



28 Oct 2022

Principal's Letter to Parents

Thanksgiving for Term 4, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

2022 has been so filled with blessings. As the COVID-19 pandemic becomes endemic, our school is once again filled with so much laughter and screams of excitement and enthusiasm! Our girls shared that the best 2022 moments were the key school events such as the joint PL Sec and PL Pri National Day celebrations, learning journeys, competitions and programmes where they could demonstrate their passion and talents. In this final week of the academic year, the staff and teachers put together an exhilarating post-examination programme for our PL-Lites, including the inaugural Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp and Dean's List Student Awards Ceremony today. We end the year with joyful and grateful hearts.

The following are some things for you to take note of as the academic year draws to an end. More importantly, at this year-end, please take time to celebrate your daughter/ward's growth.

1. Sec 3 Self-Paced E-Learning (31 Oct to 11 Nov)

Sec 3.1 to 3.9 girls have been given schedules for self-paced e-learning in the upcoming holidays. Completing this learning responsibly will provide our girls with a stronger foundation for their Sec 4 curriculum next year. Girls who do not have access to a home-based internet connection via a computer, can access the free-to-loan computers at the school library. The school library's opening hour will be 8am to 5 pm (Monday to Thursday) and 8am to 4.30pm (Friday). During lunch hour (12pm to 1pm), the library will be closed.

2. Advice for Parents on Holistic Well-Being and Safety

We would like to emphasize the importance of practising safe use of computing devices during the holidays. In <https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/186/MindSG/Caring-For-Ourselves/Learning-About-Cyber-Wellness-Youths>, you will find "Help123", a cyber wellness and digital parenting platform by TOUCH Community Services, supported by Singtel. It features content developed by experts from TOUCH Cyber Wellness, TOUCH Youth Intervention and TOUCH Parenting which are services under the TOUCH Integrated Family Group.

Please also take time to read the attached PDF-advisories which the various government agencies (SPF, CNB, NCPC and NCADA as well as HSA and HPB) have prepared for students and parents, to remind our students to stay away from crime, drug/inhalant abuse and vaping. You can find out more about the dangers of online scams, measures on how to avoid being victims of crime, as well as the laws and harms of vaping. See [Annexes A and B](#).

3. Travel Declaration and Monitoring of Health after Year-End Holidays

If your daughter/ward is travelling during the year-end holidays, please be reminded to make Travel Declaration on Parents Gateway (PG). Only one parent is required to declare.

If your daughter/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your side. When planning your travel, please refer to <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart> for more information and updates on travel. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration via PG or inform the school.

4. Year-End Holidays Essential Services

a. Bookshop Purchases

Walk-In Purchases

Opening Dates and Timings of our School Bookshop are as follows:

DATE	DAY	DESCRIPTION	TIME
16 Nov	Wed	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
17 Nov	Thur	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
18 Nov	Fri	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
19 Nov	Sat	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 12noon
23 Nov	Wed	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
24 Nov	Thur	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
25 Nov	Fri	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
28 Nov	Mon	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
29 Nov	Tue	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
05 Dec	Mon	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
06 Dec	Tue	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
07 Dec	Wed	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
08 Dec	Thur	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
09 Dec	Fri	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 3pm
10 Dec	Sat	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5	9am to 12noon
21 Dec	Wed	Self-Collection for Online for Sec 1 Only	9am to 3pm
22 Dec	Thur	Self-Collection for Online for Sec 1 Only	9am to 3pm
23 Dec	Fri	Self-Collection for Online for Sec 1 Only	9am to 3pm
27 Dec	Tue	Self-Collection for Online for Sec 1 Only	9am to 3pm
28 Dec	Wed	Self-Collection for Online for Sec 1 Only	9am to 3pm
29 Dec	Thur	Self-Collection for Online for ALL Levels	9am to 3pm
30 Dec	Fri	Self-Collection for Online for ALL Levels	9am to 3pm

Online ordering will be available on the vendor's website <https://www.pacificbookstores.com/> from 3 Nov 2022.

You may arrange for home delivery at a cost from \$13.80 (please refer to Pacific Bookstores' information attached below), or self-collect (FOC) at the School Bookshop on the specific dates given to you when your orders are ready.

At your convenience, you may choose between Self-Collection and Home Delivery.

Shipping Mode	Delivery Fee (incl GST)	Delivery / Collection (Date & Time)
Self Collection	Free	*As per selected date / time
Home Delivery - Orders with 1 cart	\$13.80	*As per selected date (0900 - 1800)
Home Delivery - Orders with 2 cart	\$15.80	*As per selected date (0900 - 1800)
Home Delivery - Orders with 3 cart	\$17.80	*As per selected date (0900 - 1800)
Home Delivery - Orders with 4 cart	\$19.80	*As per selected date (0900 - 1800)

SELF-COLLECTION are at the respective school bookshop.

