



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

12 January 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome and Happy 2026!

1. Happy New Year! We are pleased to welcome 250 new secondary one students, as well as their parents to our school community this new academic year. Hailing from 44 different primary schools, the class of 2029 is a diverse cohort.

2. In addition to new students, please join me in welcoming new colleagues

- a. Ms Teresa Kee, HOD/Citizenship and Character Education
- b. Mr Simon Lim, Teacher/Principles of Accounts
- c. Ms Gina Hui, Teacher/English Language
- d. Ms Justine Tham, who has served with us as FAJT, rejoins the service as Teacher/Food and Consumer Education
- e. Ms Wendy Liew, who taught in JVS previously, rejoins us as FAJT/Mathematics.

3. As with most years, we also welcome student-teachers on practicum as well as JC interns who are considering joining teaching.

4. Four of my colleagues will be taking on additional duties this year:

- a. Mr John Teo, HOD/Humanities (Covering)
- b. Ms Khairin, Assistant Year Head (Covering)
- c. Ms Lee Chinn Yi, SH/PE and CCA (Covering)
- d. Ms Toh Puay Boon, SH/Mathematics (Covering)

Please join me in wishing them the best.

5. We also say our farewells to two staff members

- a. Mr Wee Jin Yi, Year Head, has resigned from service wef 31 Dec 2025 to join his wife in Switzerland while she is posted there. Jin Yi has been with Hong Kah Secondary School, prior to the merger with JVS since 1999. He has been a beloved teacher and colleague.
- b. Mrs Sangeetha Ravi, Teacher/Tamil Language, has been posted to Swiss Cottage Secondary School as part of MOE's central posting to ensure a good balance of teachers throughout the education system.

We wish both the best as well.



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6. Two corrections need to be made to my letter to parents at the end of the year.
 - a. Ms Sue En, Connie's name was misspelt. It is corrected here.
 - b. Ms Lee Chinn Yi was left out in the list of staff who joined us in 2025. She joined us in July 2025.

Strengthening Home-School Partnership

7. As we navigate an increasingly complex and fragile environment, I would like to reiterate the school's commitment to working with you to provide your children with meaningful, grounded learning experiences.

8. In addition to joining our Parent Support Group (PSG), I would like to encourage you to take a greater interest in your child's daily experience and online habits. Parents are our children's first and most important teachers.

9. I would like to encourage you to adopt three practices at home:
 - a. First, to ask your child about what questions he/she asked in school today or questions they'd like to ask but didn't get a chance to. This question avoids the typical and perfunctory question – "How's your day?", which often elicits a monosyllabic answer.
 - b. With the revised device lock out timing for all student learning devices, require your children to place all their devices outside their rooms. This would help with sleep hygiene.
 - c. Check your children's phones for inappropriate interactions regularly. In this case, we are particularly concerned about their online interactions, particularly with people that they do not meet in person.

I have informed students about paras 9b and 9c and that we do this out of love and concern for their wellbeing.

10. If you require, please bring matters of concern to us as soon as possible. Our staff email directory is available via the school's website. Communication via email is still the preferred and most expedient mode of communication. My colleagues may share their personal contact information with you, although it is highly discouraged for general correspondence. This is usually done for prompt communication during emergencies.

11. Regular attendance is crucial in ensuring our students can fully experience the learning that has been planned for them. I ask for your support and assistance in ensuring that your child leaves home and reaches school on time. School starts at 0730hrs every day except Wednesdays. I would encourage every student to be in school at least 15 minutes before the start of school to settle down and prepare for the day.



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Updates on the Canteen

12. I'm glad to welcome Madam Lieu back after a period of recuperation. Mdm Lieu cooks a hearty selection of noodles, including Laksa and Lor Mee, which are enjoyed by staff and students alike. As of 1 Jan 2026, seven out of eight stalls are operating, which caters sufficiently to the nutritional needs of our students.

13. We have previously opened applications twice for the remaining non-halal cooked food stall but have received no responses. If you or someone you know may be interested in operating a stall, please contact Ms Soo Shio Leng, our Admin Manager, for more details.

14. Our canteen vendors are an integral part of our school community. Many have formed very deep relationships with our students over the years. However, most of them are in their late 50s and early 60s. From time to time, they may require a period of absence for medical reasons. The school will ensure that adequate measures are in place when this happens. I seek your understanding that while this will be infrequent and periodic, there will be some adjustments to be made during these periods.

Looking ahead to 2026

15. I was looking at the school calendar at the end of last year and found myself panting just by looking at the pace and number of events planned for this year. It may be a sign of age that each year seem to pass more quickly than the previous year. But 2026 is setting itself up to be an exciting year for the school and students.

16. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing to trust and partner us in your child's growth and development. We do not take this responsibility lightly.

17. Once again, I invite you to join us at our school events, including our annual run. Stay updated with events in our school via the following:

- a. [School Calendar](#)
- b. [JVS' Instagram](#)

18. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal



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