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Dear Parents/Guardian of Secondary 4 and 5 students,

1 Term 1 ended on a happy note for our Secondary 4 and 5 students as they went on a class-based activity together. It is befitting to cap a term of dedicated teaching and learning by our staff and students as they took the morning on the last day of school to go to a different place and for various activities they do not usually do together. I hope your child/ward has come back to share his/her experience with you. Knowing what your child/ward may have experienced in school is a good conversation starter to connect with him/her about his/her relationships in school and sense of well-being. The school regularly shares our activities for students on the school's official Instagram account whereby you can view snapshots of your child/ward's school life. Do search for us using *officialctss* on Instagram.

2 In the rest of this letter, the school would like to share information about school activities which have been planned for Sec 4s and Sec 5s in Term 2.

Remediation for Identified Students

3 Upon school reopening in Term 2 until Week 5 (before Mid-Year Examinations), subject teachers will hold remediation with identified students who will benefit from additional academic support. The duration of each session is 45min. The first session is from 3.35 to 4.20pm, and second session is from 4.20 to 5.05pm. When remediation and CCA coincide for identified students, they will attend remediation first then join their CCA thereafter. Parents'/Guardian's consent will be sought through Parents Gateway.

Well-being Week (Monday 28 March to Friday 1 April 2022)

4 CTSS Well-being week aims to educate students on their self-management of personal well-being, both psychologically and physically. We hope that Clementeens will learn, start and sustain healthy psychological and physical habits through a series of informative activities that will be conducted during Aspire Time, recesses and lessons. The series of activities will be led by Sports Leaders and Peer Support Leaders, for Clementeens by Clementeens.

5 In the area of cultivating good physical habits, Clementeens will learn to be mindful of the food we consume. They will also have the opportunities to participate in exercises during recess and lunch break so as to keep their body active. Clementeens will also get to explore a new sport - Korfbal during PE lessons.

6 To enhance psychological well-being, Clementeens will learn to focus on strengthening their resilience muscle through thought reframing process, commit efforts in the area of self-care as well as showing care and support for others.

International Friendship Day (Friday 8 April 2022)

7 International Friendship Day helps the world to overcome its challenges and complexity using the most basic form of human solidarity, friendship.

8 The theme for International Friendship Day this year is *Singapore in Asia*. Asia is made up of colourful and diverse cultures. Mutual understanding of each other's culture helps to promote regional peace through the acknowledgement and respect of cultural differences within the region.

9 This year, for International Friendship Day, students will get the opportunity to appreciate the culture of selected ASEAN countries through engaging booth activities during recess throughout the week. Character and Citizenship Education (CCE) lessons will also portray how countries within the region help each other through different situations, highlighting the cooperation and solidarity of ASEAN.

42nd Speech and Prize-Giving Day (Thursday, 14 April 2022)

10 CTSS is celebrating our 42nd Speech and Prize-Giving Day on Thursday, 14 April 2022. Due to Covid-19 and as part of our Safe Management Measures, the school will only be inviting our present Sec 4/5 prize winners and 2021 prize winners to attend the ceremony held in our school hall at 3.30pm. Our Sec 2 and 3 Prize Giving Ceremony will be held during morning assembly on Tuesday, 12 April 2022. However, both ceremonies will be broadcasted on **Youtube Live** for all parents/guardians and stakeholders to view on the actual days of the ceremony. More details regarding the broadcasting will be posted in Parents Gateway in April.

Sec 4/5 CCA Stand-Down (Thursday, 14 April 2022)

11 In view of the National Examinations for graduating students, Sec 4 and 5 students will hand over and stand down from their CCA after 14 April 2022, with the exception for a small group of students from the Sports CCA due to their involvement in National School Games (NSGs) 2022.

12 With NSGs scheduled to resume in Term 2, some Sec 4 and 5 students who are school sports team representatives may be required to be involved in NSG Competitions for up to another 2 weeks after 14 April 2022, subject to the respective CCA's NSG Competition Schedule. Parents/Guardians of these students will receive a separate Parent Gateway (PG) notification from the respective CCA Parents once the competition schedule is available.

