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Dear Parents/Guardian of Secondary 1 students,

1 Term 1 has been an exciting time for change and learning for our new Sec 1 students as they transitioned from primary to secondary school. By now, they are more accustomed to the school environment, learning expectations and would have also formed some friendships with their classmates and CCA mates. Our Sec 2 and 3 Peer Support Leaders (PSLs) have helped them settle in in the past few months. Our PSLs are inspired by their seniors before and now they are paying it forward with a sense of humility to serve and confidence to lead, like in our school mission, through supporting their juniors.

2 A recent highlight of Term 1 would have been the unboxing of their personal learning devices (PLDs) in Week 9, which was followed by their first Self-Directed Learning days in Week 10. On the last day of school, all Sec 1 students also experienced a different mode of learning as part of their cohort activity. They were introduced to additional tools and functions of their PLDs through the completion of challenges in groups.

3 The school regularly shares our activities for students on the school's official Instagram account. We invite you to follow this account to view snapshots of school life for your child/ward. 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. Do search for us using *officialctss* on Instagram.

4 In the rest of this letter, the school would like to share information about school activities which have been planned for Sec 1s in Term 2.

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

5 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.

6 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 - Korfball during PE lessons.

7 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)

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

9 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.

10 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.

Sec 1 to 3 Student Leadership Training (Thursday, 7 April 2022)

11 There will be a Student Leadership Training session on the afternoon of 7 April 2022 for all newly appointed student leaders and the Executive Committee members of the various student leadership bodies. This is aimed for the student leaders to understand their roles and to equip them with the basic knowledge and mindsets to be confident leaders with the humility to serve.

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

12 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.

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

13 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.

Sec 1 Self-Directed Learning Day (Tuesday, 17 May & Friday, 27 May 2022)

14 Blended Learning provides our students the opportunities to learn using both online and offline approaches, both in class as well as on home-based learning days. In class, Blended Learning is facilitated by the students' PLDs. Blended Learning will also occur on home-based learning days, which CTSS refers to as Self-Directed Learning Days (SDL Days, for short). SDL Days aim to provide students with more opportunities to learn at their own pace and to be empowered to take charge of their own learning. The SDL Days are also part of our emergency planning efforts to ensure that Clementeens can still be engaged in learning in the event of any emergency school closure.

15 Please note that your child/ward need not report to school on Tuesday, 17 May and Friday, 27 May 2022. He/She will be expected to be completing his/her learning tasks and assignments via e-Learning portals. The SDL instructions will be shared with your child/ward in his/her respective Google Classrooms on these days.

Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Cohort Camp (Thursday, 19 May to Saturday, 21 May 2022)

16 A 3-days non-residential outdoor adventure cohort camp at MOE Labrador Outdoor Adventure Learning Centre is being planned for the Sec 1 students from 19 May to 21 May 2022. This cohort camp is a key student development experience that not only gives students to the opportunity to learn and apply outdoor adventure knowledge and skills, it is also a character building opportunity to strengthen the school values adaptability, perseverance and respect. With activities conducted in small group formats, students will have to exercise

collaboration skills to work with others in order to achieve group goals. We seek your support in enabling your child/ward to attend the camp fully. Details will be provided at a later stage.

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.

School Musical (Friday, 3 June 2022)

18 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.

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ICT Workshop for Parents: Technology for Effective Learning (Saturday, 23 April 2022)

19 In this workshop, we will share the different productivity skills and tools that we have introduced to our students (e.g., notes-taking, Google Calendar, Google Keep). We will adopt a blended learning approach. Parent participants will be asked to complete some simple tasks on their own prior to the session so that we can have more time during the workshop for discussions and hands-on experimentation with the tools. The blended approach in teaching and learning is one that our teachers have introduced to our lessons. We also look forward to hearing from you some of the useful technological tools or practices that you feel we should teach our students and discuss how we can work together to develop our students into competent users of technology.

Student Development Team Workshop for Parents: Current Video Gaming Trends (Saturday, 30 April 2022)

20 In this workshop, we will share with parents/guardians what are the current video gaming trends among secondary school students and provide parents/guardians with an understanding of why and how students play video games so that we can help them manage their gaming time and be able to reap the benefits from it.

COVID-19 Related Matters

21 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 Weighted Assessment (WA) 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 WA.

Similarly, for the time being, the school will accept a parent's letter explaining the child/ward's absence for WA 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

22 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

23 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 entering into 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

24 I look forward to another school term of rich and meaningful learning together with our Clementeens. 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.)