games Day

For Math Games Day this year, the Primary 1 to Primary 5 students were treated to 5 game stations. Different aspects of Mathematics learning were infused in game settings planned and run by the Primary 6s. Skills in numeracy, visualisation, memory and estimation were put to the test as students ventured from station to station. Teams comprising of members from different levels strived to attain speed and accuracy in solving problems, matching geometric shapes and building 3D structures with unit cubes. Students also got to estimate (guess) the number of marbles in a container at the guessing booth.



Matching geometric shapes



Can you build it?



Number games with Nerf gun



Speed and accuracy challenge



At the Guessing Booth

Important Dates

Dates / Events	Details
Talk by SG Enable Tuesday, 1 November at 6.30pm	For all parents who registered
Meet-the-Parents for Pri 1 – Pri 5	There will be parent-teacher meetings for selected students. Form Teachers will inform parents accordingly.
CCA Friday, 4 November	There will be CCA <u>for all students</u> Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm
Exam Admin Day Monday, 7 November	There will be no school on this day
FM Mass Fitting Exercise for Pri 6 Students to Secondary Schools Tuesday, 8 November from 10.00am to 12.00pm (Details will be provided later)	For all Pri 6 Parents and students
Annual Thanksgiving 2022 Tuesday, 15 November from 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Students will report from 7.00am to 5.30pm Transport will be provided one way in the morning
Wednesday, 16 November	Students will report to school from 7.00am to 1.30pm
Village Christmas Thursday, 17 November	There will be no school for non-performers for Village Christmas. For Performers, schedule will be informed by respective CCA teachers in charge nearer the date.
Village Christmas / Last Day of School Friday, 18 November	Students will report to school at 7.00am Transport will be provided one way in the morning

School Operating Hours during the school holiday:

Please note that the General Office will operating from 7.30am to 3.30pm from Monday to Friday. You are strongly encouraged to make an appointment with the school for any visiting purpose.

End of Year Holiday Travel Declaration

Travel declarations are required of all students who will be travelling out of Singapore during the end-of-year school vacation. However, parents/guardians are advised to refer to the ICA website for the latest travel advisory. The travel declaration form was provided to your child/ward for compulsory submission, a NIL return is required. All signed declarations must be returned to the school by Thursday, 10 November 2022.

Administrative Information on School Books and Uniform Purchases

Information sheet on purchase of school textbooks and uniform will be distributed to all students before the school term ends.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, if all possible, we advise parents to consider making online orders for the following items: -

Items	Link for Online Purchases
School textbooks, stationery and name tags	www.thecontinental.sg/canossian (the log-in pin will be available when the booklist is distributed)
Uniform and PE Attire	https://www.intrenduniforms.com/canossa-catholic-primary-school

However, if online purchases are not possible, you may arrange a trip to the school bookshop to make the purchases of the respective items when dates are available.

SPED Financial Assistance Scheme (SPED-FAS) 2022

For Singapore students needing financial assistance, application forms will be available and distributed this month. All application forms must be duly completed with required documents by Friday, 11 November 2022. Approved applications will be notified by early December 2022 for the collection of approved items provided under the scheme.

In view of the current fluid economic situation, financial circumstances in families may vary and hence, SPED-FAS application forms are available throughout the school year.

An invitation to be part of a meaningful nationwide study Building Strong Families in Singapore

Families are a work-in-progress and there are inherent strengths in every family. **Catholic Family Life (CFL)** is conducting a research called ***Building Strong Families in Singapore***

What is the purpose of this study?

- **“Building Strong Families in Singapore”** is an NCSS-funded study by Catholic Family Life to help the sector better understand families’ journeys, the realities of families at different life stages, and the current resources available to support families.
- At the end of this study, we aim to create resources to **guide families to focus and build on strengths.**

What can this study do for your school?

- Provide Family-based resources and videos to cater for different life stages and possible transitions
- Delivery of programmes to develop stronger kids, parents, families and communities

Who can respond to the survey (which is in English):

- At least 21 years’ old
- Dating / Engaged Couples
- Married Couples
- Single-again Individuals
- Singaporean / PR

We encourage you to participate in this survey through this link:

https://bit.ly/CFL_Survey

The survey should take around 15 – 20 minutes.

For more information, visit www.familylife.sg/cflresearch or contact research@familylife.sg.

Together we can build stronger families in Singapore.

In 2020, **SG Enable** piloted the **Take-A-Break (TAB) programme** to provide caregivers' respite in the midst of COVID-19. To recap, TAB is a pilot programme funded by Temasek Foundation. It provides families with planned, short-term and home-based respite options, so that caregivers can take a break from their caregiving duties. Under this programme, depending on the nature of respite services needed, caregivers will be matched to a private respite service provider. Each caregiver can access up to 72 hours of respite services within a 3-month period. The respite services are provided at no charges to the caregiver.

The programme was due for completion in July 2022, but will now be extended for another year from **1 Oct 2022 to 30 Sep 2023**. Referrals can be submitted from 17 October 2022 onwards. For this run, the programme will be administered by our partner, SPD, who will receive, assess and assign the requests to the appropriate respite service providers. The programme details will remain largely similar to the earlier run. Please refer to the revised programme flyer below for more information.

Take-A-Break Respite Programme

The Take-A-Break (TAB) Programme aims to provide planned short-term home-based respite options for caregivers of persons with disabilities* when they need temporary relief from their caregiving duties.

*Disabilities include physical disability, sensory impairment (deafness and visual impairment), intellectual disability and autism.

What is TAB?

- Each family can receive up to 72 hours of respite services (within a three-month period).
- Respite service will be provided at the residence of the person with disability via private service provider(s) appointed by SG Enable.
- Cost of the service is fully borne by Temasek Foundation (subject to approved cap).

Services provided under respite care

- Day-to-Day Care**
eg. oral feeding, medication reminder
- Social**
e.g. befriending, companionship
- Health & Wellness**
eg. simple exercises, home nursing care
- Medical and/or Point-to-Point Escort**
- Simple Housekeeping**

Eligibility

Caregiver (or care recipient) must be a Singaporean or Singapore Permanent Resident:

- Caring for more than one care recipient with permanent disability, or from single parent household, or
- Affected by extenuating circumstances, such as loss of income or disruption of disability services etc, or
- Feeling stressed in providing care due to caregiver burnout, handling own medical needs, dealing with transition, etc. (Approval on a case-by-case basis)
- Aged 60 and above

Application Process

Step 1: Enquiry
Interested caregivers can approach any touch point such as their Social Service Agency or hospital to submit their request to apply for the programme.

Step 2: Assessment
SPD will assess each case and notify referring agencies (referrer) on the outcome.

Step 3: Contact
For successful applicants, the assigned service provider will get in touch to arrange and deliver the respite service

For enquiries, please e-mail tab@spd.org.sg.

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