



CONVENT OF THE HOLY INFANT JESUS SECONDARY

26 August 2008

Dear Parents/Guardian,

We are coming to the end of yet another school term. The students and teachers have been working hard in preparation for the Sec 4 Preliminary Examinations, the End-of-Year Examinations and the GCE 'O' Level Examinations. The school has put in place certain programmes which are aimed at helping the students to maximize their preparations for the examinations.

We are including the Examination and Study schedules so that you can help your daughter/ward in her review and revision.

Exam dates and Study Programme in Semester 2

Date	Event	Remarks
25 Aug	Lessons resumes for Sec 4N(A) students in preparation for their 'N' level exams.	
25 Aug – 16 Sep	Preliminary Exams for Sec 4E/5N students	
2 – 4 Sept, 29 Sept – 9 Oct	'N' level Exams	
11 Sep to 23 Sep	Afternoon Study	Sec 1 to 3 students
22 Sep to 10 Oct	Night Study	Sec 4 and 5 students The library will be open till 9.30 p.m.
25 – 26 Sep, 3 – 10 Oct	End-of-year exams for Sec 1 – 3 students	
13 Oct	Marking Day	Students stay at home
14 Oct	Results Processing Day	Students stay at home
15 Oct – 13 Nov	Sec 4E/5N 'O' level exams.	
20- 31 Oct	Bridging Programme	For all Sec 3E&N, 4N, 4TT students
3 – 4 Nov	Re-examinations	For identified students who failed to be promoted.

A school is more than a place where children receive their academic education. It is also a place where children are guided in their development into well-adjusted, independent and successful young people. To help the school fulfill this aspect of education, CHIJ Sec has in place a wide variety of Co-Curricular Activities to help students hone their interests and talents. The students have found the activities of the various CCAs enriching and fulfilling. The achievements of several of our CCAs are indeed commendable.



Academic Value Added (Express)



Aesthetics



Sports



Cherish (Silver)



Character Development



Family Life Ambassador



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CCA stand-down

From Thursday, 28 August, all CCAs, except Automation Robotics Club (ARC), will stand down for all students. Members of the ARC are preparing for the National Robotics Competition and CCA stand down on 8 September for them.

CCA Training Programmes and Holiday Activities

Date	CCA Group	Activity
4 Sept (tentative)	ELDDS	Day camp
13 Oct – 19 Dec	Choir	Rehearsals on selected dates
23 Oct – 13 Dec	Netball	Training for school team members on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.
27 Oct – 28 Nov	Shooting	Training
28 Oct – 29 Dec	Girl Guides	Holiday training programme

Upcoming School Events & Important Dates

Alongside preparing for the students for the end-of-year and national exams, CHIJ Sec has several events in the pipeline.

Date	Event	Remarks
26 Aug – 29 Aug	Immersion Programme	25 students and two teachers from SMPK Gading Serpong, Indonesia
29 Aug	Teachers' Day celebration	The theme is <i>High School</i> and the celebration ends at 11.30 a.m.
12 Sept	Student Leaders Investiture	The theme is <i>Seen Behind the Scenes</i> . The event starts at 7 pm.
12 Sept	Mid Autumn Festival	For students of Sec 1 – 3
17 & 18 Sept	Retreat and Celebration of Life programme for Sec 4E & 5N students	
10 Oct	Last day of school for Sec 4E & 5N students	
15 Oct	Post Exam activities	For Sec 1 – 3 and 4TT students
23 Oct	Briefing on Through Train programme	For parents of Sec 2N(A) and 3N(A) students who have been identified for the TT programme
23 Oct	Last day of school	For Sec 1, 2 & 3N students
24 Oct	Open Studios	An annual art exhibition featuring our AEP and GAP students' works. All are welcome.
3 – 7 November	Work Attachment for Sec 3E, 4N(A) and Sec 4(TT)	Students sitting for the Mother Tongue 'O' level papers will not be participating
7 Nov	Last day of school	For Sec 3E & 4N students
14 November	Graduation Night	6.30 pm, Marriott Hotel

Providing a Holistic Education

As part of our commitment to providing a holistic education, CHIJ Sec ensures that the students have opportunities to embark on journeys of experiential learning. These learning journeys are organized around relationships within the school and outside the school, in environments which the students are not familiar with. The school hopes that these learning journeys will develop the students to open their minds to the possibilities out there and to learn to seize the opportunities that abound around them. Several learning journeys have been planned for our students.

Date	Destination of Learning Journey	Remarks
17 – 26 Oct	Cluny High Convent, Bangalore India	Twinning programme; 18 Sec 2 & 3 students and two teachers
24 Oct – 2 Nov	Shanghai Pinghe Bilingual School	Twinning programme; 36 Sec 2 & 3 students and four teachers
7 – 12 Nov	Chiangrai, Thailand	Overseas CIP mission trip; 49 members of IJ Youth Mission members and four teachers
16 – 23 Nov	St Paul's Co-educational College, Hong Kong	Twinning programme; Four Sec 2 students and one member of staff
19 – 22 Nov	Hong Kong	20 Geography students of Sec 4TT & Sec 3/8 accompanied by two teachers.
24 – 28 Nov	Philippines	Guitar Ensemble Music Immersion Programme for 40 Guitar Ensemble students and two teachers

Discipline

The role of discipline in school is to help students become good decision makers and critical thinkers so that they can contribute to society. Changes in the family, in the values promoted through the media and the information explosion have all made a powerful impact on the young today – in the way they perceive school and how they perceive people who are not in their inner circle. The result of this is the lack of order and stability that affects not only behaviour but academic performance. Therefore, it is crucial that students receive consistent messages from those involved in preparing them to face the challenges of the world of work.

The school has in place codes of conduct which we deem necessary to enhance learning in the classroom. The Code of Conduct is found in the School Diary on pages 11 & 12. There is also a pictorial representation of Attire and Appearance on page 10.

We seek your co-operation to help your daughter develop the self-discipline that will assure her a smooth transition into the world where there are unwritten codes of conduct which is expected of any employee or employer. Let us work together to ensure that she become a young lady who has the right values to face the challenges that are ahead of her.

For the latest updates on school's achievements and programme reports, please refer to our school's website www.chijsectoapayoh.moe.edu.sg

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need clarification. We can be reached at:

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Have a good September break with your loved ones. Thank you and God Bless.

Mrs. Regina Lee
Principal

Acknowledgement Slip

(to be returned to the Form Teacher by Thur, 28 Aug 2008)

To: Principal, CHIJ Secondary School

I have received your letter dated 26 Aug 2008 and have taken note of its contents.

Thank you.

Signature of parent/guardian
Name of Parent : _____
Date: _____

Name of Student
Class: _____

