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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are 18 days into 2016 and the pace has certainly picked up with much buzz. From one uplifting event to another, we have seen our students go through a day of service with enthusiasm and purpose, our young Secondary 1 students experience orientation and Badge Night with much excitement and our newly minted alumni members move on to their next [phase of education with emotion](#).

In taking our students from their first day to their graduation, we hope to imbue in our students the competencies, skills and values to help them become good stewards of our community in time to come. Guided by SST's Talent Development Programme, we create and build upon existing initiatives to help them discover their talents and pursue their passions.

Having taken stock of the evolving needs of our students, we have refreshed the Secondary 4 Motivation camp, an important aspect of the SST experience that prepares students for their challenges ahead. With the Secondary 4 Discover Programme, we aim to provide students with a unique out-of-classroom experience where students will be able to connect their learning in school with the world of work, uncover their strengths and interests and gain an insight of what the future holds for them in terms of career pathways. For our 2016 edition, these experiences included talks on career and education pathways, learning journeys to *The Future of Us* exhibition and organisations such as the Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) and Disney Singapore. In addition, the school also partnered with Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) on the [SUTD-SST Big-D Camp](#), a flagship programme that extends SUTD learning to students with the





passion and aptitude for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Design.

This is one of the many enriching programmes we have planned for 2016. In a follow-up to the Discover Programme, we hope to provide more inspiration to our upper secondary students during the annual career fair in May. The rest of our passionate innovators will be happy to learn that the SUTD-SST programme is the first of a series of collaboration with SUTD to bring about differentiated and unique learning experiences to SST students. A SUTD-SST Makers Club, joint workshops and a lecture series are in the pipeline.

On this note, I would like to encourage you to join us in the Parents' Briefings in scheduled in Term 1 to discuss upcoming milestones and how you can support your child's development. Your ideas and feedback can make a difference in our partnership and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Linda Chan

Principal





For All Parents

1. Academic Matters

1.1 2016 Schemes of Work and Assessment Plans

The Schemes of Work for the respective subjects is available on the [Announcement for Parents](#) portal on SST's website. The information will be useful for parents in guiding their children in their learning.

1.2 Secondary 1 Breakfast Meeting with School Leaders

For parents of Secondary 1 students, the school has organised a series of Breakfast Meetings with the Principal and Vice-Principals in Term 1.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting as they serve as a platform to better understand the school. Parents can expect updates on the school such as the school's expectations of SST students and the rationale of school policies. Form teachers will be sharing their observations of the students and how they have responded to the learning environment in SST.

Please register by 29 January 2016 (Fri) at the following link:
<http://tinyurl.com/z7fvgc2>

The meetings will take place at Learning Oasis 2 (Block C, #03-01) from 8.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. The dates for the various classes are as follow:





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| 16 February 2016, Tuesday | S101 S102 S103 |
| 17 February 2016, Wednesday | S104 S105 S106 |
| 18 February 2016, Thursday | S107 S108 |

1.3. Reminder: Parents' Briefing

The school will be organising a series of Parents' Briefings in Term 1. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the briefings to stay updated on the key academic milestones well ahead of time so that they can adequately support their children in their learning.

Venue: Auditorium

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Dates for the various levels are as follow (Please click on the links to RSVP):

- [Secondary 2](#): 29 January 2016 (Includes briefing on Applied Subjects)





- [Secondary 3](#): 12 February 2016
- [Secondary 4](#): 22 January 2016

1.4 Digital Citizenship: Parents Engagement Sessions

A series of Parents Engagement Sessions (under the Digital Citizenship Programme) has been planned for parents to better provide support and guidance to their children. Please click [HERE](#) for more details and to register for the sessions.

We had previously updated that the 2nd & 3rd Parents Engagement Sessions will be [re-scheduled](#). We seek your patience in re-indicating your interest to attend these two sessions.

Parents are strongly encouraged to join the [Parents Engagement@SST Digital Citizenship community on Google+](#) for event updates and for resources containing useful tips related to Cyber Wellness.

1.5 Study Support Programme

To further support our students in the academic programme, we will be introducing the Study Support Programme from Term 1 Week 4. This programme aims to extend access of our teachers to our students in a structured manner. Teachers from different subject areas will be on duty on in the afternoons (with the exception of Wed) and students may





approach the teachers on duty to seek clarification in a timely manner. The detailed schedule can be accessed [HERE](#). In addition, some students who require additional support have been identified to attend the Study Support Programme regularly. Parents of these students will be notified by the Heads of Year.

