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School Motto: *Realising the Star Within*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year in 2020! I am pleased to update you on the following matters and share some useful information. Please visit our school website for more details in highlights of school programmes and achievements under home page.

2020 Daily Routine, School Calendar and Internal/External Exams/Weighted Assessment (WA) Schedule & Weighting

We have given all students a copy each. They are also put up on school website and sent out to all parents through Parent Gateway.

2020 Sec 1 Intake - We are posted 8 Sec 1 classes in 2020 – 5 Express, 2 NA and 1 NT classes. The range of PSLE T-scores for the Express/NA/NT intake are 215-239, 176-197 and 139-157 respectively. Comparing to the 2019 cohort, the Cut-off-Point (COP) for Exp course has gone up by one point while the COP for NA and NT courses have gone up by 3 points respectively. We are pleased that our school remains popular in the neighbourhood and 89.4% of our Sec 1 intake chose our school as one of their first 3 choices.

2019 GCE 'O' Level Exam Results

57% of our 4E and 6% of our 5N students qualified for Junior College while 98% and 58% qualified for polytechnic respectively. Top student was Annabel Cho with 7 distinctions and L1B5 aggregate score of 8 points. There are many well-rounded students of exemplary character who have done well in academic studies as well as CCA and student leadership. Many of them have also secured places in the polytechnics through Early Admission Exercise. For example, Khiew An Kai, one of our top 4E students with L1B5 aggregate score of 8 points, has secured a place in aeronautical engineering in Singapore Polytechnic.

2019 GCE 'N' Level Exam Results

86% of 4NA qualified for 5NA which is higher than the national average of 77%, while 22% qualified for Polytechnic Foundational Programme (PFP, based on the criteria of EMB3 12 points or less and minimum B3 in all relevant subjects). Top NA students are Trenyce Teo, former President of our Student Council and Raphael Lee, both attained 6 distinctions and EMB3 aggregate score of 5 points. 4NT also achieved above national average performance and top NT student is Lee Ray Xiang who scored 5 distinctions. Just like the 4E5N students, we have many 4NA and 4NT who are exemplary and well-rounded students as well.

School-Based Assessment (SBA) – To reduce exam stress and conserve curriculum time during the transition years in upper secondary, Sec 3 students will not have mid-year exams from this year onwards (The Sec 1 level no longer have mid-year exams since last year). Details on our holistic assessment are available in 2020 Student Companion p.28-41.

Upcoming New School Programmes in 2020

- **WorldSkills ASEAN 2020 (24-28 Jul), One School One Country (OSOC) Cultural Exchange Programme** – Singapore will be hosting WorldSkills ASEAN for the first time this year, which is an international competition that aims to inspire young people to develop a passion for skills and pursue excellence in their skill areas. One of the highlights of the event is OSOC, where 10 secondary schools will each host a different ASEAN delegation in a 3-hour cultural exchange programme. Our school has been nominated as one of 10 schools as our alumni have participated and achieved stellar results in WorldSkills competitions in the past few years. We will be hosting a team of 44 competitors and 8 officials from Indonesia on 24 July.
- **Mass Choir Item for National Day Parade 2020 (9 Aug)** - Our school Choir has been selected to take part in NDP2020 at the Float as part of a combined MOE choir contingent from 5 schools (Punggol Sec, Queensway Sec, Xinmin Sec, Zhonghua Sec and our school). The combined choir will sing along with about 100 students from Special Needs Schools with choreographed moves.
- **Performing Arts-Based Learning (PABL) Experiences Pilot** – Our school has been invited to take part in a MOE's partnership with the National Arts Council (NAC) to pilot a series of PABL experiences as part of lower secondary music lessons. It will bring to life musical concepts learnt in the classroom and broaden students' perspectives on the local performing arts scene by exposing them to Singaporean musicians and

performing arts groups such as Singapore Chinese Orchestra and Singapore Symphonic Orchestra. The cost per pax for each of these concerts is \$26. For the pilot schools, students need only co-pay \$3.

Adjustment of School Canteen food prices

Our school has maintained canteen food prices over the years to keep prices low while ensuring quality and healthy food. MOE's recent engagement with commercial food operators found that a sustainable price point in secondary school canteen should be \$2.50 per meal (equivalent to \$3 at hawker centres). We will therefore allow our canteen stallholders to raise their prices to the desired benchmark price of \$2.50 for medium-portion meals and its equivalent where necessary. Thank you for your kind understanding.

