

Welcome to CHIJ OLN!

PI Orientation

6th November 2024





Welcome address

Ms Christina Teo Principal





We are a Govt-aided Catholic Girls' school

· Govt-aided: we adhere to MOE policies and requirements like all MOE

schools but are run by the CHIJ Board

· Catholic

- ...Prayer, Catholic programmes and activities
- ... Value education: moral and life values.
- ...See perspectives beyond that of the individual's.
- ... Service to the community

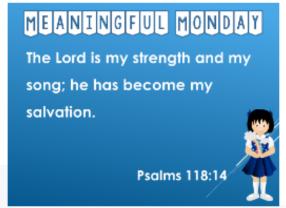




We are a Catholic School

- The environment and our practices reflect our Catholic ethos.
- We share but not proselytise. Value of respect.
- Universal values.

Meaningful Monday



A verse taken from Sunday's readings



An explanation and interpretation of verse



Reflection questions





Programmes for Catholics



https://chijourladyofthenativit y.moe.edu.sg/our-catholicidentity/catholiceducation/the-environment Our Founder - Father Barre

Mother Mathilde

School History

Catholic Education

The Environment

School-Wide

Programmes for All

Programmes for Catholics

There are programmes designed specifically to help our Catholic students form their faith. Nevertheless, non-Catholics are welcomed to join in. Parents can inform their child's form teacher if they would like their child to do so.

Our TLC Lessons (Together Learning about Christ)





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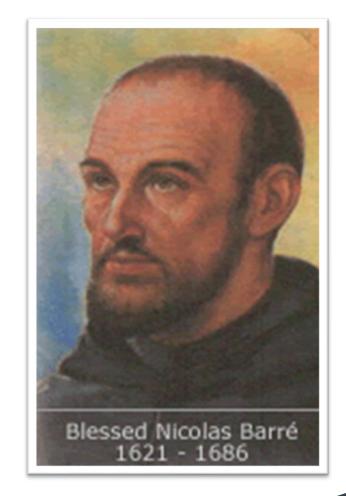
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We are an IJ school

- One of II CHIJ schools, affiliated to CHIJ St Joseph's Convent
- The mission of an Infant Jesus School is the creation of a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of persons who are disadvantaged in any way.







We are an IJ school

Values: Graciousness Responsibility Appreciation Compassion Integrity Adaptability





Learning Dispositions:

- Collaborative
- Curious
 - Reflective
 - Resilient

Simple in virtue

Steadfast in duty



The IJ OLN Girl For Tomorrow ...



She lives out the IJ Mission and our GRACIA values as she:

- Leads with initiative, serves with love
- 2. Communicates confidently
- 3. Thinks creatively, reflects thoughtfully
- 4. Remains steadfast in the face of challenges





Primary School Education





A Holistic Curriculum: the academics & more

Character focused

- Values-education lessons
- CCE & Social Studies lessons
- Values-in-action programmes
- Field Trips & activities
- Daily assembly e.g. pre-assembly talks

Citizenship & Culture

- Commemorations e.g. International ` Friendship Day & National Day
- Mother Tongue Fortnight
- Celebrations e.g. Hari Raya Puasa &
 Deepavali

Physical Development

- PAL Programmes e.g. Outdoor Education, Sports & Games
- Physical Education programme
- Events e.g. P2 Games On!

The Arts

- PAL Programme e.g. Music, Dance,
 Drama, Art
- Art Programme
- Music Programme (Music Comes Alive!)





