

COMPASSVALE SECONDARY SCHOOL



2023 Term 3 Letter to Parents

Welcome to Term 3 of Academic Year 2023

As we begin a new Term, we'd like to share with you some of the exciting school programmes that your child experienced in Term 2. These are also regularly shared on the school's social media channels: fb.com/cvssfacebook and instagram.com/compassvalesecsch

We would also like to draw your attention to our updated calendar for Term 3 and Term 4, and seek your support and partnership to encourage students to bring their fully-charged Personal Learning Device (PLD) daily for lessons.

Thank you for partnering with us in growing and nurturing your child.

The School Leadership Team,
Mr Chua Tung Kian, Mr Sukhdev Singh, Mrs Jacqueline Tang

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TERM 3 LETTER HIGHLIGHTS

A Message from the School Leadership Team

Our Students' School Experiences in Term 2

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Update on Personal Learning Device (PLD) Use

Annual Awards Day

Formerly known as Anniversary & Awards Day, Annual Awards Day returned in 2023 for the first in-person celebration since the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. The school community came together to celebrate the strengths and outstanding achievements of our bright and talented North Stars at the event. This year's theme of 'Strength to Strength' was chosen to represent how our North Stars have continued to grow and excel with the talents they possess, despite the challenges that the pandemic brought about. True to the theme, at the event on 5 and 8 May 2023, staff and students from various student groups came together, tapped on their strengths and made the event a success. Guests and awardees were treated to a meaningful event which Mr Chia Chor Yann, our former principal also graced as the Guest-of-Honour.



Term 2 STAR Programme Highlights

At the end of Term 2, our Sec 1s embarked on a 3-day 2-night Outdoor Adventure Camp, called Camp STAR - Strength, Tenacity, Adaptability, Respect. They immersed themselves in a range of outdoor activities to complete a series of challenges, including trekking, low elements, kayaking, rafting, and even pitching their own tents. The highlight of the camp was the campfire where North Stars gathered around to put up brilliant class performances.

Our Sec 2s started their week with an Inter-class Volleyball competition, showing their skills, sportsmanship and team spirit. They also continued to develop team cohesion through land-rafting and cup-stacking experiences. In the making of their individual mosaic art pieces, we witnessed many hidden talents emerge. The Sec 2s also explored possible education pathways. Finally, they celebrated the end of the term with a "Breakfast with Form Teachers", organised and planned by our student leaders.

Our Sec 3s took turns experiencing different programmes. At the 5D4N MOE-OBS challenge, they engaged in campcraft, outdoor activities and water-based challenges. Groups of Sec 3s also went on a Southern Ridges Nature walk, and had the opportunity to learn Math through an Authentic Investigation Activity. They also participated in service learning projects to prepare interactive activities and goodies for different beneficiaries.

Our Sec 4s and 5s deepened peer-support and relationships through inter-class telematch games and a historical learning trail along the Singapore River. They also continued to explore post-secondary education and career options.

To find out more about our school programmes and events, please follow our social media channels.

www.fb.com/cvssfacebook

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Sec 1 class bonding at CAMP STAR



Sec 2 Inter-Class Volleyball Competition



Sec 3 Southern Ridges Walk



Sec 4/5 Class Cohesion Activity

Student Leaders' Investiture

Our 2023 Student Council, CCA and Class Leaders were invested into their leadership roles officially on 3 April 2023. They pledged to give their best to serve, to lead and to inspire the school community. Our outgoing Student Leaders passed on the baton to their successors, encouraging them to continue serving with heart and commitment.



SYF 2023 Showcase: Spotlight!

This year, our Performing Arts CCAs (Band, Choir, Dance and Drama) took part in the Singapore Youth Festival (SYF) Arts Presentation.

Our talented North Stars showcased their performance pieces to the rest of the school and lit up the stage with their extraordinary performances during assembly on 15 May 2023. Our North Stars even bought flowers during recess from a flower sale organised to encourage and support their friends.