Consent for Photography/Videography

We seek your understanding that photograph(s) or video image(s) of students and/or their parents/guardians may be captured during school activities and events and the school may use and publish such photographs and/or video recordings in school publications, website and other communication channels. Nevertheless, please be assured that the school will seek your prior consent if the subject matter is sensitive or personal in nature, eg. matters related to special educational needs etc.

Highlights of School Programmes in Term 4/2019

- **Aeronautics Applied Learning Programme/Project Work Learning Festival (24 Oct)** – The learning festival showcase the best students' work in Sec 1 ALP and Sec 2 PW in Semester 2. The Sec 1 students shared their learning on the theories of flight through gliders. They also put their critical and inventive thinking skills to the test through the engineering challenge, as teams competed to create the strongest bridge with the recycled materials provided. The Sec 2 students applied design thinking process in PW and showcased their prototypes advocating sustainable energy use to lower secondary students.
- **Graduation Night (19 Nov)** – 225 of our graduating students attended the annual Graduation Night at Pan Pacific Hotel, a venue of their choice, on 19 Nov, encouraged by the presence and support of school leaders and 45 teachers. Treenyce Teo (4N1) and Hebe Tan (4E3) delivered the valedictory speeches. Jewel Woon, our Outstanding North Star awardee for 2019 helped promote our CVSS Alumni. The lucky draw segment saw 58 students winning prizes worth a total of more than \$1600, mostly donated by CVSS staff.
- **Open House (23 Nov, 8.30am-4.30pm)** - 810 families (70 more than last year) visited our school and had a first-hand experience of our school's ethos and culture through their interactions with our students and staff. They were impressed with our range of varied and engaging school programmes, school facilities, our confident and articulate student ambassadors and friendly and helpful staff.
- **Aeronautics Learning Journey to Japan (22 Nov-1 Dec)** - 36 students and 6 teachers visited various cities from Fukuoka to Tokyo to learn about aeronautics and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). These include visits to many aviation museums, back-end tours of airports and a drone workshop. The trip also included a visit to Suita Higashi Senior High School in Osaka, with a view to establishing a long term partnership in school exchange. Students also visited the Kewpie industrial plant and several places of historical and cultural interest and experienced Japanese way of life through homestay in Shirakawa-go village.
- **Performance Arts/School Twinning/Cultural Immersion trip to Suzhou/Hangzhou/Shanghai (15-22 Nov)** - 35 students from our performing arts CCA and 6 teachers visited Hangzhou Art School, Suzhou Industrial Park Xinggang School and Changshu Foreign Language Junior Middle School. At the art school, students watched high standard performances and exchanged pointers in performing arts. At Xinggang, students attended lessons on Chinese idioms and the Suzhou dialect. At Changshu, students learnt sewing and wired artwork. They also visited many historical/cultural places and watched world class cultural performances.
- **Leadership Development/Cultural Immersion trip to Bandung, Indonesia (16-22 Nov)** - 38 UG/Sports CCA members and 6 teachers, hiked along Bandung's famous trails, including a trek up Gunung Putri, Curug Cimahi (Rainbow Waterfall) and Kawah Putih (White Crater). They also visited Bandung No. 8 Senior High School (SMA Negeri 8 Bandung) and many places of cultural interest such as a tea plantation, Museum of the Asian-African Conference, Cihampelas Street, and Braga Street.

Highlights of School Achievements/Awards achieved or announced in Term 4/2019

- **Vanda Miss Joaquim Award under Singapore Environment Council-Starhub School Green Awards 2019** – The award is the highest accolade awarded to schools for outstanding contributions in various aspects such as outreach activities to the community to promote sustainable living as well as advocacy and conservation efforts in areas such as recycling, water and energy.
- **North East District Environment Award [Schools (Secondary) Category]** – Our school has been given this award by North East CDC and NEA. The award recognises schools who encourage and inspire community action in the North East district to lead an environmentally-friendly lifestyle. Ms Tay Siew Woon,

one of our Environment Education Advisors and Teacher i/c of Environment Club has also been given the award under Individuals (Open) Category which recognises the contributions of individuals.