2. Learning Activities

2.1 Secondary 3 Outward Bound Singapore (OBS)

SST has reserved places for our Secondary 3 students at the Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) for their camp from 15 - 19 February 2016. This experiential learning camp is an important educational milestone for our students and it is expected that all Secondary 3 students will attend unless medical conditions prevent them from doing so.

The objectives of this camp are to:

- promote class bonding among students who will be studying together.
- provide experiential learning experiences that will help students to develop stronger self-knowledge, personal mastery and to build resilience for challenges ahead.

Parents would have already been notified of the camp details in a separate letter.





2.2 Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Trials and Selection (Secondary 1) □

The CCA Fair for Secondary 1 students was conducted on 15 January 2016. Following the CCA Fair, there will be CCA Trials and Selections for Secondary 1 students.

All Secondary 1 students are allowed to attend any CCA session during the CCA trial period from 15 - 29 January 2016.

Evaluations by the CCA groups may be conducted during this period. The evaluation results will be used for selecting the students in the event of an over-subscription for that CCA. Hence, it is advisable for your child to attend the CCA trials of his/her preferred CCA choices. □

Please remind your child to return the CCA Option Form to the Form Teachers before the closing date on 1 February 2016.

Students will be informed of their respective CCA allocations on 12 February 2016.

2.3 Lunar New Year Celebrations

SST will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on 5 February 2016. As part of the celebration, there will be a concert in the school hall from 10.50 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. The following reflects the schedule and school hours on Friday:

7. 40 a.m. - 8.05 p.m. Flag Raising Ceremony + Prize Presentation

8.05 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. Cultural Activities





10.50 a.m. – 11.50 a.m. LNY celebration in the Multi Purpose Hall

12.00 p.m. Dismissal after area cleaning

Students are to dress appropriately and respectably in any shade of red.

3. Student Affairs

3.1. Change of Citizenship

If your child has applied for Singapore Citizenship or Singapore Permanent Residence and obtained approval from the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA), please inform us of the updated information at SST General Office.

Please provide a photocopy of your Identity Card or Passport once you have completed the registration for our further attention.

4. Others

4.1. Healthy Meals in School Programme

SST has implemented the Healthy Meals in Schools Programme in our school canteen from 4 January 2016 in line with MOE's efforts to encourage healthier eating habits among students

With this, every meal purchased in the canteen comes in a set with fruit. A token is given to every student to redeem a fruit from a vending machine. All students are to redeem and consume the fruits as part of a healthy diet.





For the fruit redemption system to work, the tokens given out must be returned to the system either by redemption from the fruit machine or returning the tokens to Canteen Stall 3 (Drinks and Fruits). These returned tokens will then be reused. The tokens, like the cutlery issued during every purchase, must be returned after use as they are the property of the canteen operators. The redemption system fails when the tokens are not returned to the system as there would be insufficient tokens in the system. We have experienced this intermittently so we seek the assistance of parents to encourage the students to redeem and eat the fruit.

4.2. PforSST Membership

PforSST is SST's Parents Support Group dedicated to working closely with the school to develop students holistically to be well-balanced and efficacious young adults.

More information about PforSST and their upcoming activities can be found on their [Facebook page](#).

4.2.1 Parenting Workshops

SST would like to invite all SST parents to parenting workshops in Term 1. Click [HERE](#) for more details and to register

- [Positive Parenting – 23/01/2016](#)
- [Effective Ways Of Managing Your Teens' Emotions - 20 Feb 2016](#)
- [Parent-Child Communication & Bonding](#)





PforSST will be on-site to facilitate the running of these workshops.

4.3. 19th Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards

Do you know of a deserving Chinese language teacher who has shown exemplary efforts towards the teaching of the Chinese language and culture?

The 19th Inspiring Chinese Language Teachers Awards is now open for nomination.

Organised by Lianhe Zaobao and co-organised by Singapore Chinese Middle School Teachers' Association and Singapore Chinese Teachers' Union, with strong endorsement by the Ministry of Education and sponsored by Lee Foundation, the awards seek to give due recognition to deserving teachers who also develop in students an appreciation for the language and culture.

Nomination forms can be downloaded [HERE](#), from www.zaobao.com or www.omy.sg. Students can also obtain the form from the General Office Reception.

The closing date for nomination is 29 February 2016.