Different Subjects at Lower Primary (PI & 2)

- English Language
- Mathematics
- Mother Tongue(CL/ML/TL/ NTIL)
- Civics and Moral Education(CME)
- Social Studies

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)
- Programme for Active Learning (PAL) Art /
 Music / Sports & Games /
 - Drama / Outdoor Education
- Values Education (V-Ed)
- Form Teacher Guidance Period (FTGP)

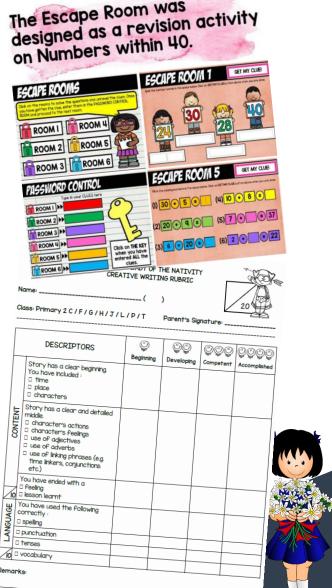




Changes implemented since 2019

- No tests or exams for the Lower Primary classes
 - Observation by teachers
 - Daily work & reviews
 - No tests & no dates will be given to parents
- Use of qualitative descriptors to report student learning in all subjects
- Edusave Awards to focus on consistent demonstration of learning dispositions in school

What has not changed: Lower Primary years are vital for learning in the Middle & Upper Primary years



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Being a CHIJ OLN girl

- Days of learning
 - Lessons filled with activities & reflection
 - Observation & reviews, & not tests
 - No birthday parties & goodie bags
 - Importance of regular attendance
- Making friends & managing friendships
- · Growing to be more responsible
 - Rules & consequences, e.g. remembering things





Grow our girls to be young ladies

- Sending the right signal:
 - Having good routines
 - Coming late frequently/regularly
 - Missing school frequently/regularly. Going on holidays
 - Need for a good reason for absences, e.g. MCs.
- Minimising distractions
 - Phones and Smart watches to be switched off & kept in bag.
 - No toys
- Working together with the teacher:
 - Do submit documents on time
 - Pls respond to the teacher





Working together, Home & School

Better together!



Growing our girls to be the teenagers and women that God intended them to be!

- Seek to understand what we do and why we do it
- Your daughter is important so are the others: consideration for all and meeting multiple needs
- Model gracious behaviour





My Child is Primary I Ready!

Mdm Hanizah Year Head (Lower Primary)





STARTING SCHOOL IN 2025 Primary 1







A smooth transition happens when your child:

- feels safe and comfortable in her new environment.
- is able to manage the daily challenges of school life.

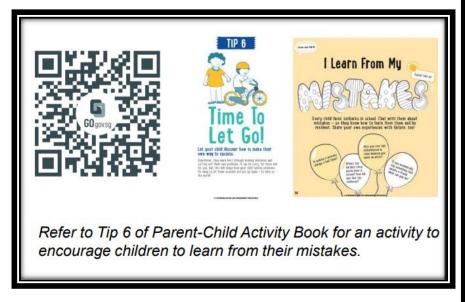




- A New Experience!
- Adjust to a larger learning environment
- Interact with more peers and teachers
- Adapt to longer school hours
- Become more independent and responsible











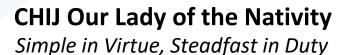




https://www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg/information-for-parents/pl-matters/









School Rules: Punctuality



- Be punctual. Students <u>must be seated</u> in the school hall/classroom by 7.30 a.m. (Monday – Friday).
- Parents/Guardians must sign the "Permission to Leave School"
 form in the General Office to take their child/ward home
 before the official dismissal time.





School Rules: Attendance

- Attendance is compulsory for all school days, events and activities.
- Parents <u>must inform</u> the school (via Form teacher) if their daughter is absent. Please ensure that a medical certificate or letter of excuse is presented.
- The school will accept a maximum of <u>3 letters</u> each term for child's absence. A medical certificate should be given otherwise.





Snack Time in Class

- 10-minute snack break in class between 8.30 am and 9.00am
- Students are not to share snacks with their friends for reasons of personal hygiene and food allergies.
- Students will not be allowed to buy snacks from the canteen during lessons.







