



School Mission

A CHIJ School is a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of pupils who are disadvantaged in any way.

School Vision

Girls of Today for Tomorrow

Lenten Thoughts

Embrace each day with joy
Give thanks for gift of life;
Living in borrowed time
In simple joy, delight.

Beauty is everywhere
If we but dare to look
Within ourselves, others
Or sound of nature's brook.

Blooming flowers,
bird's songs
In warmth of sun-filled day,
Kind words and warm smile
Laughter in children's play.

We are all sojourners
And life is but fleeting,
Long after we are gone
Bad or good deeds remain.

For we are truly dust
To dust we shall return,
Power, riches, and fame
We leave after sojourn.

So resurrected Lord
In Your divine wisdom,
Guide us simple mortals
Right path to Your kingdom.

by *Victor P. Gendrano*

60th Anniversary Celebrations

In 1957, CHIJ Ponggol (renamed as Our Lady of the Nativity in 2011) was established to serve the educational needs of girls residing in the Ponggol area.

This year, we are proud to celebrate our 60th anniversary with the theme "Be the Difference". We will be lining up a series of events to commemorate this significant milestone, starting with a soft launch for our pupils on Wednesday, 8 March 2017 during school hours.

An upcoming major event will be "Fun Fest", a carnival which will be held on Friday, 30 June 2017 (Friday), from 4.00pm to 9.30pm. The carnival aims to raise funds for our school's upgrading project, promote family bonding as well as allow our pupils to simply have a day of fun, food and games. More details on the event and sale of tickets will be released later.

Catholic Welfare Donation

We would like to thank parents for their support in the recent sale of the Catholic Welfare Donation Draw tickets. If you have not returned the ticket counterfoils and money to the Form Teacher, please do so by Monday, 6 March 2017.



Download a QR code reader app on your smartphone and scan this code to view our school website. The OLN Connect is available in our school website. If your child is absent from school, please log into the school website at www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg and provide the required information via the google form - name of pupil, class, reason and the number of days of absence. You will still need to submit a medical certificate or a letter of excuse to the school upon your child's return.

General Information

2017 Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) Fees

The 2017 PSLE fees for Non-Singaporean school candidates are as follows:

- Permanent Residents - \$70
- International Students - \$260

The examination fee payable by the candidate is based on the **citizenship of the candidates during the registration period**. No refunds will be given for the examination fee paid. Ministry of Education (MOE) will continue to absorb the GST of the examination fees for all school candidates. The examination fees will be waived for all Singaporean students sitting for PSLE in 2017.

Helping Your Child Manage Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is a form of bullying through electronic gadgets, such as mobile phones and computers, social media and Internet. MOE has come up with a tip sheet to share how parents can prevent cyber bullying and help their children if they are cyber bullied. This tip sheet will be sent to parents via Tok Tok! by Friday, 3 March 2017. Alternatively, you can login to our school website to view the tip sheet from Wednesday, 1 March 2017.

School Health Service

The School Health Service (SHS) Team from Ministry of Health (MOH) will be based in the school from 3 April 2017 to 13 April 2017 to conduct the annual School Health Screening for all pupils.

All P1 and P5 pupils will undergo immunization by the SHS. Hence parents of P1 and P5 pupils are required to complete the Immunisation Consent online by Monday, 23 March 2017. The URL for this website will be provided in the SHS information sheet, which will be issued in early March.

P1 and P5 pupils are required to submit their health booklets to their Form Teachers by Friday, 10 March 2017. For more information, please refer to the SHS information sheet.

Achievements

Our congratulations to Brownies Pack 1 and 2, who achieved Gold in the Puan Noor Aishah Honour Award for the assessment year 2016!



Travel Declaration

If your child is travelling overseas during the March holidays, please provide us with the travel details online via your child's Learning Management System (LMS) account by Friday, 10 March 2017. More instructions can be found at the 'Announcements' page once you have logged onto your child's account at www.mconline.sg.

