



ST. FRANCIS METHODIST SCHOOL

Possibilities to Realities

where no one is left behind

23 February 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Greetings from St. Francis Methodist School.

1. Parent-Teacher Meeting

I am looking forward to seeing you at our first Parent-Teacher Meeting of the year. It will be held on **Friday, 13th March 2009** from **5pm to 6:30pm** at the **Level 2 Classrooms**. Please make your appointments with the respective teachers you wish to see. I will also be available if you wish to speak to me. Please do call and fix up the time with my Personal Assistant, Ms Cecile. It will be a great opportunity for us to get to know one another and foster a stronger collaboration so as to better help your child/ward.

2. Academic Calendar 2009

As mentioned in the previous letter, the school has made some changes to the academic calendar and the school terms will be as follows:

Semester One

Term 1: 5th January (Monday) - 13th March (Friday) (10 weeks)
Term 2: 23rd March (Monday) - 12th June (Friday) (12 weeks)

Semester Two

Term 3: 29th June (Monday) - 4th September (Friday) (10 weeks)
Term 4: 14th September (Monday) - 6th November (Friday) (8 weeks)

School Holidays:

After Term 1: 14th March (Saturday) - 22nd March (Sunday)
After Term 2: 13th June (Saturday) - 28th June (Sunday)
After Term 3: 5th September (Saturday) - 13th Sept (Sunday)
After Term 4: 7th November (Saturday) - 3rd January 2010 (Sunday)

Please be reminded that no request for personal leave during term time will be entertained as precious curriculum time will be lost.

3. Registration and Payment for GCE 'O' and 'A' Level Examinations 2009

Please note that registration for the above examinations must be done between 9 March 2009 and 13 March 2009. The subject codes must be verified and confirmed by 13 March 2009. Payment of the examination fees must be made by 27 March 2009.

4. GCE 'O' Level Results 2008

We are very pleased to inform you that the school has done better in the 2008 Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' Level and IGCSE 'O' Level Examinations as compared to the previous years. About 50% of our students can qualify for junior colleges, polytechnics and other tertiary institutions in Singapore.

Our top student in the GCE Cambridge 'O' Level Examination is Choi Hyoe Hyun who scored an L1R5 aggregate of 8 points. As for the IGCSE 'O' Level Examination, the top student is Botha Johan, who has not only scored 3As and 2Bs, but is also the top candidate for Chemistry.

Such good results could not have been possible if not for the collaborative efforts between the school and the family, on top of the hard work put in by the students themselves. We thank you for your part in this success!

5. School Decorum

I would like to seek your co-operation and assistance in supervising the overall appearance of your child/ward. Please note that no coloured hair is allowed for students. Male students are not to wear earrings/ear-studs and their fringe should not cover their eyes. Female students attending Science Practical in the laboratories should have their hair tied up for safety reasons.

6. Australian Mathematics Competition (Thursday, 6 August 2009)

As a school, we would like all our students to participate in this competition so as to benchmark their performance against international standards. Please be informed that the entry fee of S\$10.00 will be borne by the students. More details on the competition will be given at a later date.

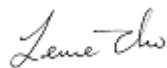
7. Methodist Walk (28th March 2009)

An annual event organised by the Methodist Schools' Foundation, the Methodist Walk aims to raise funds for all the Methodist Schools in Singapore. Each student is given a donation card to source for contributions, and all donations collected by the students will be channelled back to the school by the Methodist Schools' Foundation. This is an important avenue for us to obtain funds for student welfare, and to help the needy and deserving ones among us. I hope you will render this fund-raising effort your utmost support by giving generously.

8. Open House

Last but not least, I would like to thank all of you for your attendance and support at the St. Francis Open House on 17 January 2009. Your presence has truly made the day a special one. For your information, this event which serves as an excellent platform for us to inform the public about St. Francis and also to showcase the talents of our students will be held annually. We look forward to your continued support.

Thank you. Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lenie Cho
CEO/Principal