



Canossa Newsbites

January 2024

Home News

We welcome to the Canossian Family the following teachers:

- Ms Sylvia Lee
- Mdm Neo Shu Ling
- Mrs Veronica Lim
- Mr Jeremy Wong
- Mr Isaac Tan
- Ms Gurunath Sobitha

Farewell to:

- Mrs Angela Tan
- Ms Ariel Yu
- Ms Prashanaah
- Mdm Prisca
- Ms Sabrina
- Ms Yali

We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

“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



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

A blessed New Year to all of you and a warm welcome back to a new academic school year! We also warmly welcome the children and parents across Primary 1 to Primary 5 who have just joined us here at Canossa this year.

On 1 March 2023, we began our year-long thanksgiving for the 250th Birth Anniversary of Mother Foundress, St. Magdalene of Canossa (1774 – 2024), themed *Accendi La Vita* which means (to) *Set Life on Fire*. The theme asks for all of us as Canossians to live a life filled with passion of loving service to others.

We now return to an exciting academic year in 2024 as we continue the celebrations of the 250th Birth Anniversary, giving thanks for the grace that all of us have been called to be Canossians. We are eternally grateful to St. Magdalene and the Canossian Sisters for their courage to say YES to God. Since 1941, the Canossian Sisters have passionately walked in the footsteps of Mother Foundress here at Sallim Road and reached out to children in this community, starting with the care of orphaned children. Despite the challenges faced during the early years and the war, the Canossian Sisters stayed true to their calling, protecting and loving every child in their care. Today, they are still in our midst, loving and praying for your children and all of us daily.

We anticipate an exciting and wonderful year ahead as we journey with you in love, faith and dedication to raise your children together with you as *Leaders of Hope* and *Sowers of Change*. May the passion for life always be ablaze in them to make wherever they are a loving place, knowing that they can make things better.

For parents who have been with us through the years, we thank you for your warm relationship with us in your child's education. You have been loving companions and key collaborators on this journey of raising our daughters and sons of Canossa together. To our new parents, we pray you will love being a part of this precious and beautiful family. We are all here not by chance, but truly by the grace of God. Just as we lift all of you in our prayers, we ask for you to also keep the Canossian Sisters and all of us in the school in your prayers.

May I take this opportunity to wish you rich blessings of hope, health and goodness from God for 2024.

God bless you and your family.

Mrs Eugenie Tan

Principal

Did You Know?

Stanford psychologist Prof. Carol Dweck, one of the world's leading researchers in the field of motivation, believes that students adopting the right mindset is key to keeping them motivated.

Her research discusses two types of mindsets: growth and fixed. She found that people with a growth mindset are able to embrace challenges and persist even when they fail. They believe in putting in effort to achieve mastery, learn well from criticism, and find lessons in the successes of others.

To read the full article, visit
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/publications/contact-jan18.pdf>



“Offer up to the Lord what you are doing **frequently** and **with your heart.**”

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

Year Heads 2024

The Year Heads who will be journeying with you and your child are:

P1 P6	Ms Tan Wei Wei	tan_wei_wei_katherine@moe.edu.sg
P2 P3	Mrs Josephine Chua	josephine_tan_mei_ting@moe.edu.sg
P4 P5	Mrs Priscilla Ho	priscilla_gwyneth_goh_liangjin@moe.edu.sg

Enrichment & Co-Curricular Activities

Level(s)	Activity	Commencement of Activity
Selected P3-P6	Commencement of Competitive Sports and Performing Arts Co-Curricular Activities	Term 1 Week 2
P3-P6	Commencement of all other Co-Curricular Activities	Term 1 Week 3
P3-P6	Commencement of Enrichment	Term 1 Week 3

***Consent forms will be given out by the respective teachers before the start of the sessions.**

Calendar of Events (January)

Date	Events	Remarks
1 Jan	New Year's Day	Public Holiday
2 Jan	P1 Starts School	Formal school uniform to be worn daily in the first week of school.
3 Jan	First Day of School for P2-P6 students	Formal school uniform to be worn daily in the first week of school.
10 Jan	Temperature Taking Exercise	Students to bring thermometer starting from 3 Jan.
12 - 13 Jan	Prefects' Overnight Camp	More information will be given at a later date.
18 Jan	P1 & P6 School Smartcard Photo taking	Students to bring formal school uniform to change into if they have PE on 18 Jan.
22 Jan	Opening of School Year Mass	Whole school
30 Jan	NAPFA (P6)	More information will be given at a later date.

