

School Calendar of Events

Date	Events	Remarks
31 January	Chinese New Year Eve Celebration	Dismissal at 10.00am
1-2 February	Chinese New Year	Public Holiday
15 February	Total Defence Day	School as per normal
21 February	Launch of Canossian Saints' Week	School as per normal
22-25 February	School Health Visit	School as per normal P1 and P5 students to hand in Health Booklet to their Form Teacher for the School Health Visit
28 February	Canossian Saints' Day Celebration	Dismissal at 10.00am



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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

February 2022

Canossian Saints' Week



During Canossian Saints' Week, we celebrate and honour our two saints who inspire us to live our lives *acting justly, loving kindly and walking humbly*.

Mother Foundress, St. Magdalene of Canossa was a woman in love with God. Following a call to God, Magdalene felt drawn to a more active service among the people. Today, her great love for God lives on, reaching out across five continents through her Order, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, to inspire all with their mission of love, educating the youth, assisting the sick and the elderly, and proclaiming the Good News of God's love through schools, homes and spiritual formation. Magdalene was canonised as a Saint on 2 October 1988 by Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome.

"We must have one heart and one will, loving each other sincerely and without any distinction."

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

St. Josephine Bakhita suffered at the hands of her captors from the age of 7. Despite the indescribable suffering she went through, her heart was full of God's love and forgiveness for her captors. Living with the Canossian Sisters in Venice, she entered the Order of the Canossian Sisters of Charity, and immersed herself in God's Work. Bakhita was beatified in 1992 and on 1 October 2000, she was canonised as Saint Josephine Bakhita and is venerated as the Patron Saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

"In God's will, there is great peace."

- St. Josephine Bakhita

Total Defence Day & Canossian Saints' Week

The theme for this year's Total Defence Day is *Together We Keep Singapore Strong*, aimed at encouraging students to play a greater role in Total Defence and to highlight the different ways they can contribute. The COVID-19 experience has heightened the importance and relevance of Total Defence. Through the lessons and activities organised throughout the week, students will learn about potential future threats and challenges, and how they can remain resilient when crises strike. Students will also reflect on the selfless dedication of the Canossian Sisters who cared for our Canossian children in Bahau during World War II, and how the Sisters' love truly demonstrated how to *act justly, love kindly and walk humbly*.

Canossian Saints' Day (akin to Foundress' Day) & Prefects Investiture

The school will be celebrating Canossian Saints' Day on Monday, 28 February 2022. On this day, we remember the lives of St. Magdalene of Canossa and St. Josephine Bakhita. Through their exemplary lives, we are reminded that we, as Canossians, are called to *act justly, love kindly and walk humbly* when we demonstrate the 10 Principles of a Canossian Leader while living out our core values of Charity, Humility, Forgiveness and Faith.

Our annual Prefects' Investiture will also be held to formally appoint and introduce our Prefects to the school during that week. The CCA Leaders, Peer Support Leaders and Class Leaders will also take the Student Leaders' pledge to declare their commitment to serving their peers and the school.

As school will end at **10.00am** on 28 February, please make the necessary transport arrangements for your child.

Gifted Education Programme (GEP) Identification Exercise 2022

The tentative dates for the GEP Screening and Selection Exercises for the 2022 Primary 3 students are:

Stage	Date	Participants
GEP Screening Exercise	17 August 2022 (Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils enrolled in government and government-aided schools
GEP Selection Exercise	18 & 19 October 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Primary 3 pupils shortlisted after the GEP Screening Exercise

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>.

Staying Responsible And Safe

The COVID-19 vaccination exercise for children aged 5-11 has been ongoing since 27 December 2021. We strongly encourage parents/ guardians to get your children vaccinated if they are medically eligible so that our children are better protected against COVID-19, especially with the anticipated rise in Omicron COVID-19 cases.

Before the vaccination:

- Share with your child about why it is important to take the vaccine. Focus on how the vaccine helps keep their teachers and family safe.
- Prepare them for what to expect – waiting for their turn, having the medical officers speak to them, receiving the injection.
- Discuss coping strategies that your child can use during the vaccination such as breathing in and out or counting from 1 to 10.
- Plan some quiet activities that they can do while they are being monitored for 30 minutes post-vaccination.

On the day of the vaccination, let your child:

- Take a light meal and drink water.
- Wear a comfortable top with sleeves that can be rolled up easily.
- Bring along their Student Identification/ Birth Certificate/ Passport/ SingPass, and a signed hardcopy or softcopy consent form (if applicable).

**Please do not come for your appointment if your child is unwell, or a household member is having flu-like symptoms. Postpone your child's vaccination.*

After the vaccination:

- Affirm your child for positive behaviour shown.
- Monitor your child for any side-effects (e.g fever, headache, pain, redness, or swelling at the injection site) Most side effects are mild and improve in a few days. If in the rare instance your child experiences chest pain, difficulty breathing or rash, please seek medical attention immediately.
- Ensure that your child avoids strenuous activities like cycling or swimming for 2 weeks.

We hope that parents will be with us as we strive to keep schools safe and allow us to progressively resume school activities for the benefit of our students' holistic educational experience.

From 25 January 2022, children aged 5-11 will be able to walk in with their parents/ guardians to any pediatric vaccination centre to receive their first dose without prior appointment. Appointment bookings are still required for Fridays to Sundays.

Please inform us about your child's date of vaccination by dropping a text message to the Year Heads. Thank you for doing your part to keep our children, families and wider community safe and resilient against COVID-19.

Gentle Reminder

The school would like to continue to help develop your child to become more independent and responsible. If your child has forgotten to bring his/ her books/ assignments/ personal belongings to school, do note that you do not need to make the trip down to school to hand them to him/ her. If the school requires the item to be submitted urgently, your child's teacher will contact you.

Do remind your child to note down in his/ her student planner the things that he/ she is told to bring to school. He/ she should diligently refer to the student planner every night to pack his/ her bag daily. This will help ensure that he/ she only brings what is necessary to school.