



# ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our Vision

St Andrew's Village - Home of Servant Leaders who Bring Life to the Nations

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Dear Parents/Guardians,



## 1. Introduction

Our big family at SAJS would like to wish all of you a very Blessed Lunar New Year!

All of us, especially our boys, had a great time as we usher in the New Year. This year's Lunar New Year celebrations coincided with Total Defence Day and it was an opportune time to showcase Social Defence as staff and students from different races come together in **Unity** to celebrate the festival. In addition to the exciting performance by the performing troupe which we have invited from overseas, what warmed my heart more was the racial harmony demonstrated by our team of emcees of different races and our Malay Saints' singing as we celebrated together. A big thank you to all of you for your support!



## 2. Strategic Thrust 2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

### 2.1 Value of the Month

The value for Feb is **EMPATHY**. We would like every Saint to put himself in the shoes of others and learn to speak up and act for those who are down.

*Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. Philippians 2:4*

This month's educational sharing is extracted from our Cyber Wellness Education resource. With many more Saints starting the use of smart phone and WhatsApp Chat at an early age,

Our Values

Thanksgiving • Resilience • Unity • Empathy • Wonder • Integrity • Self-Discipline • Excellence

we noticed ill practices and mindless acts that jeopardise relationships and hurt emotional wellbeing of others. Instances of hurtful or abusive words were used and acts of exclusion were observed within our Saints' chat groups. Thus, it is important that our Saints consciously apply Cyber Wellness Principles at social platforms like WhatsApp Chat, Instagram etc.

We would like to garner the support of our Saints Parents to help to inculcate the value of **Empathy** in our Saints by going through the principles and use the "sense-think-act" as a self-check mechanism to check on and help them to regulate their behaviour. We have provided some information about MOE's Cyber Wellness Principles with a short explanation for each principle and we thank you for partnering us in this educational journey of our Saints.

# safebook

**YOU**

**THINK** — Think before you post

**FRIENDS** — Only connect with friends

**KIND** — Be kind to others

**PASSWORD** — Don't share your password

**PRIVACY** — Keep your settings private

**HURT** — Don't be hurtful towards others

**CYBERWELLNESS PRINCIPLES**  
 \* Respect for Self and Others  
 \* Safe and Responsible Use

**FRIENDS**

**DON'T:** Stay silent

**DO:** Help your friend  
Report the bully  
Tell your parents  
Tell your teacher

**THE BULLY**

**DON'T:** Respond

**DO:** Save what they say  
Unfriend the person  
Block them  
Tell a Friend  
Tell your Parents  
Report the person

**TELL • UNFRIEND • BLOCK • REPORT**

This is our reaction to cyber-bullying. We must all play our part! Play yours - email [design@fuzion.ie](mailto:design@fuzion.ie) for a print ready file



**Sense – Think – Act Process**

**Sense:** Identify the possible risks of harmful behaviours online and learn how to protect oneself

**Think:** Analyse, evaluate and reflect on the online situation based on the three CW principles

**Act:** Translate understanding into actions so as to be safe and have a positive presence online

With our concerted effort, I trust that our Saints will be the **Community Builder** with **Empathy** that we aspire them to be!

**3. Strategic Thrust 4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness**

**3.1 Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Sessions**

I am grateful for the continual support from you as you make time to meet up with us at the MTP Sessions. I would like to sincerely apologise for being absent for some of the sessions due to my recent hospitalisation. Nevertheless, I believe my vice-principals have communicated with you important information, especially with regard to some of the changes the school is implementing this year and will be implementing next year to improve the learning experiences of our Saints. These changes included (a) Format of supplementary classes 2018, (b) Dismissal time 2019, and (c) CCA Schedule 2019. Do visit the school website at <http://saintandrewsjunior.moe.edu.sg/letter-and-updates/meet-the-parents-slides-2018> to find out more details of these changes.

We want to thank you for demonstrating respect for our Saints as you met and greeted the teachers with politeness and gratitude. Our Saints teachers are also encouraged with your affirmation of their efforts to care and educate our Saints.

