



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

23 November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

Bringing 2024 to a Close

1. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank you all for a very fruitful and meaningful partnership in this academic year. Four terms have passed quickly, and the school enters a phase of introspection and planning.
2. We celebrated our 30th Anniversary this year with a myriad of commemorative activities and events. I am particularly drawn to our “30 Acts of Service” where we collectively served our community in the ways we could. In addition to performing acts of service together with their students, the staff came together to render service to our fellow Singaporeans who have run into some challenging times. I hope that this commitment and joy arising from serving others will continue to inspire both our students and staff to go *beyond self*.
3. Our 30th anniversary celebrations also aimed at building school spirit, and I am glad that we have been successful at that. At the heart of this effort is the launch of our “JV Jag” identity. Madam Sharifah, AYH/S4, was the creative genius behind the concept. We landed on the designs after various iterations, and I am glad that the students have taken to these designs well. We will continue with strengthening this identity.

Saying Goodbyes

4. The end of the academic year will also see some staff movement. Mr Billy Chew will be appointed as SH/Mathematics at Bukit View Secondary School. Many students and members of staff will miss Billy. I hope you will join me in wishing him the best as he embarks on a new chapter in his career.
5. Ms Lee Hui Jo-Ann, HOD/Science will be posted to Schools’ Division (North), Ministry of Education, as Special Assistant. She bids farewell to Jurongville Secondary School after 16 years. She joined JVS first as an untrained teacher in 2008 and has taken a plethora of roles since then.
6. Ms Serene Soh, HOD/English will be joining Kent Ridge Secondary School as HOD/English. I thank Serene for her contributions and leadership, especially in leading the department through merger five years ago.
7. Two other teachers will be moving to other schools due to the distance between their new home and the school. I thank them for their continued service to education and wish them the best as they settle into their new schools.
8. Mr Alvin Chong, Vice Principal (Administration) will be appointed Vice Principal (Administration) at National Junior College (NJC). Alvin joined Hong Kah Secondary School in 2016 as an Administration Manager before his appointment to Vice Principal



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(Administration). He continued in his role, leading the school through merger. I want to put on record my gratitude to Alvin for his friendship and counsel. As testament to the impact of his leadership and presence, staff members, both from within school and throughout the cluster of schools which we belong to have been clamouring to have a farewell meal with him. We will miss him, but I know his talents will be put to great use at his alma mater.

Looking Forward to 2025

9. Even as we bid farewell to our beloved colleagues, we also look forward to welcoming new ones who will join the school next year, including a new Vice Principal. I am sure that they will do their utmost to partner you in your child's/ward's growth and I hope you will extend to them a warm welcome.

10. Taking both parents' and students' feedback into consideration, we will be shifting our *Own My Learning* (OML) days to Fridays of even weeks in 2025, from the current Wednesdays of even weeks. CCA Days will take place on Monday to Thursday afternoons. This will minimise the need for students to return to school after completing their learning at home.

11. The National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival will return in 2025. Many of our students have been slowly gearing up their preparations. Please join us in supporting you child/ward when you can, your presence matters, and it makes a big difference.

12. Our 2025 secondary three students will also be going for their Outward-Bound School camp at the end of Term 3. This is a unique experience for them and the school has been fortunate to have been allocated spaces for our students in consecutive years.

13. There will be some adjustments to canteen food prices in 2025. Our current canteen food prices have remained unchanged for the last two years despite increasing cost pressures. The price revision will not be across the board but only for targeted items where costs pressures are significantly higher. The increases will be in line with MOE guidelines and the school will continue our efforts to ensure that food from the canteen remains nutritious and affordable for our students.

14. I must reiterate my gratitude once again for your support and cooperation this last four terms. It is only with a strong home-school partnership that our students can grow well and achieve their potential.

15. I look forward to welcoming your child/ward back to school on Thursday, 2 January 2025. My colleagues are in the process of planning for a great start to the school year, more information will be sent by the respective Year Heads at the end of this year.



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16. On behalf of my fellow school leaders and colleagues, I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, safe, and happy holiday season. For all who celebrate the season, a very blessed and Merry Christmas in advance. And to all, a quiet and peaceful end to 2024 and a very happy, healthy, and prosperous start to 2025.

Yours Sincerely,

Philibert Leow
Principal