



Queensway Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

I take this opportunity, on behalf of my staff, to wish all who celebrate Chinese New Year a very blessed year ahead! May there be joy, peace and prosperity in your homes! During the Chinese New Year concert, I encouraged the Chinese students to invite their non-Chinese schoolmates to their homes so that they can better understand the customs and cultures. I also encouraged that the compliment be returned when each race celebrate their new year or religious holidays. When we learn to appreciate each other's cultures and practices, we better understand our friends in the community and can celebrate together. This is what makes us uniquely Singaporean!

Those of you who have visited our QSS Facebook would have seen the video clip that was shared at the recent SG Secure Conference. Our school was commended for reaching out to the community and partnering with those who would work alongside us at times of an emergency. You may remember that we conducted a lock-down exercise last year to prepare staff and students for such incidences, so that we will be familiar with what needs to be done and respond appropriately. If you have not watched it, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/mhasingapore/videos/556452621432036/> or use the following QR code.



Parents Engagement Workshop - Friday, 15 February 2019

We had sent out invitation letters to parents/guardians of Sec 3 to 5 students to join us for the Parents Engagement Workshop this Friday. Should you have responded, we are glad that you are making the time to join us as our teachers will be sharing with you how you can support your child's/ward's learning in the various subjects they are taking. These insights would be helpful too as you engage your child/ward as they are learning the curriculum in the various subjects.

If you have not responded to the workshop invite but wish to attend, please drop us an email @ siah_swee_chuan@moe.edu.sg to let us know the workshops you would like to attend. This will help us to ensure that there are sufficient materials for all parents/guardians attending.

Breakfast with Parents of Sec 1 students

We are delighted to see that many of you have signed up for these sessions to be held next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (19, 20, 21 February). As mentioned, we will be spending some time to talk about "What does the brain have to do with learning?", discuss issues that pertain specifically to parenting your child at Sec 1 and having time for us to dialogue on questions you may have on secondary school education. My Vice-Principals and I look forward to meeting all of you who have signed up. If you missed signing up, please still come and join us.

We will meet at the AVA Room on Level 2 and I intend to begin promptly at 7.30 am so that those of you who need to leave for work can do so by 8.30 am.

Remedial Lessons

We have begun remedial lessons for students who are not keeping up with their learning in class. Remedial lessons are held daily for different subjects from 2.30 – 3.30 pm. If your child/ward is required to attend remedial lessons,





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you will be informed and I ask that you monitor their attendance so that he/she does not continue to fall behind in his/her learning.

Single Parents Support Group

We initiated a Single Parents Support Group last year and were heartened by the response and good reviews from the parents who came. They have asked us to continue such a group. While we have been able to invite single parents we are aware of, we do not want to miss out on inviting others we are not aware of, from having the opportunity to join us on Friday, 22 February. Please contact our School counsellors, Mrs Sim or Ms Teo, @ [Oen Siew Yock@moe.edu.sg](mailto:Oen_Siew_Yock@moe.edu.sg) or teo_hwee_lian@moe.edu.sg, if you wish to join us.

Congratulations to our Sports Teams

With the school year just beginning, we are already into the thick of competition in some sports. I am pleased to share that both our Volleyball Boys and Girls teams have qualified for the semi-finals of the South Zone "B" Division Schools Volleyball Championships. We wish them well but are proud that whatever the outcome, they have given a good account of themselves and played with determination and sportsmanship. This also means that they have qualified for the National Schools Volleyball Championships.

Our Football "B" Division team continues to do well in their competition in the National Schools Games Preliminary with an unbeaten record. They now progress to the Tier 1 of the League Qualifying Rounds and we wish them well in the competition. They have demonstrated good discipline and teamwork in each of the matches they played and that is most encouraging.

Trustworthy Queenswayans

It was very heartening when I received an email from a very grateful father. His child had lost his wallet at Star Vista with a substantial amount of money in it. He was pleasantly surprised when he received a call from one of our students, who were at Star Vista, where the wallet was lost. 4 of our students from 313, who were there found the wallet and promptly call the phone contact that they found in the wallet. I met with these fine young gentlemen this morning and commended them for their actions. They humbly told me that it was the right thing to do and they were glad they did so. We are proud of these four gentlemen for doing QSS proud!

Conclusion

As a school, we want to support our students to develop, learn and grow holistically. Developing right attitudes and values are important, if not more important, than achieving success in competitions or academic outcomes. We seek your support in engaging your child/ward in conversations as to how he/she can have the right attitude each day. Thus, being at school each day, unless they are unwell and being punctual is important. Being responsible to bring the right materials for lessons and to complete all assigned work before the submission date are habits that will help your child/ward develop to be the Queenswayan who has Discipline and Respect, and is Responsible to achieve Excellence in what he/she does. As your child/ward continues to work on these attitudes and values, we are confident that they will find their own Success through Diligence.

Yours sincerely

Peter Tan Chong Tze
Principal