Snack Time in Class

- What to pack:
 - Nutritious dried food items e.g. cereal, bread, biscuits, buns, muesli bars, fruits, dried fruits, nuts and raisins.
 - No cooked food and/or food items that need to be chilled (e.g. sushi).
 - No unhealthy snacks e.g. chips and sweetened drinks.
 - Look for the Healthier Choice Symbol (HCS) to guide purchases



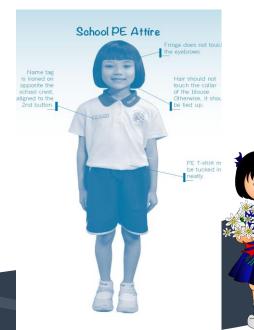




School Rules: Attire

- Wear only white school socks and shoes.
- Name tags ironed onto pinafore and school PE T-shirt
- Be neat and properly attired in school uniform at all times, <u>inside and</u> <u>outside school</u>.
- Students to wear the <u>pinafore over PE T-shirt on days when they have PE or PAL lessons.</u>
- Pls note that girls are to wear the pinafore on all days to school.



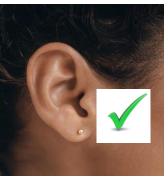




School Rules: Appearance & Accessories

- Hair touches the collar must be tied up.
- Only plain black hair accessories are allowed
- Only small and simple ear studs are allowed (no hoops earrings)
- No smart watches, jewellery or accessories.
- No display of religious accessories.
- Students are not allowed to colour their hair.









hoop earrings





First Day of School - 2 January 2025 (Thursday)

- Only 2 accompanying adults per child are allowed to come into the school
- Entry point from Side Gate 2 (gate will be opened at 7.00am)
 & Side Gate I (wet weather only)
- Registration at the Indoor Sports Hall (Lower Ponggol), Level 2
- Students and parents will proceed to the school hall on Level 3
- Students will have their attendance taken by the teachers at the hall
- Students arriving by school bus will be escorted to the hall by teachers on duty. Parents should proceed to the registration area and then to the hall.





PI Day I Programme

Time	Programme (Students) P1 classrooms	Programme (Parents) Hall
0715 - 0730	 Registration 	 Registration
0730 – 0740	Assembly at the hall	To proceed to the hall
0740 - 0745	 Proceed to classroom 	
0745 - 0945	Class Time with Form teachers (FT)	 Parent Engagement session
0945 – 1030	Recess (Canteen)	Child's Recess (Canteen)
1030 - 1230	Class Time with FT	 ICT Hands on session P1 Parent-Teacher Networking session (P1 Classroom)
		*1200 ; End of Parents' Programme. (Parents to leave the school premise)
1230 - 1315	FT time + Snack time	
	Pupils are to bring along their own healthy snacks.	
1320	Dismissal @ Lower Ponggol	Dismissal
		Those being picked up by parent / caregiver:
		ISH Lower Punggol (2 – 17 January): Please show
		ID/ email from the school for identification.
		School Bus/ SCC: Hall

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Pl Back-to-School Programme (BTSP 2025)

Day 2 (Fri)	Day 3 (Mon)	Day 4 (Tues)
Class Bonding activity-Play@OLN	V-Ed Activity: Making New Friends	Class Time
Setting Class Routines	• Class Time	Art & Music Activity
Meeting my P4 Buddy Sister	Recess with my Buddy Sister	Recess with my Buddy Sister
Recess with my Buddy	Setting Class Rules & Expectations	Mother Tongue Activity
Sister	Library Programme	Admin Matters (collection of books & files)
Class Time	Admin Matters (collection of books & files)	Sisterly Love Activity
Admin Matters (collection of books & files)		



Safety during Arrival and Dismissal

Mrs Catherine Michelle Beins Vice-Principal





School Daily Routine

Activity	Time	
Reporting Time	Before 7.30 a.m.	
	(GLOW morning activities starts at 7.20 a.m.)	
Flag Raising Ceremony	7.30 a.m.	
Recess	10.30 a.m 11.00 a.m.	
Snack Break	10 mins (between 8.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.)	
Dismissal Time	I.20 p.m (2 Jan - 17 Jan -Lower Ponggol)	
	1.30 p.m. (20 Jan onwards –Side Gate 2)	





