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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Supporting Learners The SST Way

The final months of a school year are typically characterised by intensive revision for what is deemed as critical examinations. While we would suggest self-directed reinforcement of learning on a regular basis, examinations and tests have their place in prompting students to hone important skills, such as critical thinking and note-taking, in consolidating their learning.

As a tool to help teachers ascertain the extent to which students have internalised key concepts and competencies, “pen and paper” evaluations are complemented by performance tasks and other alternative assessments at SST. You will be able to see some of these when you attend the Celebration of Learning (COL) hosted on the sidelines of the School Parent Meeting (SPM) at the end of the year.

If knowledge helps students understand the world around them, competencies, such as the ability to learn and unlearn, empathy and collaboration, enable them to be contributing and actualised members of society. In this regard, we do our level best in providing a perspective of the extent to which each student has demonstrated the 21st century competencies that we espouse and term the 10 Cs.


Our philosophy and the resulting choice of assessment methods reflect our belief that having a positive attitude towards learning, and working consistently, are the key to a fulfilling experience both in school and in life. Apart from guiding our budding innovators along and supporting them throughout this journey, it is important that we live out these values in our daily lives.





In the same spirit, taking an interest in our children's endeavours and showing care and concern on a regular basis will go a long way towards deepening their love of learning and strengthening parent-child relationships. In the upcoming SPM, we look forward to charting your children's progress with you. We hope that you will also take the opportunity to stay in touch with their various accomplishments during the COL. For parents of Secondary 4 students, Graduation Day provides the platform for rounding up four years of learning in SST and marks the start of their journey towards their post-secondary education. Beyond making this event a memorable one, let us also give our young ladies and gentlemen the encouragement and motivation to complete their final lap with resilience and pride.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Hoe Wee Meng
Principal





1. Academic Matters

1.1 Reminder: End-of-Year Examination

The End-of-Year examinations will take place from 23 September to 6 October 2015.

The schedules are available on the [Announcement for Parents](#) portal.

1.2 Course Options Exercise

The Secondary 3 (2016) Course Options Exercise will take place from 23 to 26 October 2015 via [SDM](#).

The results will be released on 3 November 2015.

1.3. Post-Examination Remedial Lessons

Remedial lessons will be conducted for Secondary 3 students who obtained 49% or lower in specific subjects for their End-of-Year Examinations from 3 to 5 November 2015. The aim of the remedial lessons is to provide identified students with extra support to consolidate and bridge the gaps in their learning.





2. Learning Activities

2.1. Post Examination Activities

Parents are reminded that learning activities have been planned for students after the examination period; as such, students are expected to report to school until the school term ends.

The schedules are available on the [Announcement for Parents](#) portal.

For enquiries, please email Ms Andrea Koh / Mr Patrick Hiap at andrea_koh@sst.edu.sg / patrick_hiap@sst.edu.sg.

2.2. I & E Bazaar

As part of SST's Innovation and Entrepreneurship (I&E) Programme, students will be setting up their businesses at the school's annual I&E Bazaar. Beyond experiencing the application of business concepts, students will also appreciate the societal impact of their efforts.

Parents are invited to attend the bazaar that will be held on 13 October 2015, Thursday from 8.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Bazaar coupons can be bought on the day itself.

Proceeds from the bazaar will be donated to St Luke's ElderCare Ltd at Telok Blangah Centre.

2.3. School Parent Meeting (SPM)

Please be informed that the School Parent Meeting (SPM) will take place on 22 October 2015, Thursday from 8.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Please note that each appointment slot is 10 minutes and the event will end at noon, earlier than the mid-year SPM. We seek your





understanding on this matter, as there will be a GCE O-Level Examination held later that afternoon.

You may begin to make an appointment to see your child's form teacher in this link <http://www.sst.edu.sg/s/spm>. (You will be re-directed to a third-party portal to make appointments.)

2.4. Celebration of Learning

An exhibition of students' work will be held on the same day as the SPM in celebration of their learning.

In the second installment of Celebration of Learning (COL), there will be a showcase of students' work across subjects. Students will present their work to their peers and parents, adopting a variety of media such as podcasts, vodcasts, blogs, wikis, i-books, multi-media presentations, Googlesites, models, brochures and reports. To hone their oral communication skills, besides presenting their work, students will accept questions and clarify or defend their projects. We invite you to discover what your child has done, as you embark with them on their journey of learning.

