

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY COLLEGE**Information for parents (January)**

19 December 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Please be informed of the following points:

(1) Religious Activities

Date	Time	Events	Venue	Participants
4/1 (Fri)	17:15 – 20:15	Mass for the Sacred Heart of Jesus	133 Waterloo Road	F.4 & F.5 Catholic Students
14/1 (Mon)	12:50 – 13:50	Lunchtime Gathering for KATSO Members & 1 Luke Students	School Hall	All Catholic Students & 1 Luke Students
16/1 (Wed)	14:35 – 16:30	F.6 Graduation Prayer Meeting	School Hall	All F.6 Students
25/1 (Fri)	15:45 – 16:45	Prayer Gathering for Memorial of The Blessed Rev. Gabriele Allegra	Room 211	All Catholic Students
26/1 (Sat)	---	Memorial Day of Blessed Rev. Gabriele Maria Allegra, OFM	---	---
	15:00 – 17:00	Mass for Memorial of The Blessed Rev. Gabriele Allegra	St. Bonaventure Church	Selected Catholic Students

(2) Athletic Meet

The 31st Athletic Meet will be held on 7 January (Mon) and 9 January (Wed) from 07:55 to around 17:00 at the Ma On Shan Sports Ground. All students must attend. 10 January (Thu) is the Day after the Athletic Meet. There will be no school. School will resume on 11 January (Fri), which is DAY 2. Please note the following points:

- 1) Students should wear either winter uniform or P.E. uniform. If the temperature is 13°C or below, or if the Hong Kong Observatory issues a cold weather warning in the morning, students may wear down or cashmere jackets in navy blue or black.
- 2) If students must apply for leave, please submit a parent's letter to the Form Teacher on or before **3 January (Thu)**. Absentees without proper reason will be penalized. Students who are sick must present medical certification upon return to school. Unapproved absence is considered as truancy, a defect will be given.
- 3) It is forbidden to bring glass bottles into the sports ground.
- 4) Students should arrive at the sports ground even if it rains. If the Education Bureau announces the suspension of school, the Athletic Meet will be cancelled.
- 5) There will be a 65-minute lunch break around 12:30. Students should arrange their own lunch in the vicinity.
- 6) It would be our honour if parents would come to join us during the Athletic Meet. For details, please visit our school website at <http://www.ihmc.edu.hk>.

(3) Staff Development Day

The Staff Development Day will take place on 8 January 2019 (Tue). There will be no school for students.

(4) Application for the Hong Kong Jockey Club Life-wide Learning Fund

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Life-wide Learning Fund was established by the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust. The Fund provides subsidies to participating schools, which in turn offer financial assistance to students in need, enabling them to take part in Life-Wide Activities as part of the school's curriculum.

Students who would like to apply for the above fund for the year 2018 – 2019 (1st batch) should submit the application form to the General Office on or before **15 January (Tue) by 17:00**. The application form can be downloaded from the school website. If you have any enquiries, please contact Mr. Chan Tak Wang.

(5) Distribution of Report Cards

A special timetable will be adopted on 24 January (Thu). Report Cards will be distributed to F.1 to F.5 students after the 9th period, with the dismissal time being 15:45.

(6) Parents' Day and Book Fair

Parents' Day will be held on 26 January (Sat) from 08:30 to 16:00. For details, please refer to the Parents' Day circular. In addition, in order to raise students' interest in extensive reading, our library and the English and Chinese Panels will organize a book fair between 24 and 26 January in Room 105 from 09:00 to 16:00. A wide range of books and magazines will be displayed. Both parents and students are welcome.

(7) Special Timetable

A special timetable will be adopted on 28 January (Mon). The time of dismissal will be 15:00.

(8) The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English and Mathematics Tests

Our school strongly recommends Form One and Form Two students to sit The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English and Mathematics tests. These ICAS papers are skills-based. The results show the student's relative position in the test population and can help our school identify gifted students for further enrichment as well as to identify students that require immediate attention. Each student will receive an individual report containing detailed diagnostic data and a password to access their results online which can be viewed and downloaded. Students will take the English Test on 22 March 2019 and Mathematics Test on 26 March 2019. Our school will help students to go through the registration process. The entry fee per student for each paper is #HK\$28. As F.1 Mathematics Test, F.2 English Test and F.2 Mathematics Test of the last season were suspended due to an unexpected technical problem, students who paid the registration fee of the above tests last year are now going to pay only the difference. There are no ICAS Tests arranged for F.3 students. The registration fee paid last year will be returned in full to current F.3 students. All payment will be collected or returned through e-Payment system in February.