International Friendship Day

In line with the theme "Singapore in Asia", activities were conducted from 10 to 14 April to help students understand Singapore's connectedness within and beyond ASEAN, the importance of international collaboration and cooperation, as well as the importance of celebrating the region's diversity. The programme included an assembly where students were treated to live music performances which showcased musical traditions and styles of ASEAN countries. Sec 1 students also participated in a carnival to experience activities unique to Asia, such as Sepak Takraw and Carrom.



Staff Changes

We bid farewell to the following staff who will be leaving CVSS in June 2023:

- Mrs Maureen Tung (HOD/Mother Tongue)
- Ms Ritchell Choong (Assistant Year Head)
- Mdm Jasmine Phua (SH/Pastoral Care)
- Mrs Catherine Ng (Senior Teacher/Mathematics)
- Mr Soo Huanlong
- Mdm Siti Mariam
- Mr Keh Chien Yung
- Ms Lee Ja Sin

We warmly welcome the following staff to CVSS:

- Ms Zhou Yuxi (English)
- Mr Mohamed Fairuz Bin Nordin (Geography)
- Mr Noor Syafiq Bin Abdul Rashid (Geography)
- Ms Toh Xuan Hui (English)
- Ms Nurul Fatin binte Jumahat (ICT Executive)

Updated School Phone Number

Our school has enhanced our telecommunication channels with parents. Apart from receiving calls from our current school number 6881 5047, you may also receive calls from our new number 6432 8868.

Should you wish to call back to this same number, your call will be automatically redirected back to the school's main line at 6881 5047.

Green Compass Programme - Donation Drive

We reached out to students and parents for our Green Compass Programme's Donation Drive 2023. The programme sought donations of books, board games, sports equipment, food items and toiletries for our community partners - Sunlove Home, Morning Star Student Care (Sengkang), and Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your overwhelming support and generosity throughout this donation drive. Your contributions have made a significant impact and have brought immense joy to those in need.



Achievements

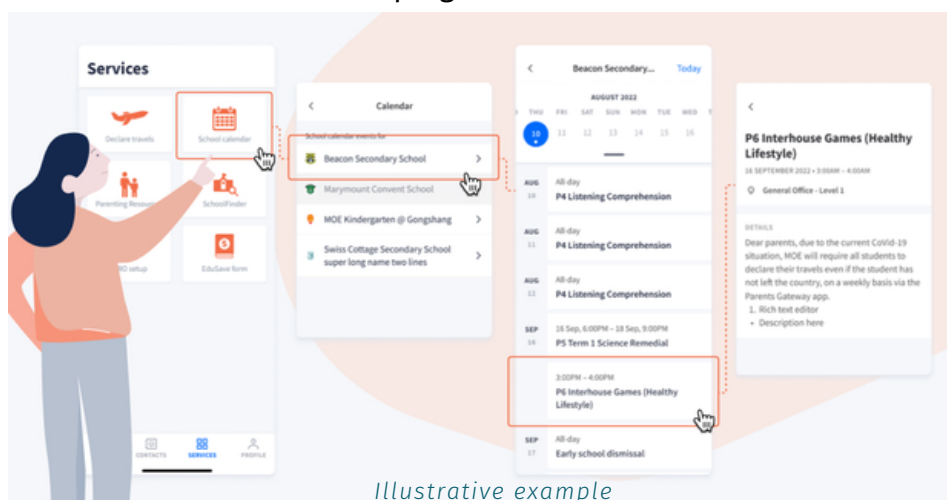
- NS Mark (Gold) - Our school has been accredited with NS Mark (Gold), a national-level accreditation scheme that recognises schools for their National Education (NE) programmes and partnership with MINDEF/SAF to engender commitment to Defence and Support for NS.
- SYF 2023 Arts Presentation Results: Band - Certificate of Accomplishment; Choir - Certificate of Accomplishment; Dance - Certificate of Accomplishment; Drama - Certificate of Accomplishment
- Singapore Amazing Flying Machine Competition - Jaden Sin, Tay Bing Hern, Wan Rusyaiddi (2E2) and Jasper Ang (2E3) have obtained the Best Performance Award in the Unpowered Gliders category. The team was also awarded the Championship Award for overall excellence in Presentation, Flight Theory, and Creative Design
- World Scholar's Cup - Team CVSS has attained 21 Team Gold and 36 Silver Medals, 33 Individual Gold and 36 Silver Medals, as well as 2 trophies (Top 5 Overall Team – Junior Division, and Top 5 Overall Individual – Junior Division)
- Girl Guides PNAA Gold Award - Our Girl Guides have attained the Gold Award for Puan Noor Aishah (PNAA) 2022
- Boys Brigade Best Boy Award 2023 - Chung Shao Qi, Aaron Isaac (4E1)
- Red Cross Youth Director's Award - Mandy Teo Yu Ling (4E5)
- Istana Heritage Gallery Challenge - Micaiah Tan, Keith Yeo (2N2), Duuvuru Shanmukha Keerthi (2E3), Arora Suhani and Qeisyah Daneen Binte Dinohairry (2E4) have attained 1st Place in the Secondary School Category.
- 2 Teams comprising Aashika Sarah Durairaj, Rachmadi Chery Fernandez, Wee Cadence, Haldar Priyesh Shyamsunder, Leong An Zhi Jonas (3E4) and Tee Shi Ban Felix, Teo Jia En, Tan Jie Lin, Pang Zi Shan (3E4) were awarded Silver for their projects at the 14th International Elementz Fair.
- North Zone Schools Chinese Speech Competition - Xu Tianrui (2E2) and Li Weixiao (3E1) obtained the "Most Promising Award".

