



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

Principal's Letter (February)

1. ST4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness

A) SAJS Celebrates

We have concluded our two weekends of Meet-the-Parents sessions after Chinese New Year. We appreciate the parents who dedicated their valuable time to connect and interact with the teachers. We trust that this marks the beginning of another good year of partnership for us to develop our Saints to be Servant Leaders who bring life to the nations.

As we ease back to a greater normalcy, we are able to carry out more physical activities while abiding to safe management measures. It is very heartening to see parent-volunteers in school after a long hiatus. We thank the parents who have taken time to support us in our Total Defence Day activities.



2. ST2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

A) Value of the Month for February

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

Exacting from the devotion that I shared with the Saints on 21 February 2022:

Good morning colleagues and saints. Today's devotion teaches us about the value of Empathy.

On **page 14** of your **Personal Organiser**, it is stated what we expect of a Saint when he shows Empathy. It means:

- A Saint speaks up and acts for those who are in need.
- A Saint puts himself in the other person's shoes.

For my lower primary Saints, from P1-3, do you know what you are expected to do at your respective level?

- P1: A Saint is able to state the feelings of others.
- P2: A Saint is able to state the feelings of others and state the reason(s) for it.
- P3: A Saint shows consideration for the feelings of others.

For my upper primary Saints, from P4-6, do you know what you are expected to do at your respective level?

- P4: A Saint shows consideration for the feelings of others and with guidance, shows care by taking action.
- P5: A Saint shows consideration for the feelings of others and shows care by taking appropriate action on his own.
- P6: A Saint influences others to be considerate.

The bible teaches us one way we can demonstrate empathy. Proverbs 12:18 tells us reckless words pierce like a sword but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

Let us watch a video together. (video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbdhxlqXqTA>)

This video shows us that our words have the power to heal others and in the same way, have the power to hurt others as well. So be mindful when it comes to your words. It may not mean much to you but these words when spoken may stick with someone for a lifetime. So today, let us just learn one way we can show empathy and be a community builder. Let us speak words which heal others and build them up.

Now, I want you to practice what you have learnt. Please turn to your personal organizer and I want you to write something to encourage your teacher or your parents.

Before I end today's devotion, I want to remind all of us to really "THINK" before we speak. Is whatever you are going to say, TTrue, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind. Speak only if your words are more beautiful than silence?

Let's pray. Lord, help use to remember that everybody needs somebody to be kind to them. Help us to model and mirror kindness. Help us to always put ourselves in the shoes of others and ask ourselves if we can do anything to help them. Help us to remember to treat others kindly like how we would like to be treated. Help us to always reflect on what we do and say, to think through if what we do and say is helpful or hurtful. Even if what we say is helpful, help us to say them in kind ways which will not hurt others. Even when we are hurt by others, help us not to retaliate with unkindness but help us to still insist to say and do what is helpful and to have self-discipline to NOT do and say what is hurtful. We pray that we will show empathy to others because we know that we will feel better if others feel better.

B) Total Defence Day (TDD)

The theme for TDD 2022 is "Together We Keep Singapore Strong". We would like to encourage our Saints to play a greater role in Total Defence and to highlight the different ways they can contribute. Through the commemoration of Total Defence Day, we hope to rally and mobilise Singaporeans to prepare for future threats and challenges, and show resilience when crises strike. The COVID-19 experience has heightened the importance and relevance of Total Defence. When Singaporeans play their part, we will emerge stronger even as we battle the virus.

Mdm Halimatus and the CCE Committee has prepared a series of learning activities to engage our Saints. Besides the TDD Mini Carnival, there was the Digital Assembly Show, class activities and the Home Photo & Video Competition.