2.5. Last Day of School

The last day of school for the respective levels are as follows:

Level	Last Day of School	Remarks
Secondary 1	30 October 2015	Service Learning
Secondary 2	23 October 2015	Final Assembly
Secondary 3	28 October 2015	For all Secondary 3 students
	30 October 2015	For Student Leaders attending the EXPose camp on 29 & 30 October 2015
	2 November 2015	For students taking the GCE O-Level MTL Examination





	5 November 2015	For students attending remedial lessons from 3 to 5 November 2015
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2.6. Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony for Secondary 4 students will be held on **9 October 2015**, Friday. This ceremony marks the students' successful completion of their education in SST.

Students will have the opportunity to reminisce about their time spent in SST, including their hard work and accomplishments throughout the years. The ceremony will also allow them to show appreciation to their peers, teachers and parents who have supported them in their learning journey.

Parents/Guardians of Secondary 4 students are invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony, which will take place in the Multi-Purpose Hall. Attending parents/guardians are invited to be seated by 8.20 a.m. Parents/Guardians are requested to [RSVP](#) to confirm their attendance and to facilitate logistical arrangements.

2.7. Code of Conduct

As a community, SST students are responsible for conducting themselves in a respectful manner that promotes a healthy and positive environment conducive to learning. Students are expected to adhere to the SST code of conduct, available on the [school website](#).





3. Student Affairs

3.1. Ministry of Education (MOE) Independent School Bursary (ISB)

Applications for the MOE Independent School Bursary (ISB) are now open for eligible students who are Singapore Citizens. Current ISB awards will expire on 31 December 2015. Current recipients are required to submit a fresh application for 2016 if they wish to continue receiving the MOE ISB.

Interested applicants may obtain the application form by either downloading the form [here](#) or collect a hardcopy form from SST General Office. Completed applications are to be submitted directly to SST General Office for processing.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to ensure the proper submission of applications with all required supporting documents; incomplete applications will not be processed. Applicants who qualify for 100% ISB are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible to facilitate processing and approval.

The application deadline for awards to commence from January 2016 is **20 November 2015**.

4. Achievements

4.1. B-Dazzled 2015

On 22 August 2015, our SST show choir participated in the [B-Dazzled 2015 Grand Festival](#) and finished as Top 5, receiving the Diamond Award.





4.2. [i.Code] Competition 2015

On 2 September 2015, 15 students from the [ICT/TDP – SST INC.](#) participated in the [i.Code] Competition 2015. A total of 50 teams comprising more than 140 students from 21 schools participated in the competition. Our students did well to clinch the Third Prize, the Merit Award, the Best User Experience Award and the Special Prize.

4.3. National Junior Robotics Competition (NJRC) 2015

From 31 August to 12 September 2015, selected Robotics @APEX students took part in the National Junior Robotics Competition (NJRC) 2015, organised by Science Centre Singapore and Agency for Science Technology and Research (A*STAR), with the support of MOE, Tote Board and DSO National Laboratories.

Out of the 700 participating teams, 3 of our teams clinched the following prizes:

- The Best Presentation Award - Champion
- The Best Learning Journey Award - 2nd Runner Up
- The Most Bizarre Robot Design Award - Champion

For the latest updates on our students' and school's achievements, please refer to our [school website](#). SST would like to encourage our students to continue to do their level best in all their endeavours.





5. Others

5.1. Haze Advisory

Singapore has been experiencing hazy conditions due to smoke haze from Sumatra being blown in by the prevailing winds. The PSI reading may deteriorate if the winds are unfavourable. Students with pre-existing conditions are advised to have their medication with them daily (e.g. students with asthma to carry their inhalers).

We have put in place a school continuity plan to ensure the well-being of your child during a haze situation. We are ready to respond and take appropriate haze management measures based on the guidelines corresponding to MOH's health advisory.

Please refer to the SST website for more information: [Haze Advisory](#)

5.2. Caring Teacher Awards

The Caring Teacher Awards (CTA) are aimed at acknowledging and rewarding teachers in our schools who show care and concern for the holistic development of their students and go the extra mile to ensure their charges grow up to be confident and independent learners.

To nominate a teacher, please download and complete the nomination form (available on the [CTA website](#)) and submit it to SST General Office by 12 October 2015.





5.3. School Opening Hours

The opening hours of SST General Office are as follows:

- 7.00 am to 6.00 pm (Monday – Thursday)
- 7.00 am to 5.30 pm (Friday)
- Closed (Weekends, School & Public Holidays)

Students are reminded that they should not be on the school premises after 7.00 p.m., unless on official school duties.

5.4. Parents Engagement Session

There will be a Parents Engagement Session on 16 October 2015, Friday titled [“Women Are Always Right, Men Are Never Wrong”](#).

Interested parents can register via the following link:
<http://goo.gl/forms/uaQUXJq3v8>

