ST. FRANCIS METHODIST SCHOOL
Possibilities to Realities

February 6, 2006

Dear Parents/Guardians

We wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Supplementary Examinations in Jan 2006
Thank you very much for your understanding and support for the above project. We are indeed very appreciative of all those parents and guardians who have called in to thank us for this initiative.

On your behalf, I wish to thank all the teachers for so willingly making time to help their students.

Only a few students were not advanced to the next level. Most students have demonstrated their seriousness about the examinations and have shown improvement and are therefore being promoted to the next level of studies.

New Commencement time for Students under St Francis Academy
The school has restructured itself into four (4) Divisions: **Preparatory Programme** for SET courses; **Lower Secondary** for Secondary 1 & 2; **Upper Secondary** for Sec 3 & 4 and **St Francis Academy** for all Pre-University One or AUSMAT Grade 11 students and above.

Apart from students under St Francis Academy (which starts school **from 0830 hours onwards**), all the other three Divisions will commence school daily at 0800 hours punctually.

New Discipline Measure – fine system
We are indeed grateful to parents and guardians who are very supportive of this initiative. The school is not just focusing on the physical appearance but more so on students' regular attendance in class. Students who do not take their studies seriously will be counselled and dealt with in accordance to the School new Code of Conduct (a copy of the summarized version is attached for your reference).

The **fine system** was introduced since last year to deter smoking in and out of school premises. It is now extended to students who persist in coming to school late or cut classes. All proceeds collected will be channelled towards the school Scholarship and Bursary Funds.

Meet The Parents Session, Open House and Innovative Science & Creativity Workshops

March promises to be an exciting month, marked by Open House and Meet the Parents session on Saturday 11 Mar 2006. The teachers will be in school from 10.00 am to 3.30pm to meet you. To help us facilitate the meeting, we would like you to confirm your attendance by filling up the attached form.

The month continues with the Innovative Science & Creative Workshop on 13 Mar and 14 Mar organized for teachers and educationists.

Study Programmes for Sec 4 Students

To help our secondary four students, the school is encouraging our students to participate or sign up for the following programmes:

(a) Motivation Talks – The school has engaged external trainers to begin a series of motivation talks from 3 Feb 2006 to help our graduating students to stay focused on their studies. Attendance is compulsory during contact time.

(b) SpeedPlus – a learning programme put together by a group of Raffles Junior College student collaborators under the supervision of the Teacher's Cooperative with a minimum 30 contact hours commencing 13 Mar 2006 – S$600 per student (please see attached information). To encourage participation, the school will subsidise the first 10 students and students need only to pay S$450 each. [Please hand the registration form and cheque of S$600 to your care teachers now!]

(c) Singapore Teacher's Union orgainised workshops – 12 to 16 Jun

- English Language Seminars (3hours) - S$25 per student
- Literature in English Seminars – from S$25 to S$35 per student
  [Please see Mr Donald Dabbs to register now!]

The students have a responsibility to do well academically and to ensure that we are able to help them achieve their academic goals, we encourage your child/ward to actively participate in these organized activities. Our teachers will continue to identify students' areas of weaknesses and help them through supervised revisions, initially targeting students during their free periods.

a) Mon 1100 - 1140 English Language
b) Tue 0830 - 0910 Mathematics
c) Wed 0830 - 0910 Mathematics
d) Thu 0910 - 0950 English Language
e) Fri 0830 - 0910 English Language

Students will be informed by the teachers to attend these supervised revision lessons.

Extra Foundation English for Pre-U 1/Ausmat Grade 11 students
To help students who are weak in English, the School will incorporate two extra periods of Foundation English per week commencing from 6 Feb 2006. Attendance is compulsory for students identified by their teachers who fall under this category.

E-learning website and data base
Students and teachers have free access to our E-learning website: **www.the-teamwork.com** and research database: **www.lexisnexis.com/cis** on school premises. Secondary school students who would like to have access from home can apply through the School for a fee of S$120 per year for each level of study. For more information, please refer to details attached or to our school website: www.sfms.edu.sg.

Yours sincerely

Mr James Teo
Chief Operating Officer
St Francis Methodist School.

A. Meet the Parent/Guardian Session

I_____ parent/guardian of student(s) _____ of class_____ will attend the meet the Parent/guardian meeting on 11 Mar 2006.

B. SpeedPlus Programme

I _____ parent/guardian of Student(s)_____ of Class_____wish to enrol my child/ward for this programme. I also enclose a cheque of S$600 payable to St Francis Methodist School. The school will reimburse the subsidy of S$150 to the first 10 students.

C. Singapore Teacher's Union Organised Workshop

I _____ parent/guardian of Student(s)_____ of Class_____wish to enrol my child/ward for this workshop. I also enclose a cheque of S$25 or applicable amount payable to St Francis Methodist School.

P.S You may wish to fax your return to the School Office at 67608032.