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RE: Notre Dame College School Circular No. 2 (2021-2022)

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

- (1) **Caritas Charity Raffle Ticket Scheme:** Caritas Hong Kong is an international charity, and its motto is 'Love in the service of hope'. During these few decades, Caritas has been striving to provide services for the elderly, the poor, the sick, the distressed, the physically handicapped and the homeless. These years Caritas has also helped the unemployed and new immigrants regardless of races, gender and religious backgrounds. To carry out these diversified services, Caritas organises the Caritas Charity Raffle Ticket Scheme every year.

To answer the appeal from the Catholic diocese, we will launch a raffle ticket sale as before. Each raffle ticket will be sold at \$20 and each student only needs to sell two to three tickets. We hope parents can purchase or help selling these tickets actively in order to help those who are desperate in need. Our ticket sale will run from 18 October to 1 November. Please tell your child to return the donations, the counterfoils of the raffle tickets and the unsold raffle tickets to the class teachers on or before 2 November. We would like to express our gratitude on behalf of the Caritas Hong Kong.

- (2) **Student Grant – Distribution of Application Forms and Arrangements:** Starting from 2019/20 school year, all students studying in secondary day-schools, primary schools and kindergartens in Hong Kong are eligible for the one-off \$2,500 grant. The student grant is non-means-tested, and the application has to be submitted by parents or guardians. The Education Bureau will distribute the "Student Grant" application forms, and the school has to verify the identity of the students and return the forms to the Education Bureau. The application forms are classified into two categories below:

- **Form B:** applicable to students studying in our school in the last academic year. Form B is pre-printed with the student's basic information. If the pre-printed information is correct, parents or guardians need to mark a "✓" in the designated box at the bottom of the form and sign to confirm. There is no need to fill in the information again. If parts of the details have to be amended on Form B, please write the correct information in block letters in black or blue ball pen on top of the related information (do not use correction fluid or tape), and leave the check box at the bottom of the form unticked.
- **Form A:** applicable to newly admitted students or students transferring to our school in this academic year, particular students who have not received Form B from the Education Bureau, as well as students who have to amend major information (i.e. student's English name, name of day school or type of school).

Each eligible student can only submit one application. Before filling in the form, parents or guardians should read the "Notes to Complete this Form" and "Declaration" carefully and ask your child to hand in the form to the class teachers on or before 30 September (Thursday).

- (3) **Collection of Vaccination Records:** According to the guidelines announced by the Education Bureau, the school can only resume face-to-face lessons and extra-curricular activities if the number of students aged 18 years or above having taken two doses of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days and students aged 12 to 17 years having taken one dose of COVID-19 vaccine for more than 14 days reaches 70% of the total number of students in the school. For this reason, we have to keep students' vaccination records for planning school events. If your child has taken one or two doses of COVID-19 vaccine, please give a duplicate copy of the vaccination record to the class teachers.

- (4) **National Day:** 1 October (Friday) is the National Day holiday.
- (5) **Chung Yeung Festival:** 14 October (Thursday) is the Chung Yeung Festival Holiday.
- (6) **Special Schedule:** The Friday schedule will be adopted on 26 October (Tuesday). Parents should remind their children to pay special attention to this change and bring the textbooks and items needed on that day.
- (7) **Subject Awards Ceremony:** The School Anniversary Subject Awards Ceremony 2021 will take place on 28 October (Thursday). We are happy to invite our alumnus Dr. Li Shu Wing, David to be our guest of honour to confer and present awards for academic achievements. Students have to attend school as usual at 8:10 am for the morning assembly and ceremony. The fifth and sixth lessons will take place after recess, and they will be dismissed by 12:00pm. Kindly please pay special attention to the time when your child returns home. In preparation for the “Secondary School Life - Experience Day”, which will be held on 29 October, students responsible for the activities (such as booths, practices and performances) have to stay behind after school on 28 October.
- (8) **Secondary School Life - Experience Day:** “Secondary School Life - Experience Day” will take place on 29 October (Friday). Students from Oblate Primary School, St. Eugene de Mazenod Oblate Primary School, Po Yan Oblate Primary School and Kowloon Bay St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School are invited to participate in this activity. Students responsible for the activities (such as booths, reception, and performances) have to stay at school from 8:50 am to 12:20 pm. Form 1 to Form 5 students do not have to attend school, but Form 6 students have to attend school for the make-up lessons of four core subjects from 8:10 am to 1:00 pm due to the tight curriculum schedule. Here are the details:

29 October (Friday)	
Form 6 Make-up Lesson Timetable	
Time	Subject
0810-0830	morning assembly
0830-0930	Liberal Studies
0930-1030	Mathematics
1030-1100	recess
1100-1200	English
1200-1300	Chinese

- (9) **Chinese Newspaper subscription plan:** The Chinese Department (Chinese Language Education Key Learning Area) will subscribe the Chinese newspaper 《信報·文薈》 for Form 5 and Form 6 students. The newspaper covers HKDSE questions and works of famous authors. The fee is \$30 per student and it will be deducted from the student smart card account.
- (10) **English Newspaper subscription plan:** Students who are interested in subscribing the following English e-newspapers, please contact the English teachers. The fees will be deducted from the student smart card accounts. Here are the details:

