



14 Jan 2020

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## Term 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the New Year and the upcoming Lunar festive season, we wish all families joy, good health and peace for the year ahead. I hope the year has started well for all of you. We look forward to partnering you to build resilience and good character in our girls.

### 1. Thanksgiving

We are very thankful that our 2019 O-Level and 2019 N-Level girls have been blessed with excellent results once again. We thank our parents for their unwavering support and the teachers who journeyed alongside the girls. Do refer to the school website for a breakdown of the O-Level and N-Level exams achievements. We continue to pray that our graduated girls will choose their post-secondary pathways wisely and move on confidently to pursue their aspirations.

PL(Sec) 2019 O-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-o-level-2019>

PL(Sec) 2019 N-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-n-level-2019>

### 2. 2020 Year and Monthly Themes

Our 2019 Year Theme 'In Praise and Gladness is taken from our School Song, inspired by

*"This is the day the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it."  
Ps 118:24*

Our assembly programmes are anchored on the following monthly themes. They seek to inspire our girls to learn to choose to rejoice despite negative circumstances in life and to strive to be one who is constantly thankful for blessings.



Month	Monthly Themes
Jan	In Praise and Gladness
Feb	Praise God for our Families
Mar	In Praise of Women of Fine Character
Apr	Praise God for Strength in Diversity
May/Jun	Praise God for Calling us to Shine as Leaders
Jul	Praise God for our Youth
Aug	Praise God for our Singapore (Be a Gracious Society)
Sep	Praise God for His Empowering
Oct	Praise God for His Blessings

### 3. Supporting Your Daughter during Transitions

The Sec 1 and Sec 3 years are transitional years that our girls need to adapt to new schooling experiences, make new friends and explore new leadership opportunities. We want to inculcate within them the ability to thrive despite challenges.

We have curated the following series of useful resources for parents on our school webpage.

- Build a caring home environment to nurture the social and emotional skills of your child using these **S.A.F.E** (Support | Affirm | Familiarise | Empathise) tips:
  - Support your daughter for a smooth transition into Sec 1
  - Support your daughter for a smooth transition into Sec 3
- Set realistic expectations with your daughter
- Encourage your daughter to be Thankful
- Build your daughter's confidence through Praise

Please do refer to these resources to help you relate to your daughters effectively.

<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/for-parents>

### 4. School Fees and Enrichment Programmes payment

We would like to remind all students to sign up for a GIRO arrangement for school fees and enrichment programme payment. Singapore Citizen students are encouraged to pay the second-tier miscellaneous fees and enrichment programme from their Edusave account.

All eligible Singapore Citizen students will have an Edusave account and receive a yearly contribution for their educational use. You may call the Edusave/ PSE Scheme Hotline at (+65) 6260 0777 to check on student's edusave account balance. For more details on Edusave account, please refer to <https://beta.moe.gov.sg/fees-assistance-awards-scholarships/edusave-contributions/>

### School Fees Table for Secondary Level Students (wef 1 January 2020)

Nationality	School Fees (S\$)	Standard Miscellaneous Fees (S\$)	2nd Tier Miscellaneous Fees (S\$)	Autonomous School Fees (S\$)	Total (S\$)
Singapore Citizen (SC)	5	10	10	3	28
Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR)	380	10	10	3	403
International Student (IS) (ASEAN)	780	10	10	3	803
International Student (IS)	1,400	10	10	3	1,423
Mode of Payment	GIRO	GIRO	Edusave – SC only GIRO – SPR & IS		

#### 5. 2020 Parents' Breakfast with School Leaders cum Learning Festival

We will be organising our annual Parents' Breakfast with School Leaders cum Learning Festival. This year, we will be inviting Ms Quek Shi Wei, Editorial Consultant of Kallos magazine to speak on a research that her organization has done with young people. The talk is entitled "*5 Things That I Wish My Parents Knew About Me*". Please do join us if your time permits.

**Date:** 7 March 2020 (Sat)  
**Time:** 8 a.m. – 12 noon  
**Venue:** PLMGS(Sec) Shaw Hall

#### 6. Traffic Safety Reminders

Your daughters' safety is of utmost importance to us in PLMGS. For parents/grandparents who drive to school, please do take note of some of the key reminders attached in **Annex A**.

#### 7. 2020 School Terms and Holidays

Please refer to the following URL for 2020 School terms and holidays:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/school-terms-and-holidays-for-2020>

Our school's protected holiday periods for staff and students in 2020 are:

- **March hols** – 18 to 20 Mar 2020 (*Girls involved in the 2020 National School Games may be required to come to school for additional practices.*)
- **June hols** – 8 to 20 Jun 2020 (*Girls involved in PL Musicale may be down for practices on 8 to 12 Jun 2020*)
- **Sept hols** – 9 to 11 Sep 2020
- **Nov/Dec hols** – 23 Nov 2020 onwards (tentative)

