



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

31 August 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

1. We have crossed the hump that is Term 3, an incredibly busy one. Much has happened and I am sure that both my students and colleagues look forward to the short but much need September break.
2. Thank you for your kind Teacher's Day wishes – the demands on the teaching profession have increased in the last few years and these words of affirmation go a long way in sustaining us in our work.

Living up to our Legacy

3. We concluded our 30th anniversary celebration with our 30th Prize Conferment Ceremony in the first week of term. We celebrated and acknowledged the achievements of over 200 past and present students. Four past principals were present at the ceremony, and they remarked how far the school has come since they were leading the school. I also was privileged to receive a personal history lesson from each of them – from anecdotes about the process of retrofitting the school to the colourful history of the meeting table in our conference room. We have a lot to be grateful for. My team and I will work hard to honour the legacy of those who have come before us.
4. In this same spirit, our Secondary Four students posted excellent results at the mid-year Mother Tongue Examinations. 100% of our students offering Malay Language passed; students who offered Chinese and Tamil Languages surpassed the previous cohort in the number of distinctions and quality grades. I have congratulated the cohort and encouraged them to continue focussing on their preparations for the main bulk of their national examinations.
5. Our students have also distinguished themselves outside the classroom as well. Four of our uniform groups – Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides, NPCC and Scouts achieved the pinnacle award in their respective inter-unit competitions. Our performing arts groups also put on a spectacular display at our Prize Conferment Ceremony – I looked forward to their performance at next year's Singapore Youth Festival season.
6. On the pitch and field, our "C" Sepak Takraw and Football boys won the Championship in their respective leagues. Our "C" Netball girls also reached their first ever quarter finals. What stole our hearts watching these games was that our students have started to demonstrate an indomitable fighting spirit, remaining stoic and composed when they were behind.
7. Our InfoMedia Club students also continued their stellar run in various competitions, including winning the Video Category in the School Digital Media Awards.



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8. A provisional list of our students' achievements has been attached in **Annex A**. As you will see, our students have distinguished themselves in many ways. I hope to provide you with a complete list by the end of Term 4.

Looking ahead to Term 4

9. As we welcome term 4, our students' focus will now shift towards their academic studies. The end of year and national examinations are important milestones for our students' learning. I emphasized the need for our students to focus on their academic studies as we wound down for the term. Some of our students may feel a little added stress during the term as their personal expectations get the better of them. Anxiety levels may also creep up during this time. This is to be expected and natural. My colleagues and I remain committed to continue providing guidance and support for your children throughout the term. I hope parents too, can continue reassuring and encouraging your children at home. Please contact your child's Class Mentors if you assess that your child requires additional support.

10. Ministry of Health Holdings (MOHH) have informed us that the construction of the new Polyclinic and Nursing Home have begun in earnest after facing a long delay because of COVID-19. To ensure that our students can continue their studies unaffected by the noise and dust associated with the construction, they have agreed to provide air-conditioning for the classroom block closest to the construction site. Works to install these air-conditioning units will take place over the September break. The school administration team is also planning for air purifiers to be placed in each of these classrooms. MOHH will also assess if air conditioning units should be installed in the second classroom block.

Changes to School Rules

11. There will be two slight changes to the school rules that I would like to highlight for your information.

12. The first is related to the information in para 10. With the installation of air-conditioning, we will expect our students to be in a dry and clean set of uniforms while they are in the classroom. This is done purely for hygiene and health reasons. Students will be expected to change out of their PE attire immediately after PE lessons and unstructured play during recess. Our male students will be particularly affected by this change, and there might be an increase in the amount of laundry to be done at home, but I seek your understanding that this is done to ensure everyone's comfort and health.

13. The second is related to Late Coming. School begins at 0730hrs sharp each school day. For students, being on time means being at the designated venue and ready for assembly when the 0730hrs bell rings. Being on time is an important aspect of personal discipline and it is an important habit to develop early. Currently, students only serve detention after they are late for the fourth time. **I have asked that this rule be reviewed.**





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However, with immediate effect, students who are late, regardless of the number of times that they have been late, will be expected to surrender their phones to my colleagues on duty in the morning. Their phones will be returned to them when they report to the returning venue after the school day ends. Students who do not report to the returning venue before the specified time will only receive their phones at the end of the next school day.

As with any disciplinary procedures in the school, we will ensure that the above processes will be done in a fair but firm manner. I ask for your understanding and cooperation not to make excuses for your child and allow your child to learn from their choices and mistakes. Exceptions will only be made for traffic disruptions made known to us by the Land Transport Authority that affects travel to school and inclement weather.

If you need to reach your child during school hours, please continue to contact the General Office.

Communications with School

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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, 10 Sept 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

Philibert Leow
Principal





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Annex A: Provisional List of Students' Achievement in 2024