Home Photo & Video Competition continues to be a highlight of TDD. Looking at the submission of photos and videos, we trust that many of you had a great time of family bonding. We appreciate the shared responsibility in our Saints' learning and are happy that our children can extend their learning at home. You may view the winning entries using the following link. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/DrfKHfBKhgLcPzdX6>

C) Scouts Investiture, 25 Feb 2022



We give thanks for the strong Scouting movement in SAJS. With the strong support from alumni, our team of dedicated teachers are able to nurture our Saints to be Servants Leaders

through the meaningful Scouting activities. Our new cohort of Saints were inducted at the Scouts Investiture on 25 Feb 2022. We were honoured to have our Group Scout Leader, Mr Vincent Lim to grace the occasion and our Chaplain, Rev Ian Chew to pray for our Scouts.

3. Semester 1 Calendar

A) Saints Games Day

We are preparing a hybrid version of Saints Games Day on Fri, 11 Mar 2022. Instead of inter-House competition, the races will have to be organised at the inter-class level as we abide to SMM. Please note the dismissal time for Fri, 11 Mar 2022.

P1: from 11.10am

P2: from 11.20am

P3 & P4: from 11.30am

P5 & P6: from 11.35am

B) School Calendar

Date	Event	Remarks
TERM 1 Week 9		
28.2.22		
1.3.22		
2.3.22	Prefects' Commendation Service	
3.3.22		
4.3.22	PAL & CCA (8)	
TERM 1 Week 10		
7.3.22		
8.3.22		
9.3.22		
10.3.22		
11.3.22	Saints Games Day End of Term Service	Dismissal @ 11.30pm
TERM 2 Week 1		
21.3.22	Beginning of Term Service	
22.3.22		
23.3.22	Class Committee Training	
24.3.22		
25.3.22	PAL & CCA (10)	
TERM 2 Week 2		
28.3.22		
29.3.22		
30.3.22		
31.3.22		
1.4.22	PAL & CCA (11)	
TERM 2 Week 3		
4.4.22		
5.4.22		
6.4.22		
7.4.22		
8.4.22	PAL & CCA (12)	
TERM 2 Week 4		
11.4.22		
12.4.22		
13.4.22	International Friendship Day	
14.4.22	Saints' Learning Festival	
15.4.22	Good Friday (Public Holiday)	

TERM 2 Week 5		
18.4.22	P4 SA1 MT Oral	
19.4.22	P4 SA1 MT Oral P6 SA1 EL & FEL Oral	
20.4.22	P6 SA1 MT & FMT Oral	
21.4.22	P4 SA1 EL Oral P6 SA1 MT & FMT Oral	
22.4.22	PAL & CCA (13)	
Date	Event	Remarks
TERM 2 Week 6		
25.4.22		
26.4.22	P4 & P6 SA1 MT LC	
27.4.22	P4 & P6 SA1 EL LC	
28.4.22		
29.4.22	PAL & CCA (14)	
TERM 2 Week 7		
2.5.22	<i>Labour Day (Public Holiday in-lieu)</i>	
3.5.22	<i>Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)</i>	
4.5.22		
5.5.22		
6.5.22	P6 SA1 HMT PAL & CCA (15)	
TERM 2 Week 8		
9.5.22	P4 and P6 SA1 EL Paper 1 & 2	
10.5.22	P4 & P6 SA1 Science	
11.5.22	P4 & P6 SA1 MT Paper 1 & 2	
12.5.22	P4 and P6 SA1 MA Paper 1 & 2	
13.5.22	PAL & CCA (16)	
TERM 2 Week 9		
16.5.22	<i>Vesak Day (Public Holiday in-lieu)</i>	
17.5.22		
18.5.22		
19.5.22		
20.5.22	PAL & CCA (17)	
TERM 2 Week 10		
23.5.22		
24.5.22		
25.5.22		
26.5.22	End of Term Service Parent-Child-Teacher Conference (PCTC) (2.15pm – 5pm)	<i>Last Day of Term 2 Dismissal @ 1.30pm</i>
27.5.22	ePCTC (8am – 5pm)	

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal