



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Here at Jurongville Secondary School (JVS), we believe that the school, teachers, students and parents/guardians play an important role in contributing to the education of the child. Hence, we are pleased to share with you information pertaining to Semester 2.

1 UPCOMING SCHOOL / LEVEL PROGRAMMES AND EVENTS

1.1 Summary of Events

Term / Week	Date	Event	Remarks
T3 W2	7 July	Fitness Run	All students are involved.
T3 W7	8 August	National Day Celebrations	All students are involved.
T3 W10	30 August	Teachers' Day Celebration	All students are involved.
T4 W3-5	28 September – 12 October	End of Year Examinations	Sec 1 to 3 students

1.2 Public / School Holidays

Term / Week	Date	Event	Remarks
T3 W1	26 June	Day after Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
T3 W2	3 July	Day after Youth Day	School Holiday
T3 W7	9 August	National Day	Public Holiday
	10 August	Day after National Day	School Holiday
T3 W10	31 August	Teachers' Day	School Holiday
	1 September	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
-	2 – 10 September	Term 3 School break	School Holiday
T4 W5	13 October	Marking Day	Students do not need to report to school.
T4 W6	18 October	Deepavali	Public Holiday
T4 W7	24 October	Promotion Exercise	Students do not need to report to school.
T4 W8 onwards	28 October – 31 December	Term 4 School break	School Holiday

1.3 Fitness Run

The Annual JVS Fitness Run will be held on **Friday, 7 July 2017**. As it is a school event, it is **compulsory for students** to be present for the Fitness Run. The event will held at **West Coast Park** and all students are to report at the venue at 7.30 am in their school PE attire or approved class T-shirt. The students will be dismissed from West Coast Park at 10.30 am.

1.4 National Day Celebrations

National Day Celebrations will be held on **Tuesday, 8 August 2017**. As it is a school event, it is **compulsory for students** to be present for the celebrations and the school would also like to invite all parents/alumni to join us for the celebrations on this day. All students are to report to school at 7.30 am and will be dismissed at 10.30 am.

1.5 Teachers' Day Celebrations

Teachers' Day Celebrations will be held on **Wednesday, 30 September 2017**. As it is a school event, it is **compulsory for students** to be present for the celebration. All students are to report to school at 7.30 am in PE attire or approved Class T-Shirt and will be dismissed at 10.30 am.

1.6 Parent Support Group (PSG) Activities and Family Matters Parenting Talks

The JVS Parent Support Group (PSG) organizes regular activities for parents to share parenting knowledge and experience, be updated on school and MOE policies and programmes, and participate in activities that promote parent-child bonding. Do join us in the upcoming PSG activities! For enquiries, please contact Mrs Leong Shu Jun (HOD Humanities) at lee_shu_jun@moe.edu.sg.

Date	Programme	Venue
15 Jul (Sat, 8:30am-11:30am)	PSG Activity cum Meeting Theme: Appreciation for Teachers through Crafts	AVA
21 Oct (Sat, 8:30am-11:30am)	PSG Activity cum Meeting Theme: Wellness and Celebration	AVA
TBC	Father-Child Bonding Activity Details TBC	TBC

1.7 School Cleaning Routine

In conjunction with The Keep Singapore Clean Movement in Schools launched by Minister for Education (Schools) Mr Ng Chee Meng, JVS started to engage our students in daily cleaning activities at the start of Term 2. Besides ensuring that classrooms are ready for use before the start of every lesson, our Secondary Two students were also engaged in the routinised cleaning of common areas during the last ten minutes during their recess time in Term 2. The common areas include the canteen and areas around the canteen, such as the foyers, sitting areas and corridors. We will extend this routinised cleaning to the rest of the levels in Term 3.

The aims of the School Cleaning Routine movement are to cultivate good habits for life and positive social values and norms on cleanliness. It helps build character and cultivate a sense of ownership.

- For a sense of responsibility and teamwork through their chores
 - Learn and work with their classmates
- Encourage greater consideration and compassion among students
 - Foster shared ownership and responsibility
- Effectively maintaining a healthy classroom and school environment are important to the health and well-being of everyone (clean & clutter free).

