

REACH

Center of excellence for the education of children with hearing loss

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CANOSSIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



OUR MOTTO

VIA, VERITAS, VITA (The Way, The Truth, The Life)

Our motto draws its inspiration from Jesus Christ. We take Him as our model and seek to follow in His footsteps.

Via (The Way)

We walk confidently and joyfully on the path of life, overcoming all difficulties with fortitude and prayer.

Veritas (The Truth)

We are sincere in word, deed and action.
We are open to truth and knowledge.

Vita (The Life)

We live for others, ready to share, serve and sacrifice for others.

Our Mission

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

Our Values

The core values that guide the educative process at Canossian School are based on the Canossian values of Faith, Charity, Humility and Forgiveness.



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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents / Guardians



It's hard to believe but we're drawing close to the end of yet another year. 2023 has been a year of intense activity within and beyond the walls of the school. I will spotlight some of the key events of the year.

One of the newer initiatives by the school was the shift from Remind to Qoqolo as a means of communication between parents and the school. There may have been some hitches with the implementation, but I do hope these kinks have been ironed out. While we do look forward to more efficient communication lines, the parameters for communication remain the same, such as the hours for text messages between parents and teachers. Internally, our staff have also moved to the use of other software to enhance our efficiencies and effectiveness of administrative operations.

This year with the lifting of COVID measures, we resumed our regular Learning Journeys, sports activities and other social integration activities with Canossa Catholic Primary School. Beyond these activities, our Primary Two students collaborated with their hearing peers from Princess Elizabeth Primary School in creating toys and helping them understand more about having a hearing loss. Our choir enjoyed a unique experience when they were invited to perform with Fairfield Methodist Secondary School choir at the Singapore Youth Festival. The rehearsals and public performance offered authentic opportunities for our students to be their own advocates and ambassadors of children with hearing loss. They led the way in demonstrating that glass ceilings should never exist for our children. In embracing the loss of their hearing sense, our students were enjoyed the opportunity to spend time exclusively with their schoolmates at this year's school camp. All of these experiences aimed at developing confidence and strengthening their self-concept which pave the way for them to grow as successful individuals.

In the arena of staff development, we worked within and beyond the walls of our compound. Our staff were engaged in professional learning teams that focussed on strengthening the learning support needed by various groups of learners. We also upped the platforms for sharing our expertise with external organisations. The school conducted sharing sessions with organisations such as SPED schools that offer the national curriculum and mainstream primary schools. We hosted both local and foreign educators on a 2-week work attachment in Term 3. Our audiology unit extended its expertise to a mission-based foundation running schools catering to children with hearing loss in Sri Lanka. Through these platforms, we aspire to share our knowledge while honing our own competencies so we never stop growing.

While we look towards a brief respite during the Nov-Dec break, we remain cognisant that we end the year with the beginning of Advent. With this time of preparing for the coming of our Saviour, a quote from Pope Francis on the significance of Advent resonates with us:

"In this season of Advent, we are called to expand the horizons of our hearts, to be amazed by the life which presents itself each day with newness. In order to do this, we must learn to not depend on our own certainties, on our own established strategies, because the Lord comes at a time that we do not imagine. He comes to bring us into a more beautiful and grand dimension."

~Pope Francis~

For now, our staff and students take a break from academic pursuits so that we make time to focus on spending quality time with our loved ones and on renewing our spirits. We close the year in anticipation of an advent of newness in the year ahead. On behalf of our staff, I wish our Hindu families a Happy Deepavali and all families a Blessed season of Advent and a truly joyful Christmas.

God Bless.

Christina Michael (Ms)
Principal



Thanksgiving Day 2023



You're invited!

CANOSSIAN SCHOOL **Thanksgiving Day 2023**

Friday, 17 November 2023

3.30pm to 6pm

Hall (Level 2)

Canossa Catholic Primary School

1 Sallim Road (S)387621

RSVP by 20 October 2023

Scan the QR-code or email us:

admin@canossian.edu.sg



**Click on QR-code
to open the link**

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On this special day, the school celebrates the achievements of its students and we would like you to share in their celebrations.

School will function as per normal that day and your child / ward is required to stay for the event. Lunch will be provided and your child/ward will be given time to rest in the afternoon. School buses will only send students to school at the normal time. They **will not** send students home on this day. If you are unable to attend the event, please arrange to have your child picked up at **6pm at Gate 1**. Families and guests attending the event are to be seated by 3.15pm.

Attire (for students): Full school uniform

Transport: For pupils taking the school bus, one-way transport from home to school is provided.

Students are expected to go home with family members after the event.

Car park arrangements: Parking is **not available** in all sectors of Canossian Village. There is a public car park at Merpati Road, next to Mattar MRT station. Please note that parking along Sallim Road is a traffic offence.

Entry and dismissal: **Gate 1 is the main gate for entrance and exit.** Gate 4 (facing Mattar MRT station) will be open only from 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Please take note of this should you be arriving from the public carpark or by the MRT.