HOME DELIVERY are fulfilled by our third party courier

In consideration for families with more than 1 child from the same school, we have implemented multi-tiered delivery fee to optimise savings for their online purchase.

b. School Uniform Purchases

Some of our girls have outgrown their school uniforms. These girls resort to unbuttoning the top button on their blouse or unzipping their pinafore during the school day because their uniforms are tight and uncomfortable. We encourage our girls to change their school uniforms (especially those transiting in the upper secondary years), so that learning can be optimal during the school day.

Walk-In Purchases

2023 Sec 2 to 5 girls may purchase their new school uniform at the supplier's outlet before 15 Dec 2022. After this date, the supplier will focus on serving the Sec 1 girls.

School Uniform Supplier Shirley Season Wear

Address: 7030 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 #04-55 Northstar@AMK Singapore 569880

Tel: 6280 4917

Opening hrs: Mondays to Saturdays, 12noon to 6pm (Jan-Nov 2022);

Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays

Mondays to Sundays, 12noon to 6pm (Dec 2022)

Online Purchases

Online purchase is available at the vendor's website <https://shirleyuni.com/> You may arrange for home delivery at the cost of \$7.

c. School Canteen Opening Hours

The school canteen will continue to operate during the O-Level examination period. 2 stalls will be operating from 7.30am to 2pm from 31 Oct to 11 Nov to support students taking the O-Level examinations and to support students returning to school for CCAs.

d. Library Opening Hours

During the year-end school holidays, the School Library will be open every Mondays to Thursdays, 8am to 5pm and Fridays 8am to 4.30pm. During the lunch break from 12noon to 1pm, the library will be closed.

5. 2023 School Terms and Holidays

Please refer to the following URL for 2023 School Terms and Holidays.

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20221019-school-terms-and-holidays-for-2023>

Our school's protected holiday periods for staff and students in 2023 are:

- March holidays – 11–19 Mar (*Girls involved in the 2023 SYF presentations and the 2023 National School Games may be required to come to school for additional practices.*)
- June holidays – 27 May–25 Jun
- Sept holidays – 2–10 Sep
- Nov/Dec holidays – 18 Nov onwards (tentative)

6. Highlights of Key School Events in Nov/Dec 2022 and Jan 2023

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Nov/Dec 2022 and Jan 2023. I would like to highlight the PL e-Open House scheduled on 25 November 2022, 6.30 p.m. Besides learning about PLMGS(Sec) through the e-Open House microsite, you are invited to attend the e-Open House webinar session to learn about the school's direction and total curriculum. At the webinar session, you will be able to interact the school leaders, key personnel and student leaders.

Dates	Key Events
9 Nov (Wed)	PL Mega Camp for Student Leaders – Pre-Camp Workshop
14 Nov (Mon)	Cambridge Dinner (for Sec 4 and 5)
16 – 18 Nov (Wed – Fri)	PL Mega Camp for Student Leaders
23 – 25 Nov (Wed – Fri)	(Tentative) Release of 2022 PSLE Results
25 Nov (Fri), 6.30pm	PL e-Open House Learn about PLMGS(Sec) by visiting the PL e-Open House microsite as follows: https://go.gov.sg/aw64hn

	You can register to attend e-Open House webinar session as follows: https://go.gov.sg/c7sn16
19 – 21 Dec (Mon – Wed)	(Tentative) Release of GCE N-Level Results
21 – 23 Dec (Wed - Fri)	(Tentative) Release of 2023 Sec 1 Posting Results
Next working day after the release of posting results	Sec 1 2023 Registration (online only) (More details will be released closer to this date. All purchases of school's supplies, briefing session etc. will be conducted online.)
24, 25 Dec (Sat, Sun)	Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
26 Dec (Mon)	Christmas Day Off-In-Lieu
27 – 29 Dec (Tue – Thur)	2023 iDiscover Camp preparations
1 Jan 2023 (Sun)	New Year's Day
2 Jan 2023 (Mon)	New Year's Day Off-In-Lieu
3 Jan 2023 (Tue)	2023 New Academic Year begins Principal's Welcome Assembly Sec 2 – 5 will be on a special Time-Table until 6 Jan 2023
3 – 5 Jan (Tue – Thur)	Sec 1 Orientation and iDiscover Camp Sec 1 Parents-Meet-Principal on 5 Jan
6 Jan (Fri)	2023 CCA Fair Sec 1 CCA Exploration starts
12 – 16 Jan (Thur – Mon)	(Tentative) Release of GCE O-Level Results
19 Jan (Thur)	Sec 4/5 Parents-Meet-Principal

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PAYALEBARMGS/>).

7. Traffic and Safety Matters

- a. In addition to the Main Gate, Gate 4 (public carpark next to school) and Lokam Gate, parents who drive and drop off Pri and Sec PL-Lites may also choose to let your Sec daughter/ward alight at the Pri School car drop-off bay and walk to the Sec School via Gate 2. It will be open daily until 7.30 am.



- b. The construction of the covered linkway outside the school from the bus stop to the Pri School is on schedule to be completed by end 2022. Please help to remind your daughters to pay attention to the work areas as they arrive or leave school.

Thank you for your support and partnership to care for your daughter/ward. On behalf of the PL family, we wish you a blessed school holiday with your family and loved ones.

Yours faithfully,
Ms Amy Ng
Principal