**3.2 Total Defence Day**

A team of 25 passionate fathers reported for “duty” on Fri, 9 Feb in their military uniforms. They have one mission to accomplish – to deliver the Total Defence Day message to the 1440 boys through meaningful and engaging activities. It was really a proud moment for the school when Minister of Defence Mr Ng Eng Hen mentioned us in one of his Facebook post! You can read the post at <https://www.facebook.com/ngenghen/posts/1652324718194114?pnref=story>

Do also visit this link <https://youtu.be/TKPThXZfJ3A> to have a glimpse of the day’s experiences for our Saints boys. Hereby taking the opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to all the Saints parents who had put in so much effort to bring about the joy of learning in school.

### 3.3 Channels of Communication

We continue with our practice to support the Green Movement. Our school aims to start disseminating the P's Monthly Letter via email from March onwards. The e-platform also enables us to post colourful photos and insert links to useful websites.

If you did not receive the February Letter in your email, kindly log on to the school website (**Parents' Portal**) <http://www.saintandrewsjunior.moe.edu.sg/ParentsPortal.htm> to update your email address. This is to ensure successful implementation of our communication via email.

The main channel of communication with the teachers is via the personal organiser. If you need to contact any of our staff directly, you can find our email address on our website: <http://www.saintandrewsjunior.moe.edu.sg>.

### 4. Term 2 Calendar

Date	Event	Remarks
<b>Week 1</b>		
19.3.18	Beginning of Term Service	
20.3.18		
21.3.18		
22.3.18		
23.3.18	PAL & CCA (7)	
24.3.18 (Sat)	Parents Learning Festival	
<b>Week 2</b>		
26.3.18		
27.3.18		
28.3.18		
29.3.18	Saints Learning Festival	
30.3.18	<b>Good Friday (Public Holiday)</b>	
<b>Week 3</b>		
2.4.18		
3.4.18		
4.4.18		
5.4.18		
6.4.18	PAL & CCA (8)	
<b>Week 4</b>		
9.4.18		
10.4.18	P3 SA1 EL Oral P4 SA1 MT Oral	
11.4.18		
12.4.18	P5 SA1 MT e-Oral P6 SA1 EL Oral	
13.4.18	PAL & CCA (9)	



Date	Event	Remarks
<b>Week 5</b>		
16.4.18	P5 SA1 EL Oral	
17.4.18	P3 – P6 SA1 EL Paper 1	
18.4.18	P3 – P6 SA1 MT Paper 1	
19.4.18	P4 SA 1 EL Oral	
20.4.18	PAL & CCA (10)	
<b>Week 6</b>		
23.4.18		
24.4.18	P3 SA1 MT Oral	
25.4.18		
26.4.18	P6 SA1 MT e-Oral P1 – P5 Home-based Learning (HBL) Day	<b><i>P1 – P5 students stay at home for HBL</i></b>
27.4.18	PAL & CCA (11)	
<b>Week 7</b>		
30.4.18		
1.5.18	<b><i>Labour Day (Public Holiday)</i></b>	
2.5.18		
3.5.18		
4.5.18	P5 & P6 SA1 HMT Paper 1 PAL & CCA (12)	
<b>Week 8</b>		
7.5.18	P3 – P6 SA1 Science	
8.5.18	P3 – P6 SA1 MT Paper 2	
9.5.18	P3 – P6 SA1 EL Paper 2	
10.5.18	P3 – P6 SA 1 Math	
11.5.18	P5 & P6 HMT Paper 2	
<b>Week 9</b>		
14.5.18		
15.5.18		
16.5.18		
17.5.18		
18.5.18	<b><i>Marking Day</i></b>	<b><i>All students stay at home</i></b>
<b>Week 10</b>		
21.5.18		
22.5.18		
23.5.18		
24.5.18	End of Term Service PCTC* (2.15pm – 5pm)	<b><i>Last Day of Term 2</i></b>
25.5.18	PCTC* (8am – 5pm)	

***\*PCTC: Parent-Child-Teacher Conference***

Looking forward to your continual support and strong partnership in the year ahead.

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo