



Canossa Newsbites

February 2023

Did You Know?

St. Magdalene of Canossa was born in Verona of a noble and wealthy family. She was the third of six children.



“Those who **love** are
never tired since
love knows no
burden.”

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

School Mission

Nurturing each in his/ her own way by forming hearts, enlightening minds and empowering spirits to live in The Way, The Truth and The Life

School Vision

Leaders of Hope
Sowers of Change

Core Values

Charity, Humility, Forgiveness, Faith



Canossian Saints' Day

During Canossian Saints' Week, we celebrate and honour our two saints who lived lives of Charity, Humility, Forgiveness and Faith, inspiring us to come *together to serve as one body by acting justly, loving kindly and walking humbly.*

A woman who loved God, Mother Foundress, St. Magdalene of Canossa, followed His call for her to serve the poor. She immersed herself in charitable work, reaching out across five continents through her Order, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, to serve all with their mission of love to educate the youth, assist the sick and the elderly, and proclaim the Good News of God's love through schools, homes and spiritual formation. Magdalene of Canossa was canonised as a Saint on 2 October 1988 by Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

Kidnapped at the age of 7, St. Josephine Bakhita was sold as a slave. Despite the untold suffering she had to endure, her heart was overflowing with God's love and forgiveness for her captors. Freed from captivity and touched by the great love shown to her by the Canossian Sisters in Venice, St. Bakhita entered the Order of the Canossian Sisters of Charity, dedicating herself to serving God. Bakhita was beatified in 1992 and on 1 October 2000, she was canonised as Saint Josephine Bakhita and venerated as the Patron Saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

St Magdalene's and St Bakhita's life stories inspire us to carry on their legacy as we spread the love of God to one and all in our service to humankind.

Come 1 March 2023, we begin an exciting year of activities to commemorate St. Magdalene's 250th birthday on 1 March 2024!

Did You Know?

St. Magdalene of Canossa experienced many painful events early on in life but she forged on, drawing hope and strength from the unconditional love of God.



“Let us **serve our Lord** with **courage** and a **generous heart** filled with **love**, but in **peace.**”

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

Calendar of Events

Date	Events	Remarks
10-17 Feb	School Health Visit	Whole school
15-16 Feb	Total Defence Day	School as normal
20 Feb	Launch of Canossian Saints' Week	School as normal
27 Feb	Canossian Saints' Day Celebration	Dismissal at 10.30am

Dental Clinic

For dental treatment, please contact the school's dental clinic at 91054971 for an appointment.

During closure of the school's dental clinic, you may also contact the buddy clinics listed below for an appointment.

- 1) Geylang Methodist Primary School: 89402459
- 2) Cedar Primary School: 87646935
- 3) Mobile Dental Clinic 28 (MDC 28): 92707786

In case of emergency such as trauma of tooth, gum or facial swelling and severe toothache, please contact the School Dental Centre (HPB) at 64353782.

The updated information can be found in your child's Student Planner.

Did You Know?

In the midst of her tireless activities and heavy family responsibilities, St. Magdalene found time to intensify her prayer and daily contemplated the love of Christ and the Mother of Sorrows.



“Humility is the **foundation** and **support** of all the other **virtues.”**

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2023

The tentative dates for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises for the 2023 Primary 3 students are:

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2023 (Thursday)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools
GEP Selection Exercise	17 & 18 October 2023 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

Updating Of Student Details

The Ministry of Education (MOE) is requesting for an update of your information and your child/ ward's information via the Student Details Form (SDF) for the purpose of providing educational services to your child in MOE schools.

At the start of the new academic year, all parents/ legal guardians are requested to login to the SDF portal via the URL below using your Singpass account to submit your information and information of your child/ ward. Authorised Caregivers can only submit your own information.

The SDF portal can be accessed via desktop computers or mobile devices such as laptops and mobile phones.

MOE's request for the updating of student details was posted on Parents Gateway on 6 January 2023. Please complete the submission if you have not already done so.

The SDF portal is also accessible till the last day of Term 4 for you to provide timely updates of your information and/ or your child's information.

URL link:

<https://pg.moe.edu.sg/forms/sdf>

Did You Know?

*Moved by God's love,
Magdalene responded to the cry
of the poor who hungered for
food, instruction, understanding
and the Word of God.*



“Let us **use Charity** as the
measure for **everything.**”

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

Group Personal Accident Insurance For Students

MOE has purchased the Group Personal Accident insurance for all students. Please refer to Parent Gateway for the product fact sheet on coverage and user guide for online submission of claims.

The URL for online submission is

<https://studentgpa.incomegroupins.com.sg>.



Quick Health Tip Of the Month



Fill half of your plate with fruit and vegetables. Studies have shown that people who consume fruit and vegetables have lower risk for heart diseases, obesity and other illness.

Find out more about the healthy plate via this link:
<https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/191/nutrition-hub/eat-more>