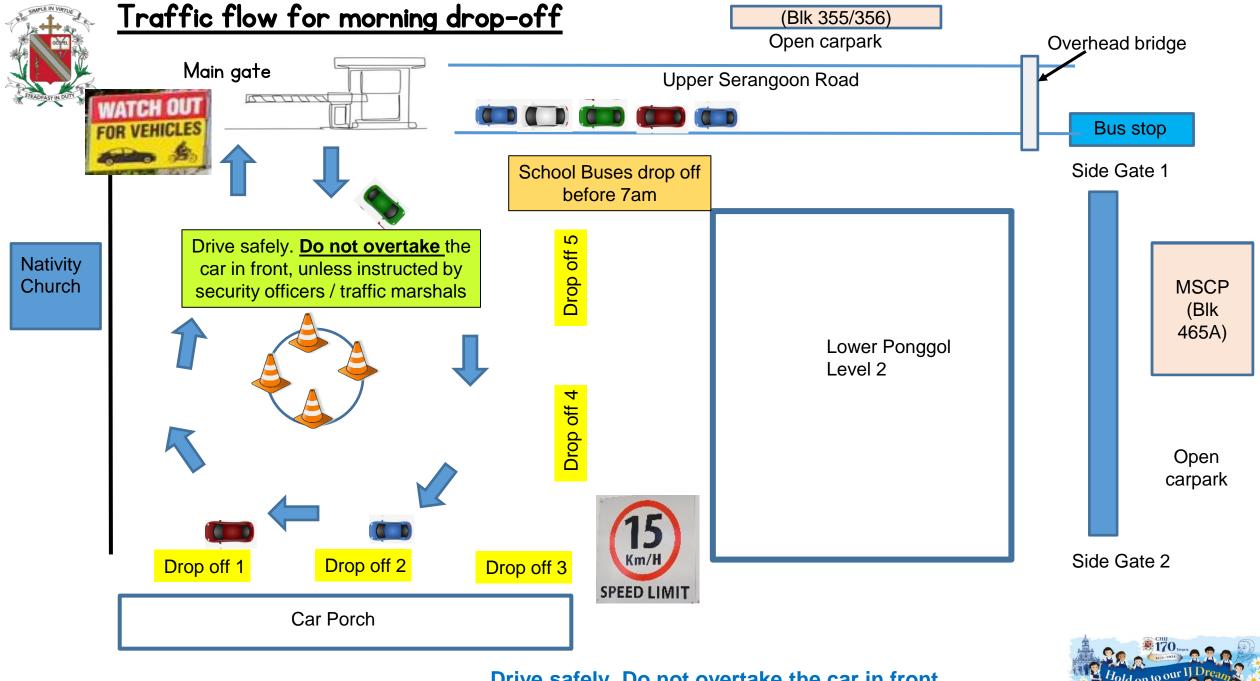
Safe Routes for Different Modes of Arrival

School Bus: Students alight at Bus Bay within School Carpark Area

Public Bus/Walk/Cycle: Students use Gate 2 to enter the school

Private Vehicles/Taxi

- Drop off points within the school (speed limit @ 15km/h)
- Drop off points at HDB carpark near Gate 2
- Park at designated lots within Multi-Storey carpark or open carpark before walking child to Gate 2.



Drive safely. Do not overtake the car in front.



Arrangements: Going Home

• You will receive a PG letter on **15 Dec 2024**. Please confirm your child's pick-up arrangements at dismissal.

A response by 20 December 2024 is much appreciated.

- School bus (bus number)
- Side Gate 2 (adult/s fetching students)
- Student Care Centre (IJOLN Student Care/other Student Care)
- Wait for older sister(s) at Lower Ponggol
- For the safety of your child, please inform her to wait inside the school, near either Side Gate I or Side Gate 2.