A "nil" reply is necessary. For those who do not have smartphones or computers with internet access, please inform your child's Form Teacher who will then give you a hard copy of the form. It is important that the information you provide is accurate. If there is any change to your travel plans, please call the General Office at 6385-2455.

Confession and Stations of the Cross

Lent is a Catholic liturgical season beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday. It is a time of repentance and renewal in preparation for Easter. Hence, Confession has been arranged for Primary 4 to 6 Catholic pupils, who have previously participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in school on Monday, 27 March 2017. A letter will be issued through their Form Teacher. The Stations of the Cross will also be conducted for all Catholic pupils attending the Together Learning about Christ (TLC) programme that day.

Project G.O.O.D. (Gift Of One Dollar)

In line with our emphasis to teach our girls to care for others, pupils are encouraged to participate in Project G.O.O.D. In this charity drive, our girls are encouraged to put aside at least a dollar over the four weeks of Lent. The money collected will be donated to the IJ Homes & Children's Centre.

Primary 3 Project Work

All Primary 3 pupils will be embarking on a three-day Project Work experience from Wednesday to Friday, 29 to 31 March 2017 during curriculum time. Project Work is a learning experience which aims to provide our pupils with the opportunity to synthesize knowledge from various areas of learning, and critically and creatively apply it to real life situations. They will acquire skills like collaboration, communication, ICT and independent learning.

The focus this year is to help our girls appreciate Singapore's town planning. The pupils will be visiting Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) to understand more about how URA plans land use in Singapore. They will then embark on their



projects in groups, with the final product being their own 3D miniature town. They will present their towns to their classmates.

Upcoming School Events

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
27 Feb - 3 Mar (Mon - Fri)	CA1 Written Examinations	
3 Mar (Fri)	Parents Support Group Nomination Day	Please refer to the February issue of OLN Connect.
6 and 10 Mar (Mon and Fri)	P6 Sexuality Education Programme	Please refer to the letter reference number 2017OLN_0113.
6 Mar (Mon)	Track On! Upper Primary Sports Meet House Practice	Please refer to the letter reference number 2017OLN_0150.
8 Mar (Wed)	Launch of the school's 60th Anniversary Celebrations	
9 Mar (Thu)	Track On! Upper Primary Sports Meet	Please refer to the letter reference number 2017OLN_0149. Classes will take place as per normal the following day i.e. Friday, 10 March 2017.
11 - 19 Mar (Sat - Sun)	Term 2 School Holidays	Pupils are to report to school on Monday, 20 March 2017.
20 Mar (Mon)	Prefects' Investiture	
23 and 24 Mar (Thu and Fri)	P5 Sexuality Education Programme	Please refer to the letter reference number 2017OLN_0113.
24 - 25 Mar (Fri and Sat)	P6 GRACIA STAR Challenge	Please refer to the letter reference number 2017OLN_0165.
30 - 31 Mar (Thu - Fri)	MOE EXCEL Fest	More details will be given at a later date.
31 Mar (Fri)	P6 Networking Session	
3 - 13 Apr (Mon - Thurs)	School Health Service	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
3 - 13 Apr (Mon - Thurs)	Mother Tongue Language Fortnight	More details will be given at a later date.
10 - 12 Apr (Mon - Wed)	Environment Week	
13 Apr (Thu)	P6 NAPFA Test	
14 Apr (Fri)	Good Friday Public Holiday	School will be closed. Pupils are to report to school on Monday, 17 April 2017.
18 Apr (Tue)	P3 SA1 Oral	During school hours. More details will be given at a later date.
18 - 19 Apr (Tue - Wed)	P4 & P5 SA1 Oral	After school hours. More details will be given at a later date.
20 - 21 Apr (Thu - Fri)	P6 SA1 Oral	After school hours. More details will be given at a later date.



28 Apr (Fri)	P5 and P6 SA1 Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 and 2	More details will be given at a later date.
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