



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

Welcome back to school and for the P1s, welcome to St Andrew's Village.

It has been an enriching experience for me in the first week of school and I trust that it has been the same for our children too. I do look forward to meeting up with you at various occasions in the year, starting with Meet-the-Parents Session.

SAJS Celebrates

Outstanding Contribution Award

We congratulate the following individuals and teams for winning the Individual and Team Outstanding Contribution Awards (OCA) for their impactful contributions in 2016:

Individual Award

- Mr Chia Tien-Hao
- Mrs Parvathi Pragasam
- Mr Yeo Peng Seng

Team Award

- CL Oral Video Project
- Staff Wellbeing Committee
- Special Needs Team
- Whole School Approach to Effective Communication (Mathematics)

Staff Matters

Staff Movement

We bid farewell to the following staff at the end of 2016:

- Mrs Wong Bin Eng - Retired
- Mr Shaifullizan - Transferred to HQ

We welcome the following to our learning community:

- Mrs Joanne Yak (back from HQ posting)
- Mrs Michelle Do

Appointment of New Office Holders

The following have been officially appointed:

- Miss Joyce Chy - Lead Teacher / Chinese Language
- Mr Mu Zhiming - Subject Head / Chinese Language

ST2: Cultivating Character, Growing Community Builders

Value of the Month for January

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. *Philippians 4:6*

The value for January is **THANKSGIVING**. We would like every Saint to appreciate others for his wellbeing and growth. At the same time, every Saint should also appreciate the learning opportunity and environment. Our Saints will exhibit the traits of thanksgiving by expressing gratitude to the people around them, take good care of their personal resources and seek to make improvement of their learning environment.

Our Values

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

Parable of the King Who Lost His Finger

A king had a male servant who, under all circumstances always said to him: “My king, do not be discouraged because everything God does is perfect, and He makes no mistakes.”

One day, they went hunting and a wild animal attacked the king. The servant managed to kill the animal but couldn't prevent his majesty from losing a finger.

Furious and without showing any gratitude, the king said; “If God was good, I would not have been attacked and lose one finger”.

The servant replied: “Despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good and everything He does is perfect; He is never wrong.”

Outraged by the response, the king ordered that the servant be imprisoned. Later, the king left for another hunt and was captured by savages who used human beings as sacrifice. On the altar, the savages discovered that the king did not have one finger in place, and released him because they considered him to be “incomplete” to be offered to their gods.

On returning to his palace, the king authorized the release of his servant and told his servant, “My friend, God was really good to me. I was almost killed but for the lack of a single finger, I was let go.”

“However, I have a question,” the king added. “If God is so good, why did He allow me to put you in prison?”

The servant wisely replied: “My king, if I had gone with you, I would have been sacrificed because I have no missing finger.”

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18. KJV)

Source: <https://singaporechristian.com/2016/01/28/parable-of-the-king-who-lost-his-finger-story-with-a-moral-god-is-good-even-when-bad-things-happen-to-us/amp/?client=ms-android-samsung>

Student Mentoring Programme

Our P4 mentors carried their duties with a great sense of pride and responsibility, as they inducted their P1 buddies into the new environment. We will like to hear from you and your child from these two levels so that we can collate good stories and feedback on the programme. Your feedback will help us enhance our Mentoring Programme – one of our key platforms in nurturing our Saints to be servant leaders.

ST4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness

Partners in Education

Most of you are very familiar with this saying “It takes a village to raise a child.” The school presses on with our effort to harness our connection with you – our valued partners in education, so that we can harness every opportunity to provide the most holistic education for our children.

I witnessed the great support by our enthusiastic and caring parent-volunteers who have contributed time and effort in helping our P1s settle in. We are also blessed by your prayers and encouragement as you helped us to do better. We look forward to another year of great partnership with you!

Pupil Profile Form

We are doing a yearly verification of every child's personal particulars to update our database. We have attached here the pupil profile form to verify your child's personal particulars as well as his medical condition. **Please make any changes in red.** If there is any other medical condition that you wish to inform us about, indicate it in the form and submit the medical report for our records.

We seek your cooperation to submit the completed pupil verification form by Wednesday, 11 January 2017 together with a medical report (if any).

Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Sessions

Together with the Form Teachers, I will continue to meet individual classes of P6 Saints together with their parents and class teachers. This will allow us to work together with our children to set their targets and journey towards realising their potential. We strongly encourage all parents to attend this first meeting. Subsequent sessions in the year will be held at the end of each semester. The Parent-Child-Teacher-Conference (PCTC) aims to be purposeful tripartite dialogue sessions for your child to have greater commitment in his personal growth.

The meeting with parents for the P6 classes will be as scheduled:

P6 Level (Venue: Thinkubator)		Time with P	Time with Teachers
Thu, 12 Jan	P6 Thanksgiving	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am
Wed, 11 Jan	P6 Resilience	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am
Mon, 16 Jan	P6 Unity	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am
Tue, 17 Jan	P6 Empathy	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am
Wed, 18 Jan	P6 Wonder	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am
Mon, 23 Jan	P6 Integrity	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am
Thu, 19 Jan	P6 Self-discipline	7.30am – 7.50am	7.50am – 9.10am

The meeting with parents for the P1 – P5 levels will be as scheduled:

Level	Time with P (in the HALL)	Time with Teachers (in the Form Class & MT Classrooms)
Sat, 14 Jan 2017		
P5	8.30am – 9.00am	9.10am – 10.50am
P1	9.30am – 10.00am	10.10am – 11.30am
Sat, 21 Jan 2017		
P4	8.30am – 9.00am	9.10am – 10.50am
P3	9.30am – 10.00am	10.10am – 11.50am
P2	10.30am – 11.00am	11.10am – 12.30pm

The Form Teacher and Subject Teachers would like to meet you **without the presence of your child** so as to facilitate a more fruitful discussion to support your child's development. **Kindly make the necessary childcare arrangement for your children to stay at home.**

Channels of Communication

The main channel of communication with the teachers is the Personal Organiser (PO). We have included the i) values rubrics, ii) servant leaders' traits and iii) space for our Saints to reflect on their learning in the PO. We trust that the PO will be a useful tool for you to reinforce the learning of your child at home.

