

3 March 2021

RE: Notre Dame College School Circular No. 9 (2020-2021)

This is to inform all parents about all the school events, holidays and purchase matters taking place in March.

- (1) Catholic Lenten Campaign: According to the Liturgical year, Ash Wednesday (17 February) is the beginning of the Lent. Every year, the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong organizes a “Catholic Lenten Campaign” in order to help the poor and needy in Hong Kong and other places. The theme for this year is “Lord, it is good that we are here!” In support of this campaign, our class teachers will pass a donation box in the class teachers’ period every day from 9 March to 23 March so that they can donate freely. It does not matter how much one donates; it matters whether the donation is meaningful in helping the needy. Please note: Our school will not provide any donation box, donation bag or donation envelope for our students to take home. If you would like to contribute, please feel free to donate by a crossed cheque, payable to “Catholic Lenten Campaign”. Our school will deliver the cheques to the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong on your behalf, so we are unable to accept cash.
- (2) Oblate Store: Due to the recent economic downturn, our school sponsoring body Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate has decided to open a grocery store in To Kwa Wan in mid-March, namely the “Oblate Store”, so as to sell products at a cheap price to benefit the community. To answer the call of our school sponsoring body, we hope parents can kindly donate unwanted new items to the store for sales. All profits will be used for charity purposes. If you are interested, please let your children bring the items to school. The School Office will collect them on behalf.
- (3) Half-day session: According to the guidelines laid down by the Education Bureau, secondary schools can arrange two half-day sessions every day, each form having one half-day session, with the number of students capped at one-third of the total number of students. Students of different forms will take turns to attend school or online lessons at home. Please refer to Attachment 1 of the Chinese School Notice for the arrangements of March lessons.
- (4) English Drama: To arouse students’ interests in British culture, the English Department has arranged the following classes to watch an English drama at the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre. For more details to this activity, please refer to the special school circular which will be distributed later.

Class	Date	Time	Remarks
Form 3	15/3/2021 (Monday)	1:45 pm – 4 pm	Students have to meet up at school by 12:15 pm and go to the venue by tour bus. They will be dismissed at the school campus.
Form 4A	17/3/2021 (Wednesday)	4:30 pm – 6:45 pm	Students have to attend school until 1:30 pm and go to the venue by tour bus at around 3:05 pm. They will be dismissed at the school campus.

- (5) Teacher’s Development Day: The Joint-School Teacher’s Development Day organised by Project WeCan will take place on 26 March (Friday). Seminars and workshops for teachers will be held on that day. For this reason, there will be no school that day. Please encourage your children to make good use of the holiday for revision.
- (6) Parents’ Day: The second Parents’ Day of this school year will be postponed to 27 March (Saturday). Some of the parents will be arranged to meet the class teachers to discuss the students’ studies, lives in school and at home, as well as to collect the exam report and the conduct report of the first semester.
- (7) Easter Bible Service: Easter Bible Service will take place on 30 March (Tuesday) from 8:30 am to 9:20 pm. Details are as follows:

Class	Activity	Remarks
Form 3 to Form 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - View the Bible Service live at home - Login the classroom “Life-wide Learning (LWL)” before 8:30 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the Bible Service, Form 5 students will continue their online lessons (from the 3rd to 7th lesson). - Form 3 and Form 4 students have to be back to school to continue lessons from 1:30 pm to 4:40pm.
Form 1 to Form 2	Attend school to participate in the Bible Service	Students have to be back to school at 8:15 am to participate in the Bible Service and continue their lessons (from the 3rd to 7th lesson). They will be dismissed at 1:30 pm.

- (8) Easter Holidays: 1 April (Thursday) to 10 April (Saturday) is the Easter Holidays. The school will resume on 12 April (Monday). Please encourage your children to make good use of the holiday for revision.
- (9) Hygiene: Parents and students should maintain good personal, food and environmental hygiene. If your child shows symptoms of infection, such as running nose, sore throat, cough, fever, muscle pain, sudden loss of the sense of taste or smell, he/she should seek medical attention at the clinic or hospital as soon as possible, and return to school after full recovery. To know more, please refer to the Centre of Health Protection website.
- (10) Disease Prevention Measures: Unless necessary, please avoid letting your children visit crowded places. If the students have traveled overseas to other countries or regions, they must report the departure date and time to the school. To safeguard personal health and public health, students should follow the quarantine requirements laid down by the Centre for Health Protection and attend school after being confirmed negative.
- (11) Infection case: If the following situation is confirmed, please contact us via 27115291 immediately so that we can take proper measures in time:
 - (a) A student or his/her family member is a confirmed case or a preliminary tested positive case of Covid-19;

- (b) A student or his/her family member is classified as a close contact of an infected person with Covid-19 by the Centre for Health Protection, or household member of a close contact; and
- (c) A student who is classified as “persons subject to compulsory testing” according to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J). (Remarks: Persons subject to compulsory testing must undergo testing within the specific dates under the instruction of the Centre for Health Protection. It is forbidden to attend school unless being tested negative.)

According to the government regulations, once a student is confirmed with any one of the situations above, he/she must undergo quarantine or testing with respect to the instructions of the Centre of Health Protection, and must not go to the school. If we find anyone in violation of the quarantine and comes to school without permission, we will inform the law enforcement unit immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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