



JURONGVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

5 January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

1. A very warm welcome to Jurongville Secondary School. We are pleased that you have chosen to partner us for the next stage of your child's growth and development. In addition to a warm welcome, I would like to extend you the warmest wishes for the new year on behalf of my colleagues.

2. This is an exciting transition for your child/ward. Secondary education coincides with a crucial stage of your child's/ward's growth. These few years will bring much excitement, joy and certainly, some frustration. My colleagues and I are committed to journeying with both you and your child/ward through their time with us.

3. In my welcome address to your child/ward, I left them with two thoughts

"Your past does not equal your future"
"The greatest failure in life is not participating"

These two thoughts are important prompts for our students. First, their experience in secondary school is not defined by their experience in primary school. There will be new things to learn and experience. Students can and must choose how they would grow in these years.

Next, while the school has a plethora of programmes, the students who benefit most are the ones who actively engage themselves in these programmes. We believe that Everyone can Learn, Everyone can Achieve and Everyone can Contribute. We hope that our youngest students will, in time, live this out.

Our Mission and Our Students' Future

4. With an eye on emerging stronger from the COVID-19 pandemic 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.

5. 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 7-13 of the students' handbook. 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.



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A Positive Education Experience

6. In addition to inculcating values in our students, we seek to sustain a positive school environment where students are safe to learn, grow and thrive. Our approach to doing so is guided by building **Positive Emotions, Engagement, Relationships, Meaning, Achievement and Health (PERMAH)**. Table 1 provides a short summary of how we view these areas in our school

Positive Emotions	A right balance of heartfelt positivity to build resilience.
Engagement	Regular development of our own strengths – the things we are good at and enjoy doing.
Relationships	Creation of authentic, energizing and supporting relationships.
Meaning	A sense of being connected to something bigger than ourselves.
Achievement	The self-belief and ability to pursue and accomplish goals.
Health	Eating well, Moving Regularly and Sleeping Deeply

Table 1. Summary of PERMA

7. 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.

8. 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.

School Attendance and Calendar

9. 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.

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 2023 is attached.

Communications with School

11. 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.



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12. 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 cases, 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.

13. I look forward to partnering you to nurture the best in your child/ward.

Yours Sincerely,

Philibert Leow
Principal



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Calendar of Key School Activities in 2023

Term 1

3-6 Jan	Secondary One Orientation
5 Jan	S4/5 Poly Open House
6 Jan	CCA Fair and S1 Campfire
20 Jan	CNY Celebrations – School Dismissal @ 1225pm.
30 Jan	S1 and S3 ID Photo Taking
10 Feb	OML 1
16 Feb	Total Defence Day Commemoration
3 Mar	OML 2
10 Mar	S1-3 Student Leadership Cohort Workshop

Term 2

20-31 Mar	MTL Fortnight
23 Mar	World Water Day Commemoration and SYF Showcase 1
27-21 Mar	ELL Week
30 Mar	SYF Showcase 2
12-14 Apr	S2 CCE Learning Journeys
14 Apr	OML 3
14 Apr	S4/5 Stand Down from CCA
20 Apr	International Friendship Day
28 Apr	OML 4
5 May	JVS Annual Run
15-18 May	STEM2D Week
18 May	Student Leaders Investiture
19 May	OML 5
22-25 May	Cohort Activities
25 May	Speech Day

Term 3

28 Jun	Photo Taking
14 Jul	OML 6
20 Jul	Racial Harmony Day Commemoration
25-27 Jul	OML 7-9
8 Aug	National Day and Class Cool Celebrations



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Term 4

15 Sep	Last Day of CCA for S1-3
28 Sep	S4/5 Graduation Day
29 Sep	4N Last Day of School (TBC)
3 Oct	4E/5N last Day of School (TBC)
12 Oct	CCA Resumes
13 Oct	Marking Day
20 Oct	Promotional Exercise
23-26 Oct	Post Examination Activities
27 Oct	Last Day of School
30 Oct – 3 Nov	S3 Extended Curriculum

Assessment

20-24 Feb	Weighted Assessment 1 (All Levels)
8-12 May	Weighted Assessment 2 (All Levels)
14-19 Aug	Weighted Assessment 3 (S1-3)
28 Sep – 12 Oct	S1-3 End of Year Examinations

For Parents

10 Mar	Term 1 PSTM
25 Mar	S2 Combination Talk via Zoom
25 Mar	S4/5 Educational Pathway Talk via Zoom
26 May	Term 2 PSTM
27 Oct	Term 4 PSTM