If you need to contact any of our staff directly, you can find their email addresses on our website: <http://www.saintandrewsjunior.moe.edu.sg>. In addition, our teachers would have written you a letter and shared with you on the usage of class website and the preferred channel of communication. Our Calendar of Events can also be found on the website. We would also like to remind all parents to log into our portal to update your email addresses should there be any changes.

Term 1 Calendar

We have provided the Term 1 calendar of events which includes our parental engagement sessions and the key school events and extra lesson schedule (P3-6) to develop your child holistically. The extra lessons are provided by our teachers to support your child in his academic learning. These extra lessons are not compulsory but kindly inform the teachers in writing if your child is not attending the extra lessons. This will help to establish a common understanding of the whereabouts of your child and ensure his safety.

Date	Event	Extra Lessons	Remarks
Week 1			
2.1.17			
3.1.17	P4/P1 Mentoring (Day 1)		
4.1.17	P4/P1 Mentoring (Day 2)		
5.1.17	P4/P1 Mentoring (Day 3)		
6.1.17	Temperature Taking Exercise P4/P1 Mentoring (Day 4)		Dismissal at 1.45pm
Week 2			
9.1.17	P4/P1 Mentoring (Day 5)		
10.1.17			
11.1.17	Meet-the-Parents (MTP) MTP Session for P6 Resilience		
12.1.17	MTP Session for P6 Thanksgiving		
13.1.17	PAL & CCA Begins P4/P1 Mentoring (Day 6)		Dismissal at 3pm
14.1.17 (Sat)	Meet-the-Parents Session for P1 & P5		
Week 3			
16.1.17	MTP Session for P6 Unity	P5 & P6 MT	
17.1.17	MTP Session for P6 Empathy		
18.1.17	MTP Session for P6 Wonder		
19.1.17	MTP Session for P6 Self-Discipline	P3 – P6	
20.1.17	PAL & CCA (2)		
21.1.17 (Sat)	Meet-the-Parents Session for P2, P3 & P4		

Date	Event	Extra Class	Remarks
Week 4			
23.1.17	MTP Session for P6 Integrity	P5 & P6 MT	
24.1.17		P3 – P6	
25.1.17			
26.1.17		P3 – P6	
27.1.17	CNY Celebrations		Dismissal at 10am
Week 5			
30.1.17	CNY – Public Holiday in lieu	P5 & P6 MT	
31.1.17	CNY – Saturday Off in lieu	P3 - P6	
1.2.17			
2.2.17		P3, P4 & P6	
3.2.17	Tier 1 Student Leadership Training (P3 - P6) PAL & CCA (3)		
Week 6			
6.2.17		P5 & P6 MT	
7.2.17		P3 – P6	
8.2.17			
9.2.17		P3 & P6	
10.2.17	PAL & CCA (4) P5 Camp		
11.2.17 (Sat)	P5 Camp		
Week 7			
13.2.17		P5 & P6 MT	
14.2.17		P3 – P6	
15.2.17	Total Defence Day Observance Ceremony		
16.2.17		P3 – P6	
17.2.17	PAL & CCA (5)		
Week 8			
20.2.17		P5 & P6 MT	
21.2.17		P3 - P6	
22.2.17			
23.2.17		P3 – P6	
24.2.17	Saints Games Day Rehearsal		
25.2.17 (Sat)	Parents' Learning Fest		
Week 9			
27.2.17		P5 & P6 MT	
28.2.17		P3 - P6	
1.3.17			
2.3.17		P3 – P6	
3.3.17	PAL & CCA (6)		
Week 10			
6.3.17		P5 & P6 MT	
7.3.17		P3 - P6	
8.3.17	Prefects' Commendation		
9.3.17	End of Term Service	No Extra Lesson	Last Day of Term 1
10.3.17	Saints Games Day		

Safety and Security

Traffic

Please continue to help us role-model and educate our Saints to be responsible and safe road users. All road users are reminded to be extremely careful within the school zones. Our staff on duty will continue to look out and report on errant drivers so that our roads remain safe for all road users. **Please be watchful of the traffic light signals and mindful of the NO STOPPING zones. Please be compliant to all traffic rules** so that we can maintain the safety of your child.

Dropping Off and Parking

We would like to strongly encourage you to make use of the carpark opposite the school to ease the traffic congestion in the morning and during dismissal.

Gentle reminder for parents driving through for the drop off in the morning:

- Please display the "Drive Through Only" car label clearly. This will grant parents access to the school carpark and Ascension Kindergarten carpark in the morning. **NO PARKING is allowed.**
- Please drop off your child at the specified "Drop Off" lane to avoid obstructing the traffic in front of the school porch and the school canteen.
- We urge you to prepare **your child to get his bag ready and alight from the vehicle swiftly.**
- Do be patient and **ensure safety at all times.**

Wishing one and all, a blessed year ahead.

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal