



# JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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27 May 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

1. In a blink of an eye, we have completed the first semester of the year. It has been an eventful semester both in and out of the classroom.

## ***30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations***

2. We are fast approaching the climax of our celebrations, the 30<sup>th</sup> Prize Conferment Day on Friday, 28 June 2024, where we will celebrate our students' achievements and pay tribute to our stakeholders who have made the achievements of the past 30 years possible. Mr Xie Yao Quan, Grassroots Advisor for Jurong Central will be joining us to celebrate the occasion.

3. The past semester also saw numerous commemorative activities which helped our students understand our shared heritage and their responsibilities in giving back to their communities.

4. I must thank you for your strong support in our efforts to raise funds in support of NPark's Garden City Fund. We exceeded our target of \$15,000 and planted 50 saplings along Jurong Canal Drive. It is our hope that these fledgling saplings will grow well to provide shade and contribute to the overall greening of the Jurong area, mirroring how our students' growth and future contributions.

5. We also undertook a daunting challenge as a school to walk/run 30,000km. As of the time of writing, we have achieved about 22,000km. I am confident that we will be able to reach our target before our 30<sup>th</sup> Prize Conferment Ceremony.

6. Our [Instagram account](#) has also been featuring different alumni profiles. The project #JVS30Portraits aims to showcase a range of alumni members from different graduating batches. I'm particularly touched that our teachers are still in contact with students like Mr Pay Guan Beng, who was part of the first batch of students. I hope that the profiles featured will inspire our students with potential futures.

## ***Looking ahead to Semester 2***

7. Traditionally, there is a change in gearing as we start semester 2 towards the academic pursuits. From this year however, we will see an extended NSG Season – particularly for the "C" Division Teams who will continue to participate in games until late July. This is part of MOE's efforts to develop each child holistically and to encourage excellence in sporting pursuits. The extended NSG Season will mean that each child will be able to participate in more competitive games, with more opportunities to hone their skills and develop character.



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8. We have also received feedback from students that they would prefer an earlier end time to the day. Our timetabling committee has worked very hard over the last few months and the current drafts point towards an earlier end time. I thank them for their efforts – it is an unseen and thankless job. However, I must seek your understanding that while we will try our best to ensure that the school day does not end too late, we are not able to guarantee that we will end at the same time in subsequent terms and school years. This is due to the flux in resource availability and the class banding requirements that will vary across years.

9. I sought parents' feedback regarding heat management for our students, particularly our uniform design. I thank parents who have responded to the survey.

10. At my end of semester assembly on Thursday, 23 May 2024, I spoke about the importance of putting in that extra 1% - that putting just a little extra each day will add up, compound and result in an inordinate change at the end of the year. I hope that students would pay heed and make use of these 33 days during the holidays to continue growing.

## ***Communications with School***

11. We encourage parents to read all notifications sent via Parents' Gateway to receive timely information on school activities as well as to perform a range of functions including giving consent for school activities.

12. Parents may contact your child's/ward's teachers through their emails listed on the school website or request a call back by calling the general office and leaving your request with the staff member on duty. In extremely rare circumstances, teachers may allow parents and students to contact them via their personal mobile number. However, I seek your understanding that except for emergencies, teachers will only respond during office hours i.e. Weekdays between 7:30am and 6pm. Please understand that responses will be considerably slower during the June Holiday break, particularly between Mondays, 3 June 2024, and 17 June 2024.

13. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I wish you all a restful break with your children/wards. I look forward to welcoming our students back in school on Monday, 24 June 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

Philibert Leow  
Principal



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