



ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Our Vision

St Andrew's Village - Home of Servant Leaders who Bring Life to the Nations

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Beginning of Term Letter

We trust that everyone is keeping well as we start the final term of the year. Thank you for your sustained effort in working with us to implement the Safe Management Measures in school. We continue with our effort to ensure that our school remains a safe and conducive environment for all students. We need the collective effort of all parents and students to exercise social responsibility so that our school stays safe.

1. SAJS Celebrates

We congratulate our fellow colleagues for receiving the following awards:

A. National Day Honours

Mrs Catherine Yew - Commendation Medal
Mr Luke Fernandez - Long Service Award

B. SAPTA Caring Teacher Award

Mr Adam Harisan Wilkinson
Miss Joyce Chy
Mdm Nora Bte Izahar
Mdm Revathi D/O Selvaraja
Miss Fiona Tan

C. St Andrew's School Long Service Award

Mdm Andrea Goh - 10 years
Mdm Lin Yanqing - 10 years
Mdm Victoria Phua - 10 years
Ms Samuel Zhang - 10 years
Mr Khairil Anuar Idris - 20 years
Mrs Angela Lim - 25 years

2. ST2: Developing Exemplary Character, Growing Community Builders

A. National Day Celebrations

The Safe Management Measures did not dampen our National Day celebrations. Our Saints witnessed the march-in of the flag party via live broadcast to all the classrooms. The simple yet meaningful National Day Observance Ceremony gave us the opportunity to express our gratitude for the blessings, peace and prosperity that we enjoy in Singapore. We do pray that our Saints will not take these for granted and grow to be community builders that make Singapore proud.

After the ceremony, our Saints participated in the Recollection, quizzes and game show. The Rocking Saints, comprises of talent staff also raised the tempo of the celebrations with national day songs and the 'Dance of the Nation'. You could have a glimpse of the celebrations from the photos and videos in the following link.

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipNz19I7ZNZ0FaxAMYWNojAfXos-vHs1eTMB0drcNK-vJ2mMU8KvAEvCrmKN4s7q-Q?key=VGxXZ3BhR3ZBUfhGZ0FTVWV5MIMyZk1PX1JyTHBn>

A big thank you to Mrs Angela Lim and Mdm Halimatus who led the various teams of staff in presenting a meaningful and memorable programme. Our Saints were united and enthusiastic as we celebrated the 56th birthday of the nation.

Our Values

Thanksgiving • Resilience • Unity • Empathy • Wonder • Integrity • Self-Discipline • Excellence

B. Staff Appreciation Day

Team SAJS was showered with thank you cards and gestures of appreciation in various forms as we celebrated Teachers' Day and Staff Appreciation Day. Many Saints and parents have also expressed their appreciations via MOE's mCare and 'Thank You Cher' microsite. You may click on this link, https://thankyoucher.edu.sg/#explore_map to view the 'thank you' messages.

After dismissal, the staff was treated to a simple celebration. We thank St Andrew's Alumni and St Andrew's Parent-Teacher Association for the tokens of appreciation for all staff. We also like to thank all parents who have encouraged our Saints to exhibit the value of Thanksgiving as they expressed their appreciations to their teachers.

C. The Value for August is *Wonder*

We ended Term 3 with the value of *Wonder*. We aspire to educate our Saint to be curious about the world and develops the passion for learning.

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
- Psalm 8:3-4 (NIV)*

Good morning colleagues and saints. Today's devotion teaches us about the value of Wonder.

On **page 15** of your **Personal Organiser**, it is stated what we expect of a Saint when he shows **Wonder**, it means:

- A Saint is **curious about the world** and **he wants to learn**.
- A Saint **asks questions**.

You can do so by:

- **Participating actively** in learning activities
- **Asking questions**
- Taking initiative to **clarify doubts** and deepen understanding
- **Making connections** between learning and real life experiences
- **Finding answers** which puzzles you
- **Applying learning** to new situations

In the previous week, I shared about how amazed we are when we look at these super hero characters because every one of them has some special power. However these special powers are not real as they are imagined by humans. And I also shared with you creatures with "special powers" which are real and not imagined by humans.

Today we are going to learn about ourselves. The thinking skill we are learning today is self-awareness. Why is learning self-awareness important? It is because self-awareness will help you to:

1. Achieve academic success;
2. Make more friends;
3. Be more well-liked;
4. Manage your emotions better; and
5. Know how to respond appropriately to different situations.

The bible also tells us that it is important for us to have self-awareness. Lamentations 3:40 reads, "Let us examine and look at what we have done. Then let us return to the Lord." This means that we are to reflect and examine how we think and what we do and compare them with what God wants us to do. So today, we are going to "wonder" about how we can be more self-aware and improve ourselves.