Did You Know?

Commenting on the growth mindset, Dr Dennis Kom, Lead Specialist from MOE's Guidance Branch says,

"The truth is we can always become better with effort. If you practice something over and over again, you will quite naturally get better at it."

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**"The Lord listens to
 your prayer** even when
 He does not do what we want."

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

School Safety & Security Reminders

The school places great emphasis on school safety and security. We seek parents' cooperation in the following ways:

- If you need to meet your child's teacher, please make an appointment. Please enter only via Gate 2 and register at the Guard House. Do report to the General Office to meet the teacher/staff.
- Please put on the Visitor's Tag while on the school grounds and return this when you leave.
- If you are driving, please park at the URA car park near to Gate 4.
- Please maintain a safe speed of 10km/h if you are entering the school compound to drop off or pick up your child.
- Please do not make changes to your child's dismissal arrangements, unless there is a medical/family emergency.
- Parents who wish to pick their child up before dismissal time must report to the General Office to sign their child out.
- We are part of a larger Village. Please do not wander into the school blocks, whether the Primary or the other sectors or go into the canteen for a meal or drink.
- At waiting areas at Gates 2 and 4, please avoid mingling with other parents and children. Please leave immediately after picking up your child.
- Students are to bring only the necessary stationery items to school. No scissors, penknives or any sharp objects are to be brought to school.

Did You Know?

Autonomy, competence and relatedness are major factors determining a student's motivation. According to Mrs Cheong Peck Yoke, Senior Teacher for Chemistry at TKGS,

"The process of letting [students] have a choice has provided a space for their voice. They feel good when their opinions are being considered."

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"Peace and Charity

will **never** be
too costly for us."

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

Absence from School

If your child is unable to attend school, please call the General Office at 6844 1418 from 7.00 am to 7.30 am.

Students must have a valid reason for absence from school. Absence from school for a long period of time will affect your child's progress in school.

If your child is absent for medical reasons, a medical certificate (MC) has to be produced and submitted to the Form Teacher when your child returns to school.

If your child is absent for valid reasons other than medical, a letter of explanation from the parent with documentary proof (where applicable, e.g. notice for piano examination, bereavement of family member, etc.) has to be submitted to the Form Teacher.

In addition, a Medical Certificate or a letter of explanation from parents must be submitted for all absences from Co-Curricular Activities and remedial/ modular enrichment even if parents had earlier given consent for your child to attend the lessons.

Students must not be absent during term time to travel abroad without valid reasons. The school will have to be informed in writing and permission must be granted by the Principal prior to the purchase of travel tickets.

Temperature-Taking Exercise

All Primary 1 children will be given a thermometer in class. There is no need for Primary 1 students to make any purchase.

P2 - P6 children should start bringing their own oral digital thermometer on 3 January 2024 in preparation for the Temperature-Taking exercise on 10 January 2024.

Should your child need to purchase a thermometer, he/she can do so at the school bookshop.

Did You Know?

Students need to feel valued, supported and respected.

In schools, teachers play a crucial role in helping students adopt the right mindset. By creating the right conditions in the classroom that nurture motivation.

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“Charity is a fire that spreads and tries to embrace everything in its path.”

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

2024 School Vacation

Date	Events	Remarks
9 March – 17 March	School Vacation	Between Terms 1 and Term 2
25 May – 23 June	School Vacation	Between Semesters 1 and 2
31 August – 8 September	School Vacation	Between Terms 3 and Term 4
16 November – 31 December	School Vacation	At End of School Year

2024 Scheduled School Holidays

Date	Events	Remarks
30 June	Youth Day	
1 July	Youth Day	School Holiday and designated off-in-lieu
30 August	Teachers’ Day	
4 October	Children’s Day	

2024 Public Holidays

Date	Events	Remarks
1 Jan	New Year’s Day	
10-12 Feb	Chinese New Year	
13 Feb	Chinese New Year	School Holiday and designated off-in-lieu
29 Mar	Good Friday	
10 April	Hari Raya Puasa	
1 May	Labour Day	
22 May	Vesak Day	
17 Jun	Hari Raya Haji	
9 Aug	National Day	
31 Oct	Deepavali	
25 Dec	Christmas Day	

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