CCA	NSG Girls		NSG Boys		Any Other Competitions
	C Div	B Div	C Div	B Div	
Badminton	League 4	NSG 1st Round	League 4	NSG 1st Round	
Basketball			League 4	West Zone Second Round	
Football			League 2 Champion	League 1 2nd Round	Singapore Olympic Foundation - Peter Lim Scholarship Recipients 1. Muhammad Rizque Sufi Bin Rid'hwan 2PE - Secondary Sch Category 2. Muhammad Fairul Syaql Bin Faizal 3PE - Secondary Sch Category 3. Izdi Marley Bin Mohamad Zulfaiz 2PE - Secondary Sch Category 4. Syafi Nur Hilman bin Norhisam - Alumni 2019 Tertiary Category
Netball	League 5: Top 8	NSG 1st round			
Sepak Takraw			League 2 Round 1st	NSG 3rd	
Tchoukball	Boys: No ranking Girls: No ranking	Boys: 4th Girls: 2nd			Representation in Asia Pacific Youth Tchoukball (APYTC) Championships 2024 Nur Ain Amelina Binte Mohamed Ayub (3DP) - M15 GIRLS
UYOs	Unit Awards in Full		Any Other Notable Awards including Awards for Individual Students		
Boys' Brigade	J M Fraser Award for Excellence 2023 (High Distinction)				
Girl Guides	Puan Noor Aishah Award				
NCC	Unit Recognition - Certificate of Accomplishment		MSG (NCC) Nathan Cheng. Outstanding Cadet Award.		
NPCC	Best Unit Competition (Gold)				
Scouts	Frank Cooper Sands Award		Arion (3PA) Star Award Certificate of Excellence (for the exemplary & outstanding performance in NDP 2024)		





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	SYF Awards	Any Other Notable Awards/Performances
Angklung & Kulintang Ensemble		
Chinese Orchestra		
Concert Band		
English Drama Club		
Modern Dance		4 members involved in Dance Of The Nation video shoot
Percussion Ensemble (Batucada)		-Performance at Wrold Water Day -Performance at Buona Vista National Day Celebration
		Performance

	Participation and Achievements in Competitions
InfoMedia Club	Schools Digital Media Awards (SDMA) 2024. Winning Team for Video category (Secondary, JC, MI)



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Subject Area	Name Of Competition	Name of Student/s	Achievement
Math	SASMO 2024	Dai Mingle (2DP)	Gold
Math	SASMO 2024	Babu Abraham Johan (2PE)	Silver
Math	SASMO 2024	Liu Jinxuan (2EM)	Silver
Math	SASMO 2024	Liu Xinyu (2RS)	Bronze
Math	SASMO 2024	Wang Liyan (3IN)	Bronze
Math	SASMO 2024	Ang Keng Heng Zabriel (3RP)	Bronze
Math	SASMO 2024	Maruthavanan Mithulesh (3RP)	Bronze
Math	SASMO 2024	Alcantara Ayessa Shamin Dela Luna (3RP)	Bronze
Math	SASMO 2024	Lim Xin En (4EM)	Bronze
Math	SASMO 2024	Josh Yong Chong Yi (4EM)	Bronze
CPA	Animation and Game Making Competition 2024	Arosaini D/O Vijayan (2PE)	Bronze in Animation category
CPA	Animation and Game Making Competition 2024	Liu Zhicai Tony (3PE)	Gold in Game Making category
CL	National Secondary Schools Chinese Creative Writing Competition “新蕾奖”	Liu Xinyu (2RS)	2nd
TL	W4 Cluster TL Oratorical Competition	Thiruppathi Pragathi (2PA)	2nd
TL	W4 Cluster TL Short Story Writing Competition	Magesh Kumar Rashmitha (2PA)	3rd
TL	W4 Cluster TL Advertisement Making Competition	Manivannan Ashwin (3RP) Dhinakaran Deepak Narayan (3DP) Maruthabanan Mithulesh (3RP)	2nd
Chemistry	Singapore Junior Chemistry Olympiad 2024	Josh Yong Chong Yi (4EM)	Bronze
STEM ALP	IDE Maker Competition 2024	Ng Tze Heng (3IN)	Engineering award
STEM ALP	IDE Maker Competition 2024	Azreen Banu (3IN)	Engineering award
Art	Live On Festival 2024 Awards	Fu Jiarui Grace (3IN)	High Distinction Award (Design Competition)
STEM ALP	Ignite Skill Challenge	Lee Jin Xi (3PA)	Finalist
STEM ALP	Ignite Skill Challenge	Zaw Min Oo, Braydon (3PA)	Finalist
STEM ALP	Ignite Skill Challenge	Zavier Low Yi Xun (3RS)	Finalist
Science	Shell NXplorer 2024	Zaw Min Oo, Braydon (3PA), Villanueva Arion Lorenz Abanes (3PA) Nicel Salamida Teope (3PA) Jayven Goh (Wu Jiewen) (3PA) Chew Seng Kee, Avier (3RP)	Top 20
English	YMCA Plain English Speaking Award 2024	Chit Su Thu (4IN)	Participation



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English	YMCA Plain English Speaking Award 2024	Jayven Goh (Wu Jiewen) (3PA)	Participation
English	Unity Writing Festival 2024	Chen Ruifan – 2RP	Participation
English	Unity Writing Festival 2024	Song Socheata – 2RP	Participation
English	Unity Writing Festival 2024	Alecia Ho Zi Ning – 3RP	Participation
English	Unity Writing Festival 2024	Nam Fang Ning Charmaine – 3RP	Participation
English	Unity Writing Festival 2024	Anya Wong Jing En – 4IN	Participation
English	2023 Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC)	Adrienne Goh Jia Wei (4EM 2023)	Bronze
English	2023 Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC)	Gwyneth Yang Qiu Ni (4EM 2023)	Bronze
English	2023 Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC)	Metra N (4RS 2023)	Participation
English	2023 Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC)	Haribaskar Fiona Ruth (3IN)	Participation
English	2023 Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC)	Alcantara Ayessa Shamin Dela (3RP)	Participation
English	2023 Queens Commonwealth Essay Competition (QCEC)	Jose Tan Jun Da (2PA)	Participation



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