



# Canossa Newsbites

November 2023

## Did You Know?

Using her large inheritance, Magdalene founded the Canossian Daughters of Charity, who ministered to the people living in the slums of Verona.



**“Peace and charity  
will never be too  
costly for us.”**

- 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

## With Gratitude



St. Magdalene of Canossa was born into the Marchesi Canossa family in Verona on 1 March 1774. Aware of the needs of the city's poor and guided by a profound religious search, she chose to serve God in dedication and service to the poor.

On 8 May 1808, upon leaving the wealth and security of Palazzo Canossa, she started the Institute of the Canossian Daughters of Charity with some companions and began the Charity Schools for children in Verona. Her belief was that every child reflects God and intent. She recognised that the education received by our children produces the fruits – the formation of the heart, the enlightening of the mind and the empowering of the spirit.

As we reflect on the academic year that has passed, we give thanks to God for our Canossian Sisters who love, care and pray for our children. We are blessed to have our Canossian educators who live out Foundress' mission in the guiding and teaching of our children. We are grateful for all our children whom we have witnessed grow and blossom; our children who have been blessed to be a blessing. And we give thanks for our parents who have journeyed with us hand in hand.

On 1 March 2023, we started our year-long thanksgiving for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mother Foundress, St. Magdalene of Canossa, themed *Accendi La Vita* which means *Set Life on Fire*. Having experienced many meaningful school activities throughout the year, our children's lives have been filled with love and their passion has been ignited to make wherever they are a loving place with their words and deeds.

With hearts of gratitude, we look forward to 2024 – a year with so much potential for us to continue to grow as daughters and sons of Canossa in the Canossian mission that Mother Foundress has inspired.

## Calendar of Events (November)

| Date                       | Events                                | Remarks  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 3 – 4 November             | Catechism Youth Camp (Overnight)      | Refer to the letter to P5 - P6 Catholic students who signed up.  |
| 6 November                 | CCPS Gives Thanks                     | Curtailed School Hours<br><b>(Dismissal at 10.30am)</b>  |
| 10 November                | P6 Graduation                         | Primary 1 – Primary 5 students do not report to school.<br><br>Primary 6 students report to school from 7.30am – 11.30am.    |
| 13 November                | Deepavali                             | Public Holiday off in-lieu   |
| 17 November                | 2023 P1 to P5 Awards Presentation Day | Primary 1 – Primary 6 students do not report to school.<br><br>All P1 – P5 prize winners must arrive by <b>7.30am</b> sharp. |
| 18 November-1 January 2024 | Term 4 School Vacation                | School starts on <b>3 January</b> 2024, Wednesday, for all Primary 2 - Primary 6 students.                                   |

### Did You Know?

*Magdalene passed away on April 10, 1835. But her order has thrived, spreading throughout the world to over 34 countries.*



“The **spirit of prayer** is  
**our support** and  
**consolation.**”

St Magdalene of Canossa

## Travel Declarations

To ensure that schools continue to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we require parents/ guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ ward if he/ she will be travelling for the holidays.

To make a travel declaration for your child/ ward via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE > TRAVELS]. For travel during the school holidays, indicate both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit. Only one parent is required to make the declaration.

If your child/ ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required. When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates.

If there is a change in travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG if there is a change in travel destination or inform the school if the travel plan(s) are cancelled.

### **Did You Know?**

*At the time of her death on 10 April 1835, there were five houses of Canossian Sisters. Today the congregation has almost 4,000 members in 395 houses in 34 countries around the world and the "Canossian family" includes the Canossian Sons of Charity (priests and brothers – founded 1821) as well as the Canossian lay volunteers who carry out the works.*



**“The most beautiful way to start the day is with a grateful heart.”**

- St Magdalene of Canossa

## Nomination of teachers for national awards

The President’s Award for Teachers (PAT) and The Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA) 2024

Every year, two national awards are given out to teachers in Singapore to recognize their professional excellence. They are the President’s Award for Teachers (PAT) and the Outstanding Youth in Education Award (OYEA).

PAT gives national recognition to experienced teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify deep passion for teaching and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds.

OYEA gives national recognition to young teachers who are role models for the teaching profession. These teachers personify youthful idealism, energy and enthusiasm, and inspire both their students and peers through their words and deeds. Educators who are 35 years and younger are eligible for the award. Hence, OYEA 2024 is open to educators who were born on or after 30 June 1989.

## National Institute of Education (NIE) Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) 2024

The Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) by NIE aims to acknowledge teachers in our school who go beyond the call of duty, nurturing the holistic development of their students and ensuring their charges grow up to be confident, independent and resilient learners for Singapore.

