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Dear Parents,

Parent-school collaboration is pivotal to a child's success. Working together, we create a nurturing, consistent learning environment that empowers students to reach their potential. This partnership, rooted in open communication and mutual respect, supports academic growth, fosters social development, and instills a lifelong love of learning. Together, we shape our children’s future. Please, pay attention to the followings:

**2ND PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE (PTC)**

We are pleased to invite you to the 2nd Parent-Teacher Conference, which will be held on Wednesday, Aug 23. On this day, there will be no regular classes for students. Class Patrons will provide comprehensive feedback on your child(ren)’s academic and social performance during Term Three. A detailed timetable of the meeting is attached for your convenience. Complimentary tea, coffee, and snacks will be available for parents in the canteen. Our Student Counsellor will be available throughout the day for consultations. If you are interested in speaking with her, please feel free to do so. PTC serves as a great opportunity for open dialogue and collaboration between home and school, which is essential for the continued educational success and well-being of your child(ren).

At the conclusion of your conference, Class Patrons will distribute a short survey form. We kindly ask that you complete this form while at the school and deposit it in the designated box near the reception before you leave. Your feedback is invaluable to us. And, we strongly recommend that you schedule a discussion with your child on the evening of the conference. This will be a valuable opportunity to review their performance, address any identified areas for improvement, and collaboratively establish a plan for positive progress moving forward.

**TRIP TO BANGKOK, THAILAND**

I am writing to remind you of the exciting school trip to Bangkok, Thailand, planned for this coming December, as previously announced via Class Dojo and the school’s Facebook page. This trip is open to parents, students from grades seven to twelve, and alumni of our school. Please note that we can only accommodate a maximum of fifteen participants on this trip, on a first-come, first-served basis. A deposit of K4,000, which constitutes half of the total cost of the trip, must be submitted by August 31. This early payment is necessary for the timely purchase of airline tickets.

Bangkok, the vibrant capital city of Thailand, serves as the health, transport, business, and tourism hub of Asia. Participants can look forward to a variety of attractions, including historical sites, cultural landmarks, and shopping venues offering quality goods at reasonable prices. For further details, including the itinerary, accommodations, and payment methods, please contact Mrs. Shama Chaw at s.chaw@pngparadise.com We encourage those interested to act promptly to secure their spot in this memorable and enriching experience.

**TERM 3 BREAK**

Just a quick note to keep you in the loop about what’s coming up. There are some important dates we don't want you to miss. Grab your calendar and note these down:

Term Three is wrapping up on September 22. After a short break, Term Four will kick off on October 2. While everyone is enjoying the week-long holiday (from September 23 to October 1), our Grade 12s will be diving into an intense study camp, and Grades 8 and 10s aren't missing out – they’ve got extra classes here at school. Please, mark these national exam weeks: Grade 10: October 9 to 13, Grade 12: October 16 to 20, Grade 8: October 23 to 26.

The school year will finish on December 8, 2023. We really appreciate you keeping these dates in mind as you plan.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

We would like to apprise you of several activities and initiatives that our school has undertaken in recent weeks, as well as events that are on the horizon:

**1. Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program**: Our Counselling Department, in collaboration with the AFP and CIS, recently hosted a session emphasizing the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. This initiative was further enhanced with firsthand testimonials from five inmates from Bomana prison, providing our students with valuable insights into the real-life consequences of substance abuse.

**2. Cultural Day Preparations:** Our high school students have been diligently practicing traditional dances. These sessions are held after school on Mondays and Fridays, culminating in the Cultural Day celebrations scheduled from September 18 to 22.

**3. Primary School Extravaganza:** In preparation for the Extravaganza in the concluding week of Term Three, our primary students have been engaged in rehearsals. We anticipate a showcase of diverse talents, including singing, dancing, and drama, representing each grade.

**4. Inter-School Chess Tournament:** We are pleased to announce a friendly chess tournament on Saturday, September 26, facilitating a healthy competitive environment between our students and those from Gordon Secondary and POMIS.

**5. School Sports Tournaments:** The high school division successfully concluded tournaments in both chess and volleyball. Meanwhile, our primary students organized a table tennis competition and are currently in preparation for an upcoming chess tournament next week.

We believe these activities enrich our student’s academic and extracurricular experiences, providing them with diverse opportunities to learn, compete, and express themselves.

Best regards,

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Principal