Important Dates to note

Dates / Events	Details
Meet-the-Parents for Pri 1 – Pri 5	There will be parent-teacher meetings for selected students. Form Teachers will inform parents accordingly.
SPED Learning Festival Friday, 3 November	There will be no school on this day as all staff will be at the SPED Learning Festival
Monday, 6 November	Students will report to school at 7.00am and dismissed at 10.30am
Sunday, 12 November Monday, 13 November	Public Holiday, Deepavali There will be no school in lieu of Deepavali
Annual Thanksgiving 2023 Friday, 17 November from 3.30pm to 6.00pm	Students will report from 7.00am to 6.00pm One-way transport will be provided in the morning
Last Day of School Friday, 17 November	Students will report to school at 7.00am Transport will be provided one way in the morning



School Operating Hours during the school holidays:

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.



Year-End Holiday Travel Declaration

Travel declarations are required of all students who will be travelling out of Singapore during the end of-year school vacation. You may refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates. If there is a change in travel plan(s) after the declaration, please inform the school as soon as possible. The travel declaration form has been shared via the Qoqolo app. Parents may log into the app to submit your declarations.

The Qoqolo weblink is also below as follows:

<https://qrs.ly/p2f9y8g>

Please note that a NIL **return is required** by Friday, 10 November 2023.

Booklist and Uniform Purchases

The 2024 booklist and uniform information sheet will be distributed to all students before the end of term 4. Parents are highly encouraged to make online orders: -

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

IMPORTANT Please check the **dates** on the booklist/ uniform info sheet if you would like to drop by the school to make your purchases.

SPED Financial Assistance Scheme (SPED-FAS) 2023

Financial assistance is applicable for all Singaporean students. Application forms will be given out by end of Oct 2023.

Forms must be submitted by **Friday, 10 November 2023** with **supporting** documents to the general office. Successful applicants will be notified by early December 2023 for the collection of the approved items provided under the scheme.

SPED-FAS application forms are available throughout the school year from the general office.



[Sneak Peek] NLB accessABILITY 18 Nov to 3 Dec

You are invited to join NLB accessABILITY from November 18 to December 3!

During this event, you can enjoy a fantastic array of children's programs leading up to the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2023.

As an interested participant, you'll have an exclusive opportunity to get a sneak peek of their programs before the general public. Registration opens on October 31 at 10:00 am, giving you the first chance to explore the programs that pique your interest. This early access allows you to plan your schedule accordingly and make the most of the event.

For more details about the event and the exciting programs they have in store, please find additional information below. They look forward to your active participation and hope you have a wonderful experience at accessABILITY!



NLB ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMMES

accessABILITY

18 NOV TO 3 DEC

19 Nov: 4 – 5PM **Signing with Hands Storytime with Shalini Gidwani (Sign Language)**

25 Nov: 11 – 12PM
03 Dec: 11 – 12PM **Universe of Feelings by Superhero Me**

26 Nov: 3:30 – 4PM
01 Dec: 4 – 4:30PM **Thatcher the Anxious Thresher Shark Storytelling by Nicole Butcher**

02 Dec: 11 – 12PM **Ah Boy & The Beanstalk | A Sensory Performance**

REGISTER NOW



go.gov.sg/accability

The poster features a bright yellow background with white clouds. At the top right, a small illustration shows a child riding a shark. At the bottom left, a child is depicted holding a bunch of colorful balloons. At the bottom right, a girl is shown in a dynamic pose, wearing an orange shirt and skirt with striped leggings. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title in large, bold letters and program details in smaller boxes.



Tips for Parents

Ideas to Support Your Children Over the Holidays

Year-end holidays are coming soon. Planning for the holidays requires understanding and preparation to ensure they have a joyful and inclusive experience. Here are some tips for parents to support their child during the holidays.

1. Have a holiday routine

Most children are happiest when they have a routine. This doesn't mean they won't fight you over it, but establishing boundaries around bedtimes, meal times and study times will make them feel secure when everything around them feels strange. Agree on a timetable together and write it down or draw it out using words, pictures and photos.

2. Involve them in Planning

Include your child in the holiday planning process, so they feel like an active part of the celebration. They can help choose decorations, plan menus, or decide on activities.

3. Make daily routines fun

Start conversations by asking questions with lots of possible answers, for example, "What is your favourite toy?" and "What do you want to do tomorrow?"

Encourage them to problem solve, for example "Your favourite hat is missing, what shall we do?"

4. Play pretend games

Try role-playing games together, like shopping – set items out on the sofa, give your child a bag and some pretend money, and take it in turns to be the shopkeeper

Play a make-believe journey like going into space – make a rocket out of a cardboard box you decorate together, or cushions, and pile in a few toy passengers. Unleash their creativity through these make-believe journeys.

5. Get Reading

You can read all sorts of different things with your child - stories, books, magazines, newspapers and comics. Read with and alongside your child. Talk about the content and ask them what they felt and thought. For those with RAZ account, do remember to login and read.

Learning to read environmental print is an important life skill. As you go about daily activities or on your travels, make a conscious effort to read the signboards and signages that provide information and directions to members of the public.

6. Simple science activities

Take a look at these simple science challenges which can be completed using everyday materials found at home. Click on the following link:

https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/content/dam/pdf/JDF_with%20cover%20challenge-cards_DIGITAL.pdf

7. Support Social Interactions

Encourage your child to socialize with family and friends. Facilitate introductions and provide guidance on how to communicate effectively with your child. Ref: <https://successforkidswithhearingloss.com>