Sec 4/5 NAPFA Test (Tuesday, 19 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2022)

13 The NAPFA Test for Sec 4 and 5 students was originally scheduled on 19 and 20 April 2022. It will now be conducted during PE lessons between weeks 3 to 6 instead.

Secondary 4/5 English and Mother Tongue Languages Oral Exam (21 April to 27 April)

14 The English and Mother Tongue Languages Oral Exams will be held between 21 April and 27 April 2022, after curriculum hours. The marks for the Mother Tongue Languages oral exam will be included in the mid-year exam Mother Tongue Language result while the English Language oral exam marks will be included in the preliminary exam. Students will be informed of their individual date and time slot by their subject teachers.

Sec 4/5 Mid-Year Examination (28 and 29 April, 5 May to 13 May 2022)

15 The Sec 4 & 5 Mid-Year Examination will be from **Thu 28 Apr to Fri 29 Apr 2022 and Thu 5 May to Fri 13 May 2022**. Note that **2 May, 3 May and 16 May 2022** are public holidays due to Labour Day, Hari Raya Puasa and Vesak Day. Students do not need to report on **Wed 17 May 2022** as it is Marking Day. The school will update all students and parents/guardians of the detailed examination schedule by **28 Mar 2022**.

Sec 4/5 Mother Tongue Language Intensive Programme (23 May to 26 May, during school hours)

16 The GCE 'O' Level Mother Tongue and Mother Tongue 'B' Syllabus Written Examination will be held on 30 May and 31 May respectively. To better prepare our students for this written examination, the Mother Tongue department will be conducting MTL Intensive Programme for the graduating students who are taking the above papers, from 23 May to 26 May. Subject teachers will communicate the arrangements with the students accordingly.

Leadership Handover Ceremony (Thursday, 26 May 2022)

17 The Leadership Handover Ceremony will be held on the morning of Thursday, 26 May, as part of the end-of-term programme to give due recognition to our Upper Secondary Student Leaders for their committed service to the school in their various capacities, and to witness these leaders' passing of the baton to our next generation

of student leaders who are currently in Sec 2 or 3. We look forward to celebrating the achievements and growth of our Clementeens.

Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction (Thursday 26 May and Friday 27 May 2022)

18 In view of the Covid-19 situation and as part of our precautionary measure undertaken by the school to minimise contact between our students, staff and other stakeholders, our Mid-Year Parent-Staff Interaction will be held via either phone call or Zoom (a video conference platform) this year. An announcement will be put up on Parents Gateway to invite you to register your mode of communication with the CCA Parent and/or Subject Teachers in May 2022. You will choose to meet the CCA Parent and/or Subject Teacher on either Thursday 26 May or Friday 27 May 2022.

School Musical (Friday, 3 June 2022)

19 CTSS' biennial School Musical will be put up on 3 June 2022, following a three-year hiatus due to Covid-19. The production serves as a platform to celebrate and encourage students' talents in singing, dancing and acting, and seeks to develop students in stage and event management as well. The musical is supported by members of the CTSS alumni, who are currently involved in our local Performing Arts scene. The school musical journey began in 2009, and we will see the presentation of our 7th Musical, *REPLAY*, at NAFA's Lee Foundation Theatre, in a matinee at 2.30pm and evening show at 7.00pm. Ticket sales will be launched in Term 2.

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS' SUPPORT

COVID-19 Related Matters

20 We thank parents/guardians for your continued partnership and vigilance to ensure our school community to safe from Covid-19. Please take note of the following procedures, which will continue to be in place in Term 2.

- a. Daily Temperature Taking for students. In Term 2, daily temperature taking for the school will be conducted only on the first 3 days from school reopening. We would need parents/guardians to assist in reminding your child/ward to have their personal thermometer in their bags at all times.
- b. Test positive for COVID-19. If your child/ward is tested positive for COVID-19 on self-administered ART, and have no or mild symptoms, please consider booking an appointment at the Combined Test Centres (CTCs) and Quick Test Centres (QTCs) to do a supervised self-administered ART test instead of seeing a doctor.