Newly admitted F.1 and F.2 students in 2018-2019 have to pay \$56. Students who were in F.1 in 2017-2018 have to pay \$28. Students who were in F.2 in 2017-2018 do not have to pay.

(9) **Other Learning Activities in this month**

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Participants	#Fee	Remarks
3/1 (Thu)	15:45 – 16:45	Young Professional Forum	School Hall	All F.5 students	---	---
4/1 (Fri)	08:30 – 12:35	Class Photo Taking	School Hall	All students	*\$5/ \$10	Students should put on the School long-sleeved sweater for taking photos
	15:45 – 17:30	HKDSE Painting Workshop	Room 112	F.4 & F.5 Visual Arts students	Paid	---
11/1 (Fri)	09:00 – 17:00	ICT Experience Day	HKU SPACE (Admiralty)	F.5 ICT Students	---	Students should be in school uniform and meet the teacher at Pret A Manger, Admiralty MTR Station (near Exit D/F) by 08:45. Lunch and transportation fees are at students' own expense. Dismissal will be at the venue around 17:00
12/1 (Sat)	08:00 – 12:30	Mathematics Pre-Mock Examination	School Hall	All F.6 students	Paid	---
	08:30 – 12:00	Physics STEM Project – Egg Lander (Trial)	Red Brick Area	F.4 Physics students	---	---
16/1 (Wed)	15:45 – 16:15	F.1 Training Camp – Briefing Session	Rooms 200 – 207	All F.1 students	---	---
17 & 31/1	16:00 – 17:00	Guidance Prefect Training Workshop	Room 105	All Guidance Prefect	---	---
17/1 (Thu)	15:50 – 16:30	Chinese Reader Quiz	Rooms 306 – 309	All F.2 students	---	---
18–19/1 (Fri, Sat)	(18/1) 07:55 – (19/1) 14:00	F.1 Training Camp	School Hall and Lady MacLehose Holiday Village	All F.1 students	---	Students may apply for Life-Wide Learning Fund.
22/1 (Tue)	16:00 – 17:15	The Journey of Life – Career Leadership Training	Rooms 305 & 306	Career Prefects & Selected F.5 students		
25/1 (Fri)	13:45 – 16:30	Careers Expo	HK Convention and Exhibition Centre	All F.5 students	\$26.6	Students should be in School Uniform and bring along stationery
28-30/1	07:40 (28/1) – 16:30 (30/1)	Biology Field Camp	Ho Koon Nature Education Cum Astronomical Centre	All F.5 Biology students	Paid	---
28/1 (Mon)	15:10 – 16:30	Junior Financial Secretary – Positive wealth management exhibition (Game Stall)	Room 100	F.4 Participants' (Other students are welcome)	---	---
29/1 (Tue)	15:10 – 16:15	F.1 Training Camp – Debriefing Session	School Hall	All F.1 students	---	---
		Guidance Activity “A Harmonious Family”	Rooms 300 – 307	All F.2 students	---	---

#Fee will be collected through e-Payment system in February.

*\$5 (Class Photo), \$10 (F.6 Form Photo), Pay Cash to Form Teachers

Yours sincerely,

Ms. MOK Kit Yue
Principal

※Biblical Quote: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. Jn 3:16

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*Please return the reply slip to the Form Teacher on 2 January (Wed) (Ref:1819-0140)

Class No. _____

(Reply Slip)

I, parent of _____ (Class) _____ (Name), hereby acknowledge receipt of the notice concerning all the arrangements of the school in January and the e-payment concerned.

I will not attend the Athletic Meet.

I will attend the Athletic Meet on 7 January 2019 (am session) 7 January 2019 (pm session)
 9 January 2019 (am session) 9 January 2019 (pm session)

_____ (No. of people attending)

Signature of Parent : _____

Date : _____