Picking Your Child Up From School (Gate 2)

2 January - 17 January ONLY

• Dismissal Time : 1.20 p.m.

Pick-up Point : Lower Ponggol

From 20 January onwards:

Mon-Fri	I.30 p.m.
Pick- up Point	Side Gate 2

- Parents are not allowed to drive into the school at dismissal for safety reasons.
- Parents will be informed of any change in timing through PG, e.g. earlier dismissal on halfdays.



Pick-up Arrangements

Do note that from Monday 20 January

- Pl parents and caregivers will no longer be allowed to come into school to pick up their child.
- The teachers will walk the students to Side Gate
 2 to meet parents and caregivers.
- For her safety, your child must wait for you inside the school.









Going Home on the School Bus

- The bus vendor will provide coloured tags to be fastened on students' bags for easy identification.
- Form Teachers will bring the students to the bus waiting area (school hall) at dismissal.
- Bus drivers will account for students registered with them before leaving the school. <u>Please inform the bus company and your child's teacher in advance</u> if your child is not taking the school bus for the day. This is to avoid miscommunication or confusion.
- Buses will wait for students from other levels (P2 to P6) before moving off.
- For safety reasons, students must remain seated and belted up at all times when the bus is moving.
 Please help us reinforce this safety message.
- To contact the bus vendor, please call KW Bus Pte Ltd (8498 4950)





Changes in dismissal arrangement

- Please call the General Office or text the Form Teacher if you intend to make any changes in the dismissal arrangements.
- Please inform the Form Teachers if there is a change of adult/caregiver whom you have assigned to pick up your child.

• The Form Teacher may not always be the one dismissing your child at Side Gate 2. As such, we would appreciate that you inform the school early of changes and that you do not make frequent changes.



Communication with Parents





Communicating with your child's teacher

- Have regular conversations with teachers in both the academic and non-academic areas. This will help you better guide your child's development.
- Teachers will respond to work-related messages only during school hours, except for emergencies.
- Please note that the teachers may not be able to respond to your messages when they are having lessons or meetings.





Communications

- School web page <u>www.chijourladyofthenativity.moe.edu.sg</u>
- School Organiser
- OLN Connect (monthly newsletter)
- Email Form Teacher (refer to school website for email address)
- Call General Office (Tel: 6385 2455)
- Parents Gateway (MOE mobile app for official communications, consent forms, travel declaration etc.)



Overview of Mobile Apps

Parents Gateway	WhatsApp Business text messages
Parents receive announcements, letters, consent forms , make travel declaration etc. Hardcopies will <u>not</u> be disseminated to parents.	Allows for 2 way-communication between teachers and parents. Please note that teachers will respond to work-related messages only during school hours (between 7am and 6pm), except for emergencies.
Parents give consent for participation in class/school activities.	Teachers will share with parents their WhatsApp Business numbers for parents to join the groups they have created when term starts in January 2025.
Only parents and authorised caregivers or legal guardians with Singpass can access this.	WhatsApp may be downloaded from Google Play Store or iTunes.
Developed by the Ministry of Education (MOE) and used by all MOE schools since 2019.	Parents do not need to download WhatsApp Business.

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WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!







Each Parent Kit issue contains bitesized actionable tips with supporting resources for parents to help them support their child in their education journey.





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Through articles and multimedia content, Schoolbag provide parents and general public with information and insights related to education tips for parent involvement and features on programmes.





Year-end Travel Declaration

- To ensure our school continues to be a healthy and safe environment for all, parents/guardians are required to make a travel declaration via Parents Gateway (PG). This is only applicable if your child/ward intends to travel for the year-end holidays.
- A nil return is appreciated.
- Please submit your child's travel declaration from
 16 December 2024 onwards.







Parents Support Group

Mrs Angela Yang
Chairperson





What I learn.....