Term 3/4 School Calendar Updates

Please find our updated school calendar of major events/ programmes in Term 3 and 4.

Term	Date	Day	Major School Programmes & Events
TERM 3	3 Jul	Mon	School Holiday for Youth Day
	4 Jul	Tue	HBL Day
	12 Jul	Wed	HBL Day
	14 Jul	Fri	Annual Race
	24 Jul	Mon	HBL Day
	8 Aug	Tue	National Day Celebration [Early dismissal; students will be informed of time]
	10 Aug	Thu	School Holiday for National Day
	16 Aug	Wed	HBL Day (for Sec 1-3 only)
	31 Aug	Thu	Teachers' Day Celebration [Early dismissal; students will be informed of time]
	1 Sep	Fri	School Holiday for Teachers' Day
TERM 4	11 Sep	Mon	HBL Day (for Sec 1-3 only)
	2-12 Oct	Mon-Thu	Sec 1-3 End of Year Examinations
	13 Oct	Fri	Marking Day and HBL Day (for Sec 1-3 only)
	20 Oct	Fri	Results Management Day [Students need not report to school]
	23-26 Oct	Mon-Thu	Term-End-Programme 3 [Last Day of School on 26 Oct, Thu]
	27 Oct	Fri	Parent-Teacher Conference [Students need not report to school]
	14 Nov	Thu	Sec 4/5 Graduation Night
	18 Nov	Sat	Open House for P6 pupils / parents

[NEW] You can also find these school events/ programmes under the "Services" tab on your Parents Gateway App.



Illustrative example

Update on Personal Learning Devices (PLD)

Under the National Digital Literacy Programme, every secondary school student will own a PLD. We seek parents/guardians' support to encourage your child/ward to bring their fully-charged PLD daily to school for lessons. We will stop allowing students to use their mobile phones to replace the PLD from Term 3.

We will be actively enforcing the no-mobile phones policy during curriculum hours, and your child will be briefed in Term 3 Week 1.

As parents/guardians, we thank you for partnering the school in the following ways:

- Model good digital habits for your child/ward e.g. parents/guardians not using devices during family meals.
- Know your child/ward well, and have conversations with your child/ward about safe and responsible use of technology.
- Set ground rules for internet/device usage.