Our Ref.: SST/P/12-015

16 March 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

1. Academic Updates

   1.1. E-learning Week (19 – 23 March 2012)

       Students will be accessing their lessons online during this period. With this, lessons and learning activities will be released daily with stipulated submission deadlines. Please see Annex A for the eLearning Week Schedule.

       Sec 3 students will need to come back to the campus to attend Applied Subject lessons. Please see Annex B for the eLearning Week Applied Subject Schedule.

   1.2. Level Test 2/2012 (2 – 5 April 2012)

       The second Level Test for this year will be conducted from 2 - 5 April 2012 (Term 2 Week 3) during the first lesson of the day. Normal lessons will continue after each test is completed. The schedule for the tests will be put up on the Students’ Googlesite.

   1.3. Mother Tongue Language (MTL) Fortnight 2012

       The MTL Fortnight will be held from 9 to 20 April 2012 (Term 2 Week 4 to Week 5). The objectives of this programme are as follows:

       1) To create an immersive environment for the learning and appreciation of MTL.

       2) To provide platforms and opportunities for students to learn and use MTL to enhance their learning experience.

       A wide range of activities such as on-line quizzes, pen calligraphy competitions, movie screening, exhibitions and traditional food sampling will be conducted after school.

       The MTL Department welcomes parent volunteers in the running of the activities. For more details, please email HOD/MTL, Mdm Bek Su Ling at bek_su_ling@sst.edu.sg.
1.4. Examination Fee (Secondary 3 Higher Mother Tongue)

SST has registered all Secondary 3 students who are taking Higher Mother Tongue will be sitting for "O" Level Mother Tongue papers at the end of the year.

For your convenience, we are extending the GIRO/IBG Scheme to cover the payment of all national examination fees. No fresh authorisation is required. Instead, the existing GIRO/IBG Standing Order Form/Direct Debit Authorisation Form, which authorises the deduction of school and/or miscellaneous fees, will be extended to include the deduction of examination fees.

The examination fees payable are $58.00 and will be deducted from the account on 1 April 2012. Please note that a service charge may be levied if the deduction is unsuccessful due to insufficient funds.

The examination fees payable for students under 100% ISB will be $14.50.

2. Event Specifics

2.1. 2nd Parents' 2012 Engagement Session: Discover your child's Future in Infocomm by Infocomm Development Authority (IDA)

SST has invited IDA to organise a seminar in April to provide parents with deeper insights on the Infocomm sector in Singapore and the programmes and opportunities available for your child. The seminar comprises a talk and a visit to IDA's industry partner and the details are as follow:

Date: 27 April 2012, Friday
Time: 2.00 – 5.45 p.m.
Venue: School of Science and Technology, Singapore (Starting point)

Please refer to Annex C for the session outline.

*Transportation will be provided.

Please indicate your interest by 8 April 2012 at:

2.2. Principal's Engagement with Secondary 3 Parents

SST will be organizing a Breakfast Meeting for parents of Sec 3 students. Hosted by the Principal and faculty members, parents will receive updates on the progress of the cohort as well as important events leading to graduation at SST. Discussion points will also include
how School and Parents can work together to prepare our students for this critical milestone in their lives. Details of the event are as follows:

**Title:** Preparing SST students for graduation  
**Date:** 5 April 2012, Thursday  
**Time:** *8.00 – 9.30 a.m.  
**Venue:** Auditorium (Level 5 Block A)

We hope to make this session as informative as possible for you so so you are invited to post your questions regarding various aspects of our students' learning and development on this form.

Kindly RSVP via the online form by **30 March 2012** and please feel free to contact the school at 6571 7200 or email us at contactus@sst.edu.sg if you have any queries.

After submitting this online registration form, you will receive a confirmation email 3 working days prior to the session.

*B Breakfast will be served from 7.30 a.m. outside the Auditorium.*

3. **Others**

3.1. **Parents’ Seminar 2012**

SST will be holding our annual Parents’ Seminar 2012 on 14 April 2012 from 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and it will take place in the campus. The event seeks to engage parents of prospective students and inform them about the SST Programme. All students involved will be notified at a later date and further details will only be provided by the teacher-in-charge at an appropriate date.

3.2. **Enhancements to Independent School Bursary (ISB) Framework**

The Ministry of Education recently announced enhancements to financial assistance and learning support schemes across schools on 8 March 2012.

The MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) will henceforth include greater coverage for all eligible students (Singapore Citizens) from 1 March 2012. Income tiers will be revised and a Per Capita Income (PCI) criterion will replace the Gross Income Per Dependent Child (GIPDC) criterion.

The enhanced ISB framework (valid from March 2012) is reflected below:
### Monthly Gross Household Income (GHI) vs Monthly Gross Per Capita Income (PCI) vs Benefits

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For easy reference, the previous ISB framework (valid until February 2012) is appended in Annex D.

All ISB applications submitted for 2012 will be re-assessed under the new guidelines. Please note that current ISB Recipients need not re-apply for the new ISB scheme; the changes in entitlement will automatically take effect upon revision.

The SST Bursary (SSTB) Scheme, which is currently pegged to ISB, will continue for eligible recipients and does not require application. Students who have not yet applied for the ISB but wish to do so may collect the new ISB forms from the General Office from 19th March 2012.

Due to the ongoing re-assessment period, all changes arising from revisions to ISB entitlements will reflect in school fee deductions from May 2012. As revised entitlements are effective from March, any excess in fee deductions over the months of March and April will be used to offset school fees payable for remaining months in 2012. Please note that payment of the monthly miscellaneous fee is not affected by these enhancements.

Should you have further questions on the revisions, please contact Miss Suguna at 6571 7200 or suguna@sst.edu.sg.

For further information on the enhanced ISB Framework, please refer to the following link:

[MOE Press Release - Enhancements to FAS & Learning Support]
For first-time applicants of the ISB, please refer to the common FAQs in Annex E for more information.

3.3. **Annual Staff Retreat (22 – 23 March 2012)**

SST will be having our annual staff retreat over the eLearning Week on 22 & 23 March 2012. As such, the school's General Office will not be open on both days, and will resume operations on 26 March 2012, Monday.

For urgent matters, please email contactus@sst.edu.sg, or call 6571-7200 on 22 & 23 March between 8 am - 5 pm.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Mr Chua Chor Huat

Principal
## eLearning Week Schedule

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*Face-to-face meeting/ outdoor activity involved

*During this period, the school canteen will not be opened.

*The Info Hub will be opened on Tuesday and Wednesday.
## Applied Learning Schedule for the eLearning Week

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2\textsuperscript{nd} Parents’ 2012 Engagement Session Outline (IDA)

Infocomm is a critical enabler in many key economic sectors such as banking, hospitality and healthcare. How to translate your child’s interest and aptitude in technology into a leading edge career in the infocomm field? What are the student talent management programmes initiated by government and industry players that your child can tap on?

Get your answers and the opportunity for up-close sharing from top infocomm professionals at their premises* in this seminar organised by Infocomm Development Authority (IDA) of Singapore exclusively for SST parents.

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MOE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BURSARY (ISB) SCHEME FAQs

1. Based on the income criteria, I will be eligible for the ISB, will I be placed under the scheme automatically by the school?

No, you will have to apply for the ISB in order to receive it.

2. How do I apply for the ISB?

You can obtain the application form from the school. You are to submit the completed form to the school with the relevant supporting documents (i.e. Letter from employer or payslip as proof of earned income for household members with incomes. For self-employed household members, the Income Tax Assessment Returns is required.). The schools will inform them of the outcome of their applications.

3. Once I am placed on the bursary scheme, will the approval be valid till I leave the school?

A family’s income may change from year to year. The ISB will lapse at the end of each academic year. You will need to apply for the Bursary for the next academic year so that the school can assess the benefits you are eligible for.

4. Can I apply for the bursary scheme halfway through the academic year? Will the effective date be backdated to January?

Yes, you can apply for ISB in any month of the year. However, the bursary granted will take effect from the month the application is approved and will not be back-dated to January.

5. I am eligible for 50% fee subsidy. If I am granted the ISB, does this mean that I am required to pay only 50% of the fees to the school in cash?

Yes, you will be required to pay only 50% of the fees to the school, subject the the minimum amount payable for school and standard miscellaneous fees charged by a Government school.

6. I am eligible for 50% fee subsidy. If I require additional financial assistance, how do I go about it?

In addition to ISB, each Independent School also has its school-based financial scheme. You can approach the school for advice on the additional financial assistance available and the application procedure.