- I. Self-Care
- 2. Support girls to be independent and accountable
- i. Check school timetable
- ii. Check diary if there's homework
- iii. Make sure pack allowance
- iv. Pack snack
- v. Get ready school uniform/socks/shoes
- 3. Partnership with the school
- 4. Be mindful of devices
- 5. Be joyful, be present and be part of a community





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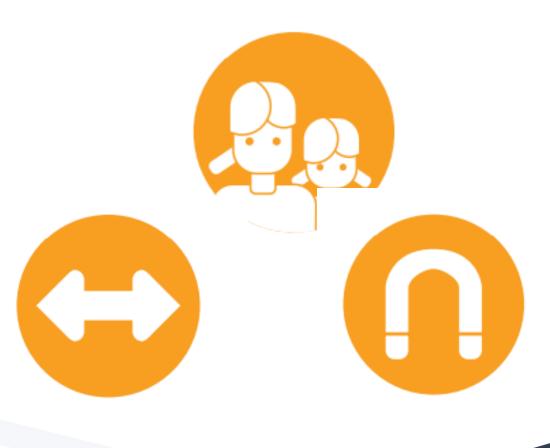


PSG Objectives @ OLN

Supportive Partner in Education

Bridge Between Parents and School

Magnet to Attract Other Parents







IJ OLN PSG... We want to...

Continue the spirit of the founding father(Nicholas Barre)

Revive the Kampung Spirit. The community of respect and kindness for one another.





SCHOOL EVENTS

- Teachers' Day
- Children's Day
- Language Comes Alive
- Healthy Plate challenge
- And many more....



PASTORAL ACTIVITIES











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SOCIAL EVENTS

Bonding activities and life skills workshops etc.





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ADHOC ACTIVITIES

- Chinese New Year decoration
- Banner design for Teacher's Day,
 Children's Day, etc.
- Make-up / costume preparation for school plays, NAPFA testing, Brownies Cookies Sale etc.









Who Should Join?

Parents

who wish to know what
is happening in and
around school, and who
wish to be part of
these happenings

who feel the importance of journeying

with their daughters

who wants to build rapport with other parents and share parenting tips





How Can I Help?

Pastoral

(to nurture and nourish Christian ethos and spirituality of our girls)

Recess Activities according to the Liturgical Calendar

Family activities

Quiet Time in the Prayer Room

Praying Parents Group

Ongoing

Arrival safety:Traffic / Gate Time : 650 am - 7.30am

Recess Champions

Green Champions

Admin Support

Fun & Languages 7.00am - 7.30am

Events

Commemorative Days

Pl Orientation Booth

Social Events : Parents
Play on

Parent Child Bonding: Mid Autumn festival (to be confirmed)

E-Open house

Life Skills sharing session (hope to start)





How much of your time is needed?

• On going programs - daily, weekly, monthly (30 min hr/session)

Ad-hoc or project basis
 eg. banner design for school events, school fund raising carnival,
 dance performance, etc. (I-2 hrs / session)





In progress: Fun & Languages (to be confirmed)

PI & P2 students

T2 2024:

Tuesdays & Thursday, from 7.00 - 7.30 a.m

The PSG members read interesting/fun story books. Play some games/handicraft to encourage the use of good language





Any questions?

- I. What if my commitment level changes?
 - i. We can work with you to accommodate the changes in your schedule.
- 2. Can grandparents or helpers also volunteer?
 - i. Yes, grandparents are welcome, do sign them up using the PSG form via the QR code.
 - ii. Helpers; refer to MOM guidelines.
- 3. Will my child get more advantage(s) and more benefit(s) than those children whose parents did not join PSG?
 - I. No. All children are equal in school. Objective of PSG is to work with the school as a team and to support the school in their programs to enrich our girls learning experience.



Join Our Parent Support Group

Scan to fill up registration form



CHIJOLNPSG@GMAIL.com









You can find the class group chat link in the description.





THANK YOU!

Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men. Colossians 3:23