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Our Vision

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

Principal's Letter (January)

We have concluded the first month of the 2022. We are glad that our P1 Saints have settled in very well into the school routines and safe management measures. We ended the month on a joyous note as the Mother Tongue (MT) Department organised a series of fun-filled activities to usher in the Year of the Tiger.

1. SAJS Celebrates



We thank Mdm Lin Jingya and Mdm Emilie Neo in leading the MT Department to help our Saints understand Lunar New Year traditions better with a series of engaging activities. Our Saints exercised the value of **THANKSGIVING** as they made CNY greeting cards to thank the people in our community for their contributions. Other Saints exercised the value of **UNITY** as they worked together to decorate their classrooms. The labour of love and hard work from the MT Department paid off as we witnessed many Saints coming to school happily in their ethnic attire and participated actively in their learning.

On behalf of the Team SAJS, I would like to wish all our Saints and family members 新年快乐, 万事如以, 身体安康! Blessed Lunar New Year to all!

2. ST2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

A) 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 well-being 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.

Extracting from the devotion that I shared with the Saints on 6 Jan:

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

On **page 13** of your **Personal Organiser**, it is stated what we expect of a Saint when he shows Thanksgiving. It means:

- A Saint is appreciative of others; what has been done for him.
- A Saint takes care of the school environment.

Today is the 3rd day of the new school term. I hope you are filled with thanksgiving as you returned back to St Andrew's Junior School. One very important bible verse I hope all of you can remember by heart is the verse which is proudly displayed just outside the General Office. It is also the first thing which greets anyone who walks into St Andrew's Junior School. Can anyone tell me which verse it is? That's right! It is Psalms 100:42 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." I thank my God which is Jesus Christ for giving all of us this school – a school where we can come back to meet our friends and to learn together as a family. There are so many things we can thank God for by coming back to school.

For this year, I want all of you to start a thanksgiving journal. Use your Personal Organiser, turn to today's date and write down 3 things you can give thanks for in school. Teachers, I appreciate if you can also do the same and have a short sharing with our Saints about what you and them are thankful for! And we can do this every day!

Let me share with you what I am thankful for. First I am especially thankful to the people who founded or set up St Andrew's School 160 years ago. Imagine if the people did not set up St Andrew's, all of us will not be here today. I am so proud to tell people that I am a part of St Andrew's, a very famous school in Singapore. Do you know who founded St Andrew's School? Please go find out the answer. Let me give you a clue – you can find the answer in your student's personal organiser.

I am also very thankful for many things about St Andrew's and this can be reflected in our school hymn which we sing every Friday. Let us look at the lyrics of the hymn and see what we can be thankful for. Firstly, the lyrics, "Our School was built of old - Whose hand has crowned Thy children - With blessings manifold," tells us that we can give thanks for the long history of St Andrew's and that God has given the school many blessings.

Secondly, the lyrics, "For Thy unfailling mercies - Far strewn along our way" reminds us that we should be thankful for God's faithfulness and compassion in taking care of St Andrew's through the many years.

Thirdly, the lyrics, "They reaped not where they labored - We reap what they have sown," tells us that we are benefitting from the fruits of the labour of the people who came before us e.g. donors who have contributed to the building of the school building and library, people who have done great things to bring up the school's name and left their mark in the school's history. Do you know who our famous alumni are? You can actually see many of them on Wikipedia!

Fourthly, the lyrics, "The days of old have dowered us- With gifts beyond all praise," reminds us to be thankful for the gifts given to us since the old days. Lastly, the lyrics, "Before us and beside us - Still holden by Thy hand - One family unbroken" reminds us that we can be thankful for God's protection and guidance, and always being with us as we journey with our big St Andrew's family friends, staff, alumni, church, parents, board of governors

Now, let us show our thanksgiving for welcoming our 240 Primary one brothers to the St Andrew's family. I would also like to thank our previous cohorts of our Primary 4 seniors who have been taking good care of their P1 buddies., Next, please join me to give thanks for all of our staff, our teachers, counsellors, allied educators, general office staff, operations staff, ICT staff for without them, we would not be able to operate as a school! Last but not least, our big St Andrew's family also consists of our alumni, our chaplains, board of governors and supportive parents who are all here to make your schooling experiences wonderful ones for you.

So remember, it is a privilege to be a Saint and you are not here by chance. Every day, when you walk into school, remember Psalms 100:42 "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." I hope every day when you step into St Andrew's Junior School, give praise to God that you have such a special school to attend! As we are a Christian school, we seek to be obedient to God in everything that we do and everything that we say. This also means that God is always present in our school and that our school is blessed by God. Let us continue to do our best to bring our school to greater heights!

Let us pray.

3. **ST4: Harnessing to Connect, Connecting to Harness**

A) Online Meet-the-Parents (MTP) Sessions

SAJS continues to leverage on the strong partnership with all parents to provide the best learning experience for our Saints in SAJS. We strive to establish an effective two-way communication as we build and sustain strong partnership. Although we could not have in-person meeting, we will commence our online MTP sessions.

I will be addressing the parents as a cohort. Following that, the Form Teachers and Subject Teachers would be meeting you (as a class) via respective zoom links. MTP for P5 & P6 parents will be held on the morning of Sat, 12 Feb 2022 while MTP for P1 to P4 parents will be held on the morning of Sat, 19 Feb 2022.

The actual timing and zoom details will be sent to you via Parents Gateway in due time. I would strongly encourage all parents to make time to meet the teachers (virtually).

4. **Semester 1 Calendar**

Date	Event	Remarks
TERM 1 Week 6		
7.2.22		
8.2.22		
9.2.22		
10.2.22		
11.2.22	PAL & CCA (5)	
12.2.22 (Sat)	Meet-the-Parents Session for P5 & P6 parents	
14.2.22		
15.2.22		
16.2.22	Total Defence Day	
17.2.22		
18.2.22	PAL & CCA (6)	
19.2.22 (Sat)	Meet-the-Parents Session for P1 – P4 parents	

Date	Event	Remarks
TERM 1 Week 8		
21.2.22		
22.2.22		
23.2.22	Class Committee Training	
24.2.22		
25.2.22	PAL & CCA (7)	
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 @ 10.30am
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		
28.2.22		
29.2.22		
30.2.22		
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	Labour Day (Public Holiday in-lieu)	
3.5.22	Hari Raya Puasa (Public Holiday)	
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	Vesak Day (Public Holiday in-lieu)	
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)	Last Day of Term 2 Dismissal @ 1.30pm
27.5.22	ePCTC (8am – 5pm)	

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal