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To: **The Parents of students in Years 1-13**

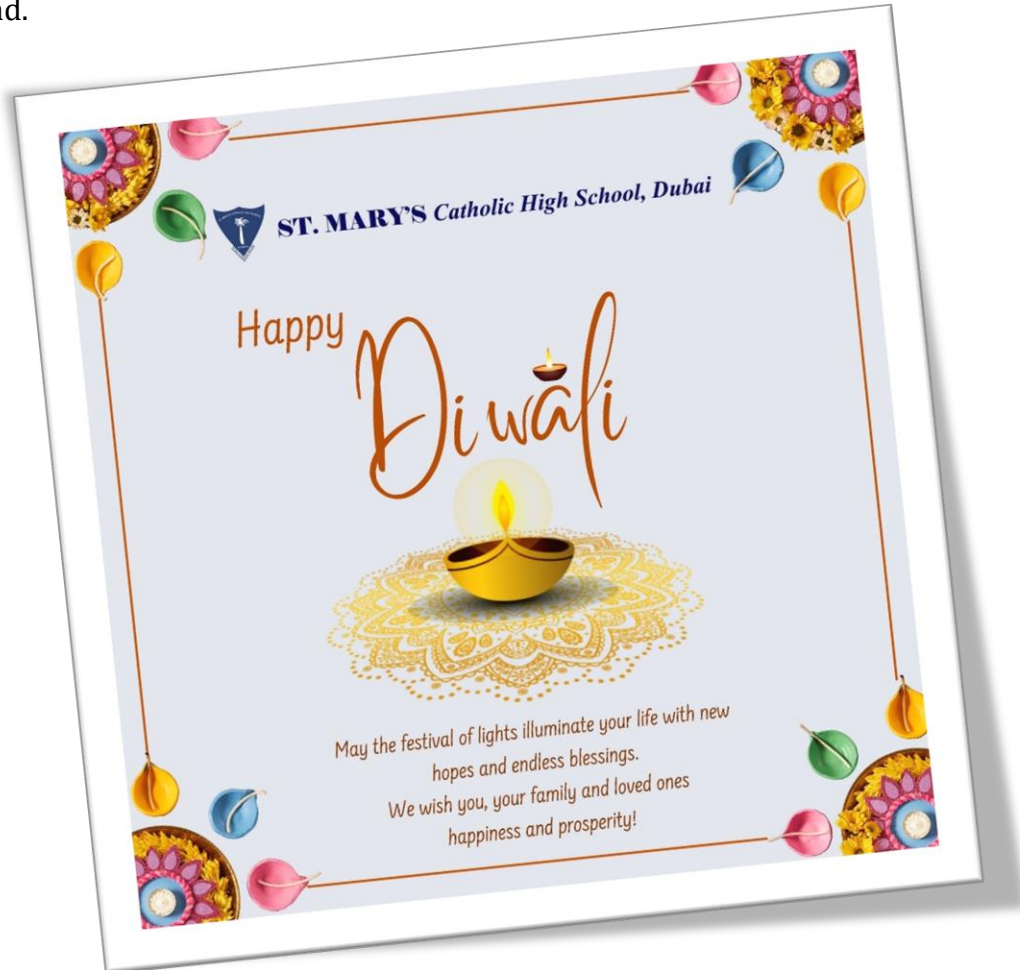
WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK ELEVEN

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's. We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy.

Please read on to find out important information that is relevant to your child and/or his/her year group.

The School Community would like to extend Diwali wishes and blessings to all our Marian families celebrating Diwali. May you all enjoy truly meaningful celebrations with your families during this long weekend.



THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER IS A HOLIDAY

NEW UPDATES:

- **FIRST OF NOVEMBER IS A HOLIDAY-All year groups.**
- **4TH NOVEMBER : IBT ARABIC A for all ARABIC A students Years 5-10- please bring a fully charged device.**
- **IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SIMS PARENT APP REGISTRATION.**
- **SMCHS ANNUAL MEET SCHEDULE.**
- **DHA VACCINATION GUIDELINES - School website, SIMS Parent APP and Class Group Email.**
- **FIRST TERM FEES MUST BE PAID WITHOUT DELAY- ALL YEAR GROUPS.**

1) **IBT ARABIC EXAM FOR ARABIC A STUDENT'S YEARS 5-10 ON 4TH NOVEMBER**

2024: We would like to remind parents of ARABIC A students from years 5-10 to please ensure that your child brings a fully charged device to school on **Monday, 4th November 2024** .