In the instance of Ag+, your child/ward will be placed under Protocol 2 and can collect 3 ART kits from vending machines. The ART test results would be updated in MOH's records. This will also facilitate the issuance of Health Risk Notice (HRN) to close contacts for their self-monitoring.

Your child/ward can return to school after recovery and are not required to present medical certificate, doctor's letter or recovery memo. The CCAP will ask your child/ward for photo evidence of their ART results for those who self-exit after 72 hours and before their time-based discharge.

Missing of Non-Weighted Assessment (NWA) due to Ag+ and ARI symptoms

In view of the current pandemic situation, photographic evidence of Ag+ result will be accepted as a valid reason for absence from NWA.

Similarly, for the time being, the school will accept a parent's letter explaining the child/ward's absence for NWA if it is due to ARI symptoms (e.g. flu, fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose and shortness of breath) but are deemed to be manageable with self-medication. Please indicate this clearly in the letter for your child/ward to bring back to his/her CCAP. This interim measure is to ease the load of our primary healthcare clinics.

- c. Health Risk Notice (HRN). If your child/ward is issued HRN (Protocol 3) by MOH, please assist to remind your child/ward to exercise personal responsibility and carry out a self-administered ART daily before reporting to school during their 5-day self-monitoring period. If he/she is tested Ag+, please follow Protocol 2 or if they are unwell, they should see a doctor.

School Advisory Committee

21 The school would like to update all parents/guardians on the list of members in our School Advisory Committee (SAC). The SAC plays an active role in promoting excellence in our school by providing advice on the strategic directions based on their expertise, experience and diverse perspective. The composition of our SAC is as follows:

Name	Appointment
Mr Lee Tuan See	Chairman
Mr Zac Tan Lip Beng	Vice Chairman
Mdm Rasidah Bte Rahim	Secretary
Mr Ang Kok Wee	Member
Mr Jason Lee Kin Wah	Member
Mr Ivan Chua Boon Chwee	Member
Dr Bernard Lim Siew Hung	Member
Mr Fong Cheng Wah Justin	Member
Mr James Yin Kah Ho	Member
Mr Yeong Wai Teck	Member

Safety and Security Related Matters

22 The school appreciates that the majority of our parents/guardians are cooperative and partners with us in ensuring the safety and security of our staff and students. We would like to remind parents/guardians on the following:

- a. Visitor Declaration. To enable the accounting of all visitors and to prevent entry of those with Covid-19 related medical conditions into the school compound, all visitors are to have their temperature taken and complete the visitor declaration at the Security Guard Post. Upon clearance by the security guards, visitors MUST display the school visitor's sticker prominently on the upper right side of the shirt/blouse.
- b. No Parking/Waiting at the Foyer. The school has received feedback from numerous drive-in parents that there were occasions when the drop-off point at the Foyer was jammed due to vehicles waiting for pick-up. Please be reminded that the road along the Foyer is meant to be a drop-off/pick-up point and not for parking or waiting. Parents/guardians can park their vehicles at Carpark A if your child/ward is not ready to board the vehicle.
- c. Gates to enter school in the morning. From Term 2 Week 2 (28 March onwards), the school will operate with only 2 gates for students to enter the school in the morning i.e. Gate ALPHA (at main entrance) and Gate BETA (at side gate near to HDB Block 435). The allocation of gates to the respective cohorts will be as follows:

Sec 1	Sec 2	Sec 3	Sec 4 & 5
Gate BETA	Gate ALPHA	Gate BETA	Gate ALPHA

23 I look forward to another school term of rich and meaningful learning together with our Clementeans. I also seek parents'/guardian's continued understanding and support to work with my staff as we nurture them holistically.

Yours sincerely,

Mdm Rasidah Bte Rahim
Principal

(This is an electronic letter. No signature is required.)