2 ACADEMIC MATTERS

End of Year Examination

As the End-of-Year Examinations will commence in Term 4 Week 3, we would like to encourage you to support your child/ward in preparing for his/her examinations. A detailed schedule of the subjects and duration of papers will be issued at the end of Term 3.

3 STUDENT MATTERS

3.1 Travel Declaration

Students are required to declare their travel plans for the upcoming school holidays. We seek the cooperation of parents/guardians to submit your travel declaration online through JVSCloud (<https://www.jvscloud.edu.sg/>) before your intended travel.

3.2 Temperature Taking Exercise

The second temperature-taking exercise of 2016 will be conducted in Term 3 Week 1, **Friday, 30 June 2017**. Kindly ensure your child/ward brings a working thermometer to school.

3.3 Edusave Character Award (ECHA) Nomination

In line with MOE's efforts to enhance values-driven education, the Edusave Character Award has been launched since 2013 to recognise students for demonstrating exemplary values and civic responsibility through their behaviour and actions. This is aligned with MOE's emphasis on nurturing students of good values and character. The ECHA is opened to students from all levels.

The eligibility criteria is as follows:

1. The nominee is a **Singapore citizen**.
2. The nominee is a **role model in his/her conduct (behaviours and actions) and attitude** i.e getting at least a **Very Good** in conduct grade.
3. The nominee has demonstrated **good character** and **school values** in a **consistent manner**. Students may be identified for the following types of qualities:
 - (a) Qualities associated with **any of the school values (P.R.I.D.E)** and/or
 - (b) Demonstrated a high level of **civic responsibility**: Students must have demonstrated concerns about issues related to school, the wider community or issues faced by others. They could have initiated simple action or played an active role to address these issues and demonstrate commitment to making a difference; and/or
 - (c) Qualities associated with **resilience**: Students who have persevered despite facing difficult circumstances (e.g. financial problems, health issues, family issues, peer resistance etc) and have managed to overcome the odds.

Further information on the nomination period and forms will be updated on the school website on the last week of June.

4 GENERAL INFORMATION

Resources for Parents

As the school continue to work with parent/guardian to guide and support your child/ward in their development, we would also like to take this opportunity to share some information through the school website (<http://jurongvillesec.moe.edu.sg/>) and MOE schoolbag link (<https://www.schoolbag.sg>) .Two articles which may be of interest to you are as follow.

Article #1: Giving our children S.P.A.C.E. to build resilience

This handout provides a summary of the ways (Support, Problem solve, Affirm, Cheer, Empower) to help develop the child to be resilient individuals.

Article #2: Guiding our child to be responsible digital learners

This handout provides some tips in guiding the child/ward to be responsible digital learners as well as provide information for awareness of parent/guardian on some of the online games and media that is trending. Online games and media with dark themes or suicide are of concern and MOE has posted an article on 4 May to provide guidance for parents to support discussions and conversations with the child on these matters. (MOE schoolbag link: <https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/suicide-games-and-online-media-what-should-parents-do>).

As some parents/guardians may not be aware of the popularity of some of these show or game, the school would like to share the above information and resources with you to discuss this with your child/ward should they have watched it or shows of similar themes.

We also appeal to parents/guardian to be vigilant in the computer gaming and use of internet of your child/ward during the holidays.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need clarifications. Further information would be available at our website <http://www.jurongvillesec.moe.edu.sg>.

We look forward to developing effective partnership with you in ensuring quality education for your child. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Flora Ong
Principal

Everyone can **Learn**
Everyone can **Achieve**
Everyone can **Contribute**

Name of Student: _____

Class: _____

Index No: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY PARENT / GUARDIAN

I have read and understood the contents of the letter and have been informed that my child/ward is required to participate in the following activities.

Date	Activity
7 July	Fitness Run
8 August	National Day Celebrations
30 August	Teachers' Day Celebration

Name of parent: _____

Signature of parent: _____ Date: _____