Let's watch a video to learn how we can develop our self-awareness thinking skill. Credits: Video is taken from <https://learningworksforkids.com/what-is-self-awareness/>

You have learnt how you can develop self-awareness. It is important that you practise what you have learnt. Continue to “wonder” how you can practise self-awareness. Some suggestions include:

- **Being aware of your own strengths and weaknesses**
- **Thinking about how your behavior can impact others**
- **Thinking about how you are following school rules**
- **Thinking about how you can check your homework for mistakes**
- **Being aware of your attitude and whether it is appropriate for the setting**

Lastly, I would like to end with this quote I like. Don't practice until you get it right, practice until you cannot get it wrong. This means we have to keep practicing until we are so good at it that we will never get it wrong.

Let's pray. Dear God, thank you for creating us. Help us to reflect and examine all that we have done and said every day so that we can improve ourselves daily. Help us to have a sense of wonder to ask questions about how we can become better each day. Help us to search our hearts as we watch the day depart and ask ourselves if you are satisfied with us. Help us to do our best so that if you were our friend, you would be satisfied with us. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

3. Term 4 Calendar

Date		Remarks
Week 1		
13/9		
14/9		
15/9		
16/9		
17/9	PSLE Listening Comprehension	<i>P1 – P5 Saints to stay at home</i>
Week 2		
20/9		
21/9		
22/9		
23/9		
24/9		
Week 3		
27/9	<i>Study break for P6</i>	<i>P6 Saints to stay at home</i>
28/9	<i>Study break for P6</i>	<i>P6 Saints to stay at home</i>
29/9	<i>Study break for P6</i>	<i>P6 Saints to stay at home</i>
30/9	PSLE – EL & Foundation EL Papers 1 & 2 <i>Home-based Learning for P4</i>	
1/10	PSLE – MA & Foundation MA Papers 1 & 2 <i>Home-based Learning for P3</i>	
Week 4		
4/10	PSLE – MT & Foundation MT Papers 1 & 2 <i>Home-based Learning for P2</i>	
5/10	PSLE – SC Paper	
6/10	PSLE – Higher MT Papers 1 & 2	
7/10		
8/10	<i>Children's Day (School Holiday)</i>	

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Week 5						
11/10	P3 SA2 EL Oral (after 2pm) P4 SA2 MT Oral [#]	All Classes # <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Before 1.30pm</td> <td>Empathy, Wonder & Integrity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>After 2pm</td> <td>Thanksgiving, Resilience & Unity</td> </tr> </table>	Before 1.30pm	Empathy, Wonder & Integrity	After 2pm	Thanksgiving, Resilience & Unity
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Week 6						
18/10	PSLE Marking Day	All Saints to stay at home				
19/10	PSLE Marking Day					
20/10	PSLE Marking Day					
21/10	PSLE Marking Day					
22/10						
Week 7						
25/10	P3 & P4 SA2 EL Paper 1 & LC P5 SA2 EL & Foundation EL Paper 1 & LC					
26/10	P3 & P4 SA2 MT Paper 1 & LC P5 SA2 MT & Foundation MT Paper 1 & LC					
27/10	P3 & P4 SA2 SC Paper P5 SA2 SC & Foundation SC Paper					
28/10	P3 & P4 SA2 EL Paper 2 P5 SA2 EL & Foundation EL Paper 2					
29/10	P5 SA2 Higher MT Paper 1 & 2					
Week 8						
1/11	P3 – P5 SA2 MT Paper 2					
2/11	P3 – P5 SA2 MA Papers 1 & 2 P5 SA2 Foundation MA Papers 1 & 2					
3/11						
4/11	Deepavali (Public Holiday)					
5/11						
Week 9						
8/11						
9/11						
10/11						
11/11						
12/11	Level Promotion Day	All Saints to stay at home				

Date		Remarks
Week 10		
15/11		
16/11	P6 Graduation Party	
17/11		
18/11	e-PCTC (PM)	For selected P1 – P5 Saints
19/11	End of Term Service	Staggered Dismissal @ 1.30pm P1 – 1.10pm, P2 – 1.20pm P3 & P4 – 1.30pm, P5 & P6 – 1.35pm

We would like to draw your attention to the specific items in the calendar shown above:

		Remarks
1.	PSLE Listening Comprehension on Fri, 17 Sep	P1 – P5 Saints to stay at home
2.	Study Break for P6 Saints from Mon, 27 Sep to Wed, 29 Sep	P6 Saints to stay at home
3.	Home-based Learning for the respective levels during PSLE Written Exam i. P4 on Thu, 30 Sep ii. P3 on Fri, 1 Oct iii. P2 on Mon, 4 Oct	Teachers will be assigned invigilation duties for PSLE. Instructions for HBL will be communicated accordingly to the respective levels.
4.	Level Promotion Day on Fri, 12 Nov	All Saints to stay at home so that teachers could finalise the result processing and deployment of Saints for 2022.

Up and On!

With warmest regards,

Ms Patsy Neo
Principal