- **National Create Your Own Newspaper Competition** organised by the Committee to Promote Chinese Language Learning, SPH and Xinmin Secondary – Lower Sec 2nd (Loh Ruo Yi, 2E3, Lin Zihan, Ling Yi Jun, Neo Kai Qi, Alfred Lim Wei Xiang (all from 2E4), Upper Sec 3rd (Chan Pei Qing, Chua Jin Qing Esther, Eng Jie Xuan, Shermaine Tan Rui En (all from 3E3) and Leow Lu Yu (3E6)
- **National Public Speaking Competition** organised by Public Speaking Academy – Overall 16th in the final round (Alfred Lim, 2E4), other participants (Ethan James Poh 1E5, Syeda Aliza 2E2, Jaylen Lam 2E2, Nicole Teo 3E4) [Our school took part in the competition for the first time against 200 participants from other schools]
- **Historical Scene Investigation Challenge 2019** organised by NLB and MOE's CPDD History Unit – Silver Award (Ong Wei Hao Daryl, Eldon Chng (both from 3E3), Nigel Tan Yu Bing 3E4, Chin Guan Hao 3E6
- **Rocket Pitch Festival** organised by Singapore Polytechnic School of Business – Champions (Eldon Chng, Eugene Wen Siang Koh, Brian Davidson Fok Zhendao, Shannen Lin Ying Ying, all from 3E3). [Total of 29 competing teams from 14 secondary schools]
- **North 3 Cluster Inter-School Malay Scrabble Competition** organised by Pei Hwa Secondary – Upper Sec Team 1st (Muhd Qayyum 3N1, Ilham Yusuf 3N2, Nur Insyirah 3E2, Nur'ain Ayuni 3E2), Individual 1st (Nur'ain Ayuni 3E2), Individual 2nd (Mohd Suhairin), Lower Sec Team 3rd (Musheera 2E1, Nurul Arifah 2E1, Nur Syakirah Firzanah 2E2, Zikry Mirza 2N2),
- **Inter-School Malay Essay Writing Contest** organised by EDN-Media Consultant – Gold Award for 5 essays submitted by Nurul Afiqah 3N1, Nur Humaira, Nur Aaliyanna, Nur Batrisyla and Nur Ayu Nastasia, all from 3N2 [Total of 430 entries from 40 schools]
- **PA/AVA/Robotics Club** – 2nd place in **Republic Poly Renesas Grand Prix Competition** (Muhd Taha Firdaus 1E1, Fung Guo Xiang Jonathan, Leow Qi Jie, Zavier Ng Yu Ze (all from 1E5)
- **Environment Club** – Two Bronze Awards in National Youth Upcycling Movement 2019 organised by Crescent Girls' School (Team 1 comprising Felicia Pee 3E2, Amberly Tan 3E5, Joshua Tee 2E3, Zeus Ong 2E4, Yeo Qiao Xian 2N2 and Team 2 comprising Angelina Lau 2N2, Koh Hui Xin 3T1, Renee Lim 3T1, Sharon Afny 3T1, Atikah Wahyuni 2N1)
- **Community Youth Leaders Club** – Commendation Award in Design for Good Youth Competition on the theme "Be Kind, Be Smart and Be Safe", organised by Make the Change (a social enterprise with a marketing, advertising and design school) with over 600 entries from 28 secondary schools – Amber Lee, Claudia Kiew, Nur Almira Nadia (all from 1E4)
- **Girl Guides - Singapore Kindness Movement Friend of SINGA Awards** – 44 Girl Guides participated in the SKM kindness project from May to August and all of them received the Kindness Badge Gold Awards.
- **MOE Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2019** - One of 12 finalists (Mr Clement See, SH/NE & VIA)
- **SPH Inspiring CL Teachers Award 2019** - Finalist (Ms Koh Bee Choo, SH/CL)
- Johan Fadli Bin Jailani (2018 4E5, Vice-President Student Council) – Temasek Polytechnic Engineering Scholarship given to first year students with outstanding academic achievement and CCA contribution.

Parent Engagement

Children with more involved parents enjoy school more, are more emotionally and socially well-adjusted, and are also better able to handle stress. We have provided the following opportunities for parents to be more involved in your child's school life:

- Co-hosting of elderly guests for our Chinese New Year Celebrations (Fri 24 Jan, 7:30-10:30am) by our Parent Support Group (PSG)
- Parent Support Group's Welcome Brunch for parents interested in joining the PSG (Sat, 8 Feb, 10am-1pm)
- Education and Career Guidance Forum for Sec 4/5 Parents (Thu, 12 Mar morning): Talks and panel discussion by invited speakers from post-secondary institutions and our Senior ECG Counsellor.

Please keep a look out and register for these activities nearing the dates or call the General Office for more information. Thank you.

Mr Chia Chor Yann, Principal