



# JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

9 January 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

1. Greetings from all of us here at Jurongville Secondary School. On behalf of my colleagues, I extend our warmest greetings and wishes for the new year. Please also join me in welcoming 251 Secondary One students and their families, as well as 15 new members of staff.

## ***Our Mission and Our Students' Future***

2. With an eye on emerging stronger together with hope and confidence, we remain true to our mission of "To nurture **world-ready** students with the **passion to learn, lead and serve**". This mission remains especially relevant considering the trajectory and pace of changes we experienced over the last few years. Emerging trends both in society and in the workplace have reiterated the need to ground our students firmly in sound values and the necessary disposition and skills to learn, unlearn and relearn.

3. To this end, my colleagues and I have chosen to pursue the following key strategic thrusts as part of our school's strategic plan:

- a. To Foster a Nurturing and Vibrant Community
- b. To Nurture Passionate Learners and Leaders
- c. To Prepare World Ready Stewards.

4. Our school values of Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Empathy (PRIDE) are timeless and set the necessary foundations necessary for our students to achieve much in their lifetime. Our school rules reflect these values and aim to be a compass for students as they navigate their adolescent years. These rules can be found on pages 13-18 of the students' digital handbook located [here](#). I seek your understanding that our students will be held to these standards and values, just as how we, as parents, hold our own children to our own expectations at home.

## ***A Positive Education Experience***

5. Our students are expected to bring their personal learning devices for personalized learning. The use of these devices during school hours will be managed by a Device Management Application to prevent abuse.

6. We have rules that prohibit the use of mobile phones in school to ensure students are focused on learning. If you or your family member needs to reach your child in an event of an emergency during lesson hours, please call the school's general office. Unauthorised use of mobile phones in school will result in the confiscation of the phone by the school. As the over-use of mobile phones, particular for mobile gaming and consumption of social media happens mostly outside school, or at home, we appeal to you to set home rules on mobile phone and computer usage to minimise distractions and to prevent addiction.



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7. Attendance at school (e.g., Regular, Remedial and Supplementary Lessons, CCA and School Events) is compulsory. Students who are absent from school without a Medical Certificate (MC) from a registered doctor will be regarded as having committed truancy. Parents' letters explaining your child's/ward's absence are strongly discouraged unless it is for a family emergency, e.g., the death of a family member. It is important for both school and home to insist on regular attendance to ensure learning and growth.

8. The school will run on a 10-day timetable this year, with an "Even Week" and "Odd Week" timetable. Own My Learning days will be held on Wednesdays of even weeks beginning from Term 1 Week 2. Mr Said, HOD/ICT, will be providing additional information via parents' gateway.

9. There will be no common dismissal time this year. Depending on their timetables, students will end lessons between 2:30pm and 2:50pm. Students may leave school from 2:30pm or whenever their last lesson or activity (e.g., Extra Lessons, CCAs, etc) concludes, whichever is later.

10. To better help you in supporting your child's/ward's growth, development and participation in school activities, a calendar of key school events for 2024 (caa 9 Jan 2024) is found in **Annex 1**. You may also choose to access the "live" school calendar [here](#) for the most up-to-date information.

11. **[Only for Parents/Guardians of Secondary One Students]**, please refer to the Parents' Gateway message sent by Mr Wee Jin Yi, Year Head/Sec 1, on Monday, 8 Jan 2024, for further information about your child's Personal Learning Device, Discipline Processes within the School and CCA Matters.

## ***Communications with School***

12. 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.

13. 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.

## ***30th Anniversary Celebrations***

14. We will celebrate 30 years of our founding this year. The theme of our celebrations is "Beyond Self, Beyond School". While there are celebratory events being planned to mark the occasion, the focus our year-long celebrations is enabling our students to give back to the community that we are part of. These activities include:



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- a. **30 Acts of Service**, where as a school, we commit to 30 service projects that would benefit our community.
- b. **30 for 30**, a fundraising effort by the school for National Parks Board's Garden City Fund, to achieve the aim of planting a million trees in Singapore. Please consider donating to this cause. Details of this initiative is found in **Annex 2**.

15. In addition to these, we are looking forward to "Movies Under the Stars", in the evening of Friday, 1 March 2024, where we would be inviting our students and their immediate family to spend an evening bonding over a movie and possibly, food.

16. Our celebrations will culminate in our 30<sup>th</sup> Speech Day on Friday, 28 June 2024. Our students in the performing arts CCAs have stepped forward to plan and choreograph a performance worthy of the occasion and all of us are looking forward to watching their performances. As this is a special year of celebrations, I have opened the option for our graduating students to be part of these performances on condition that they have the consent of their parents. We will be providing you the schedule of rehearsals and seeking your consent soon.

17. 2024 is setting out to be an exciting and meaningful year. I look forward to partnering you to nurture the best in your child/ward.

Yours Sincerely,

Philibert Leow  
Principal