Newspaper	Price	Subscription Details
Junior Standard (S1 – S3)	Annual subscription \$88 (late September to June 2022)	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Student Standard (S4 – S6)	Annual subscription \$48 (late September to June 2022)	Every Tuesday and Thursday

- (11) **Purchase of English Grammar Book:** Form 2 students have to make a group purchase on the following English Grammar Book. The fees will be deducted from the student smart card accounts. Here are the details:

Class	Book Title	Discounted price for group purchase
Form 2	Pan Lloyds Grammar Build-up for Secondary Students (Book 2)	\$132

- (12) **Purchase of English SBA Book:** Form 5 students have to make a group purchase on the following English SBA Book. The fees will be deducted from the student smart card accounts. Here are the details:

Class	Book Title	Publisher	Discounted price for group purchase
5A	a) Who are Venus and Serena Williams? b) Who is David Beckham? c) Who is Michael Jordon? d) Who is Pele? * Each student can choose one of the books above	Penguin Publisher	\$45 per book
5C	Who are Venus and Serena Williams?		

- (13) **BEC English e-books subscription plan:** To enhance English reading ability of our students as well as to promote the e-book reading scheme, all Form 1 to Form 5 students have to subscribe the online English e-books (Benchmark Universe) for a year. The fee is \$59 for each student. The fees will be deducted from the student smart card accounts. English teachers will use the books on this platform for teaching purpose, and homework will be assigned on this online reading platform regularly. Students will receive the account number and password later. Please encourage your child to make good use of this platform and read more English books after school.

- (14) **Purchase of Stationeries and Learning Kits:** Students have to make a group purchase on the following stationeries and learning kits for different subjects. The fees will be deducted from the student smart card accounts. Here are the details:

Subject	Class	Item	Fee
Chinese Language Education Key Learning Area	Form 1 to Form 4, Form 6	One Folder	\$7.6
	Form 5	Two Folders	\$15.2
Life and Society	Form 1	Two A4 Folders	\$1.8
Reading	Form 2	One Folder	\$3.5
Physics	Form 3	One A4 three-layered folder	\$3.5
Music	Form 4	One A4 three-layered (NDC) folder	\$3.5
Geography	Form 1 and Form 3	One A4 folder	\$0.9
	Form 4	One A4 three-layered folder	\$3.5
		Four two-hole punched folders	\$23.2
	Form 5	One A4 three-layered folder	\$3.5
		Five two-hole punched folders	\$29
Form 6	One A4 three-layered folder	\$3.5	
Visual Arts	Form 1	One A3 Zipper Bag	\$8
	Form 1 to Form 3	One A4 three-layered folder	\$2.5
		One black thick permanent marker	\$7
		One Sketchbook	\$20

Ethics & Religious Studies	Form 1	School-based Materials	\$30
		One single-layered folder	\$2.5
STEM Education	Form 1 and Form 2	STEM School-based Materials 《跨學科人工智能基礎原理》	\$31.6

- (15) **Hong Kong Schools Music Festival:** The 74th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival is now accepting application for solo, duo and a few group events. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all competitions will be run in a video recording mode. Students who are interested in joining the competitions, please obtain the application forms from the music teacher on or before 20 October.
- (16) **Attendance of online lessons:** To help Form 5 and Form 6 students to prepare for HKDSE, the subject teachers will arrange online lessons in October. The timetable will be distributed later. We are deeply concerned about the academic performance of our students, and students have to attend classes on time. Students who are absent because of illness or specific reasons need to attend to the formalities for leave. Otherwise, the absence will be treated as truancy.
- (17) **Seasonal Influenza Vaccination Scheme:** Seasonal influenza (flu) is a highly infectious viral disease, and the peak season occurs from January to March and from July to August every year in Hong Kong. To protect the health of our students, our Healthy Campus Committee has invited the United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service to come to our school on **18 November (Thursday)** to inject Quadrivalent Seasonal Influenza Vaccine for our students. The price is \$145 and the students are free to participate. If you wish to accept this service, please fill in the attached Parents / Guardians **Approval Form** and return it to the class teachers before 12 October (Tuesday). The fees will be deducted from the student smart card accounts.
- (18) **Form 1 Sign Bilingualism & Co-enrolment Education Programme:** Adhering to the school motto of Notre Dame College – imparting knowledge, eulogizing the Gospel, caring for the disadvantaged, respecting the Lord and loving others as oneself, we have been working closely with the Centre for Sign Languages and Deaf Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong to launch the “Sign Bilingualism & Co-enrolment Education Programme” since August 2013. Together with the research conducted by the SLCO Community Resources, we expect to promote better education service, and hope both the hearing and deaf students can have benefits in their learning and language development.

SLCO Community Resources would like to invite Form 1 students to participate in this research project. The Centre will collect your child’s information including personal information, questionnaires, assessments, and examination results. The research analyse focuses on the learning and growth of all students as a whole but not individual student deeply. All personal information gathered in the research will be kept confidential, and will not be disclosed to a third party. The participation of the research is voluntary and will not affect the student in terms of academic results or school life. We sincerely hope that parents can support this meaningful research programme. For more information, please read the attachment.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Ka Ming Tong
Principal

Reply Slip

I am the parent / guardian* of the student _____ (S. ____, Class no: ____). I have read the School Circular No. 2 with regard to all school events, holidays and special arrangements taking place in October.

Signature of Parent / Guardian*: _____

Date signed: _____ 2021

*Please delete where inappropriate.