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Dear Parents/Guardians

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK TO PARENTS : UPDATE ON KEY EVENTS FOR TERM 1 OF 2012

Greetings to you from all of us at PHS.

First of all, we would like to wish you and your family a joyous and blissful year ahead. While I am sure many parents have provided interesting leisure and educational experiences for your children and have guided them well during the last two months, I do hope that our students are re-energised and ready for the challenges in the new academic year.

Our theme for 2012 is "**God's Steadfastness: Soaring Forward**". During the Commencement Service held on 3 January, I reiterated to the students that our goal is to challenge them intellectually, grow them socially, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. As we strive to promote healthy development in all aspects of each student's life, it is also our intent to develop a student body of good character; students who are able to make good and informed decisions resulting in successful and wholesome outcomes. We encourage our students to do their utmost best daily and to make positive contributions to the groups and organizations to which they belong. We strive to instill within our student body a sense of personal pride as well as collective pride and love for the school and nation. I seek your partnership in our journey to harness potential, develop talents and inculcate wholesome values in our students toward active citizenry. I would like to appeal to all parents to support us to reinforce our purposeful intent.

Also, with the commencement of a new school year, I would like to share with you the 4 main points from the **FISH PHILOSOPHY** to help all of us to foster, encourage, & highlight growth of everyone around us:

- 1 **Be There** – *for each other by staying focused in what we are doing and how we are doing it.*
- 2 **Choose Your Attitude** – *good and bad things happen every day, we can always choose our attitudes.*
- 3 **Make Their Day** – *a kind gesture can make their day when we do things, big and small, to make others feel good.*
- 4 **Play** – *we all know that learning is more fun when we throw ourselves into it and when everyone has fun it brings excitement to learning.*

Many of our past initiatives will continue this year. I would like to highlight to you the following key events for Term 1:

S/No	Event/Details	Remarks
a	Temperature-Taking Exercise 6 January	The temperature-taking exercise is scheduled for Friday, 6 January. This is necessary to educate students on the need to take responsibility for their own health and to practise social responsibility. Please inform your child/ward to bring his/her personal Oral Digital Thermometer (ODT) to school on that day.
b	Sec 1 Meet Parents Session 7 January	We want to ensure that our incoming parents are supported and well-oriented to life at secondary school level. Parents are invited for refreshments and for interaction with teachers at 8:30am. The formal session will start at 9am. We hope to see you there!
c	Sec 2 Adventure Camp 16 to 18 January MOE Camp site at Upper Changi Coast Road	We hope to achieve the following objectives at the end of the camp for all Sec 2 students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To foster class spirit To help students to discover their potentials To create an opportunity for bonding among students To provide an outdoor educational experience for life- long learning
d	Sec 4Exp/5N Motivation Camp 4 to 6 January	This is one of the strategies to gear the students towards academic excellence in the GCE 'O'-level Examinations. Parents of graduating students are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop on Friday 6 January as part of the Meet-the-Parents' Session. The workshop will give you an insight into how you can support your children in their academic pursuit.
e	Meet-the-Parents Session for Sec 4 & 5 6 January, 6pm to 9:30pm	Our objectives for the session are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform parents of your child's/ward's conduct and academic progress in school. To serve as a platform for effective communication between parents and the school.
f	Chinese New Year Celebration, 20 January	School will function from 7:25am to 12 noon on Friday 20 January. There will be normal lessons, followed by a concert as part of the Chinese New Year celebration.
g	Annual Toss-to-Spring for all stakeholders: 3 February, 6pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The event serves to bring together the PHS Community during the festive occasion. It is fully sponsored by our School Management Board and organised by our Parent Support Group. All parents are invited to the event.
h	Common Test for Sec 1 to Sec 5, 16 to 24 February	This is part of our strategy to gear the students towards academic excellence. Please help us ensure that your child/ward has allocated sufficient time to prepare for the Common Test.
i	Meet-the-Parents Session for Sec 2 & 3 2 March, 6pm to 9pm	Our objectives for the session are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To inform parents of your child's/ward's conduct and academic progress in school. To serve as a platform for effective communication between parents and school.
j	ICT Day for Sec 1 to 3 5 & 6 March	One of the main objectives is to allow our students to experience home-based learning using ICT. Sec 1 to Sec 3 will stay at home during the 2 days and complete assignments via the Internet. A schedule will be issued to the students at a later date. We seek your support to ensure that the students adhere to the schedule.
k	Annual Cross Country Meet on 9 March, 7:30am to 11am MacRitchie Reservoir Park	Students are to make their own way there by 7.15am. This is also a platform for us to raise funds to support student enrichment programmes and activities. All students will be given a donation card to enable them to appeal for donation from their relatives and friends, especially during the festive Lunar New Year celebration. We also welcome parents to join in the run.

I look forward to working with you to provide a quality educational experience for your children in a safe, supportive, and caring environment. Please do not hesitate to contact me at LIM_Yan_Hock@moe.gov.sg if you have any questions or concerns during the year. Thank you and may the Almighty God be with you and your family always!

Yours faithfully,


Lim Yan Hock,
Principal

*****detach and return to Form Teacher*****

Reply Slip for Attendance at "Toss-to-Spring" on Friday 3 February 2012

To the Principal,
Presbyterian High School

- We will be attending the event.
Number of people (parents only) attending the event: _____
- We will not be attending the event.

Name of student: _____ Class: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Contact Number _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Please submit the reply slip to the Form Teacher of your child/ward by Wednesday 11 January 2012