## 8. Highlights of Key School Events

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 1, 2020.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
In Praise and Gladness	15 Jan 2020, Wed	#01-2020 Fathers@School First Meeting for 2020 (Topic: Transitioning into Sec school life)
	24 Jan 2020, Fri	PL 2020 CNY Celebrations  (Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PL(Pri) School Dismissal at 10 a.m.</li> <li>• PL(Sec) School Dismissal at 10.30 a.m.</li> <li>• The Traffic Police will be on duty outside both schools to assist in ensuring the smooth flow of traffic.</li> <li>• Please pick your daughters up in the HDB carparks around the school, away from the school compound of both schools.)</li> </ul>
	<b>25 – 28 Jan 2020</b>	<b>Chinese New Year holiday</b>
	31 Jan 2020, Fri	CCA Starts for Sec 1
Praise God for our Families	5 Feb 2020, Wed	CNY Love-letter goodie making in PL(Sec)
	7 Feb 2020, Fri	S4 FIS - CNY Luncheon for the Elderly CNY Dinner with International Students and the buddies
	10 Feb 2020, Mon	CCA Leaders Oath-taking ceremony
	12 Feb 2020, Wed	#02-2020 Fathers@School meeting Topic: "Minds of girls", a short sharing by Mrs Quek
	14 Feb 2020, Fri	Friendship Day & Total Defence Day
	14 - 26 Feb 2020	Health Check for all levels
	14 - 26 Feb 2020	Sec 1 to 5 Class Comm Mass Training
	20 - 26 Feb 2020	S4/5 Common Tests
	24 Feb 2020, Mon	Installation of Monitors and Peer Lites
27 Feb 2020, Thur	E-Learning Day 1	
In Praise of Women of Fine Character	2 Mar 2020, Mon	Launch of PL's International Women's Day Commemoration
	2 – 6 Mar 2020	PL's International Women's Day exhibition – Women's Hall of Fame
	3 Mar 2020, Tue	Sec 3 NRIC Registration Day
	7 Mar 2020, Sat	2020 Parents' Breakfast with School Leaders cum Learning Festival (All Levels)
	10 - 13 Mar 2020	OFIS trip to Brunei
	12 Mar 2020, Thur	Term 1 Farewell Assembly
	13 Mar 2020, Fri	Last day of Term 1 Sports Fiesta (Venue: PLMGS)
<b>16 - 20 Mar 2020</b>	<b>End of Term 1 - School Holidays</b> (Please note that some CCAs may still function on 16 /17 Mar 2020 in order to prepare the girls for the National Competitions)	

Every Mon morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room for a time of prayer and fellowship
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session every third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room.

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters.

Have a great Term ahead!

Warmest Regards,

*Mrs Quek*

Principal, PLMGS(Secondary)

## PLMGS (Sec) Traffic Safety Reminders

We thank you for working with the school in ensuring the safety of our students. We seek your cooperation to observe the following traffic safety reminders:

### 1. Operating Hours of School Gates & Pick-Up Point

The PLMGS (Secondary) main gate is opened from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on a typical school day. You may alight your daughters from both Primary and Secondary School at the Secondary School Pick-Up point. Pri school will be able to walk over to the Secondary school via the basketball court at the upper level.



### 2. Alighting Points Outside the School

To ease the flow of traffic into the school, we strongly encourage you to alight your daughters, both from Secondary and Primary School, at one of the three alighting points:

- Carpark @ HDB Bk 138 (beside Maplewood Park)
- Carpark @ HDB Bk 134/135 (beside the School)
- Back gate of Primary School @ Jalan Lokam





### 3. Turnstile Gates and Road Crossing

In the mornings, the girls who come to school by public transport should enter the school via the turnstile gates behind the bus-stop near the parade square. They are not allowed to walk through the school's main entrance for safety reasons, as there may be heavy traffic at that time.

The turnstile gates system is integrated with secured access control using girls' registered EZ-Link cards. The gates are programmed to enable:

- (a) Entry in the morning before School Assembly, and
- (b) Exit after School Dismissal from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on regular school days.

Do remind the girls to use pedestrian crossing attentively at all times.



### 4. Drivers must Observe Traffic Rules

- a) The Speed Limit within the school compound is **15 km/h**. Please stay alert for pedestrians who may be walking around your vehicle.
- b) Do apply for the **PLMGS(Sec) Car Decal** to gain admission into the school. Cars without a valid car decal may be denied entrance into the school.
- c) When **driving out** of the school's front gate, please turn into the **leftmost/innermost lane first**. Do not drive directly into the right lane. A double white line has been put there by LTA to prevent drivers from doing so.
- d) Please do not alight passengers along the main road, as that is dangerous. Do alight the girls **within** the carparks around and opposite the school instead.
- e) The Traffic Police has advised that enforcement actions will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules. Please be advised that extra demerit points will be given for traffic offences in school zone.



## 5. Avoid Walking Across PL (Primary) School Gates during rush hours

To ease traffic flow turning into and out of our two schools, pedestrians are reminded not to walk across PL(Pri) school gates toward PL(Sec) before school starting hours and during school dismissal time. Pedestrians may come to school by:

- (a) Walking along the opposite side of the road, and crossing the road at the traffic light crossing as shown in the picture below, or



- (b) Walk in to school through the PL(Pri) new walkway as shown in the picture below.