Nominations for PAT 2024, OYEA 2024 and CTA 2024 are now open and will close on Wednesday, 10 January 2024. We would like to invite you and your child/ward to submit your nomination(s) for any deserving teacher(s) whom you know by scanning the QR codes below.

| PAT 2024  | OYEA 2024   | CTA 2024  |
|---|---|---|
| <a href="https://go.gov.sg/pat2024">https://go.gov.sg/pat2024</a>                   | <a href="https://go.gov.sg/oyea2024">https://go.gov.sg/oyea2024</a>                   | <a href="http://www.cta.nie.edu.sg">www.cta.nie.edu.sg</a>                            |
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## Family Fun for the Holidays

Quality time with your children can be as simple as taking a short break to do a meaningful activity together. Encourage your child to explore their strengths and interests to boost their self-esteem and independence. Whether you intend to stay home or head outdoors, here are some suggested activities:

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|---|---|
| Does your child want to give back to the community as a leader of hope and a sower of change? | When we involve our children to give back to the community, they understand the values of compassion and empathy. If your child wishes to do more, check out volunteer opportunities at these non-profit organisations and charities.   |
| Does your child love to sing and make music?  | Music improves our mood and reduces stress. You can play karaoke versions of holiday favourites and your child can learn the lyrics to them.  |
| Does your child like reading different genres of books?                                       | Check out some book recommendations suitable for all Primary School levels from the National Library Board (NLB) at <a href="https://childrenandteens.nlb.gov.sg/book-recommendations/recommend-primary/">https://childrenandteens.nlb.gov.sg/book-recommendations/recommend-primary/</a>   |
| Does your child like to draw, paint, or sculpt?   | Ignite your child's creativity by introducing them to art & craft activities! It's not always necessary to get new materials. Challenge them to use recycled or existing items at home. Immerse your child in the world of art at a visit to the museum.<br>If you're feeling more adventurous, try a public art walking trail ( <a href="https://www.roots.gov.sg/places/places-landing/trails/public-art-walking-trail/">https://www.roots.gov.sg/places/places-landing/trails/public-art-walking-trail/</a> )! |
| Does your child enjoy helping in the kitchen?   | Bring your child out for a picnic! You can get them involved in helping to prepare yummy picnic meals and encourage creativity in plating.  |
| Is your child curious and full of energy?   | Explore Sentosa Island through home-based activity sheets to discover flora and fauna! Find out more about their resident animals and heritage sites and try to spot them when you visit Sentosa.   |

Be physically and emotionally present when you spend quality time with your child. Showing an interest in the things that matter to them will help you understand each other better and strengthen parent-child bonds. Whatever the activity, it is about building beautiful memories and strengthening the bond with your child. Happy Holidays!

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/parent-kit/parent-kit---family-fun-for-the-holidays.pdf/>

### Did You Know?

*Magdalene was beatified by Pope Pius XII in 1941 and canonized over forty years later by Pope John Paul II in 1988.*



“Let us **serve our Lord**

with **courage** and a

**generous heart** filled with

**love**, but in **peace.**”

- St Magalene of Canossa

## Did you know?

Today, the Canossian Sisters continue St. Magdalene's mission of love, educating the youth, assisting the sick and elderly, proclaiming the Good News of God's love through schools, homes and spiritual formation.



**“Prayer is the exercise by which the soul draws closer to the Lord.”**

- St. Magdalene of Canossa



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## MOE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME (FAS) 2024

The Ministry of Education provides financial assistance to Singaporean students from our Government and Government-Aided Schools who need financial assistance for their studies.

### INCOME CRITERION

Gross Monthly Household Income =

**\$3,000**  
OR BELOW

OR

Per Capita Income =

**\$750**  
OR BELOW

Calculate Per Capita Income =  
 $\frac{\text{Total Gross Monthly Household Income}}{\text{No. of Household Members}}$

### BENEFITS

| Item                 | Academic Level  |   |                                |
|----------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
|                      | Primary   | Secondary   | Pre-U                          |
| School Fees          | Not applicable  | Full subsidy of \$5 per month   | Full subsidy of \$6 per month  |
| Miscellaneous Fees   | Full subsidy of \$13 per month  | Full subsidy of \$20 per month  | Full subsidy of \$27 per month |
| Textbooks            | Free textbooks  |   | Not applicable                 |
| School Attire        | Free school attire  |   | Not applicable                 |
| Transport Subsidy*   | 65% of monthly school bus fares for students taking school bus; or<br>\$17 transport subsidy per month from month of approval, up to \$204 per annum for students taking public transport | \$17 transport subsidy per month from month of approval, up to \$204 per annum for students taking public transport |                                |
| School Meal Subsidy* | Subsidy for 7 meals per 5-day school week from month of approval, for up to 40 school weeks per annum   | Subsidy for 10 meals per 5-day school week from month of approval, for up to 40 school weeks per annum              | Not Applicable                 |
| Bursary              | Not applicable  |   | \$1,200 per annum              |

\*If the FAS application approval is not from January, the transport subsidy will be pro-rated accordingly from the month after your application is approved to December of the same year.  
\*Subsidies for school meals purchased and consumed in school.

### HOW TO APPLY?

Application forms are available from the school and MOE website. The school will notify you of the outcome of your application.

### ADDITIONAL HELP REQUIRED?

If you need additional help, you can approach your child's school for further financial assistance.

If you need help to get a digital device and/or broadband internet access, you can apply for IMDA's DigitalAccess@Home scheme<sup>1</sup>. For details, please visit [www.digitalaccess.gov.sg](http://www.digitalaccess.gov.sg)

For enquiries, please contact IMDA hotline 6377 3800 or e-mail: [digitalaccess@mda.gov.sg](mailto:digitalaccess@mda.gov.sg)

\* Subject to eligibility and availability.

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### Parents with children in different schools

You need to submit only one application form for all your school-going children to one of their schools. The school which receives the application form will inform you of the outcome for all the children.

#### Primary 6 students going to Secondary 1 in 2024

Primary 6 students can apply for MOE FAS at their primary school for Secondary 1 next year.

For more information, visit [www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance/](http://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/financial-assistance/)