2) **GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2023-2024** (Current Year 12

students and parents) **8TH NOVEMBER 2024 evening ceremony** : Parents are reminded to please remember to carry the invitation card with you. **The invitation card admits TWO ADULTS ONLY.**

3) **SIMS PARENT APP REGISTRATION – IMPORTANT UPDATE:**

St. Mary's is committed to providing parents with a secure and reliable way to stay connected with their child's education. To achieve this, we're implementing some enhancements to the SIMS Parent App registration process. To streamline the app and ensure everyone has access to the latest features, we'll be re-registering all parents for the SIMS Parent App. Lookout for an Email: You will receive an email from the school's IT department with instructions on how to re-register. Activate Your Account (Parents Only): Parents will receive a separate email with an invitation code from noreply@sim.co.uk. Use this code to activate your parent account within the app. Complete the Registration: Follow the steps outlined in the email to complete the re-registration process. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to providing a more secure and informative experience through the SIMS Parent App.

For any questions, please contact the school IT department at:
itsupport-smchs@smgeducation.org

4) URGENT SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT OUTSIDE GATE 5: We are urgently appealing to ALL PARENTS who drop off or pick up their kids at GATE NO. 5 to please ensure that children are crossing only at the zebra crossing . Our security and school personnel who are outside assisting children have noticed that many children are being dropped off at a distance from the signal and are running across the road. Let us remind our children that SAFETY is paramount . **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILDEN CROSS THE ROAD ONLY AT THE ZEBRA CROSSING.** We do not want any child to ever be injured in an accident.

5) DHA MEASLES NATIONAL CAMPAIGN (YEARS 1 & 2) : Parents of Year Two will receive relevant documentation and forms. Please check with your child.

6) DHA VACCINATION GUIDELINES: All Parents are requested to kindly check the school website, the SIMS Parent App or your child's class group email for this latest documentation from DHA.

7) FIRST TERM FEES TO BE PAID WITHOUT DELAY : All parents please note that the deadline for the First Term Fees was September 20th . The timely payment of fees is crucial to the sustainable functioning of the school. We urge those parents who have not yet made the First Term fee payments to kindly do so without any further delay. First Term fees that have not been paid will now be considered as outstanding and we will not be able to issue corrected assessment papers, report cards and any other official documents .

8) LIONS CLUB, PEACE POSTER CONTEST (AGES 11-13) : Parents are requested to kindly see the attached flyer which has all the required information.

9) SIMPLY BOTTLES- DESIGN A SUSTAINABLE COFFEE SHOP COMPETITION (STUDENTS AGED 11-16): We Please check the attached flyer. **Students who are interested MUST meet Ms. Bindu Harikumar.**

10) COLLECTION OF GCE/ IAL/ GCSE/ IGCSE CERTIFICATES : Please see the link to the separate circular.

11) SMCHS ANNUAL SPORTS MEET : Please see attachment.

12) SIMPLY BOTTLES RECYCLING PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES: We are inviting parents to please support the children in this campaign as we really would like them to value the importance of recycling. In addition to prizes from Simply Bottles , we will be awarding three classes (YEARS 1-4/ YEARS 5-8/ YEARS 9-13) with the highest number of bottles recycled with a picnic day out in January 2025. Please send the empty plastic water bottles collected with your child each day. This campaign will run until the 9th of December 2024. Last Year our school won the **FIRST PRIZE** among all other participating schools for this.

Winning classes of last year (currently year 10D, 8A and last year's 4D) will have their winner's picnic on 13th November 2024. A separate letter will follow to these parents later. We would greatly appreciate if these bottles could be smashed before sending them to school.

13) DHA HEALTH & HAPPINESS CHALLENGE (For Years 7-13): This is a wonderful initiative to encourage healthy habits in our children and your support would be greatly appreciated. Let's support our children in being active.

14) PEARSON EDEXCEL EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS FOR YEARS 11 & 13: Parents of students in Years 11 and 13 are reminded to please check the Pearson Edexcel Exam Registration forms that have been sent with the children today. Payment for London Board Exams must be made through Skiplly. Please send the forms with the relevant documents (mentioned on the form) and the printed Skiplly receipt.

15) IBT ARABIC A & B (ARABIC A- Years 5-10) (ARABIC B – Years 5, 7 & 9) : Please see the link for circulars that were issued on 10th September 2024.

16) WELLBEING WEDNESDAYS: With a view to improving overall student wellbeing and following through with some suggestions from students themselves, the school will champion Wellbeing **EVERY WEDNESDAY**. *We would request that every child bring in ANY ONE FRUIT of their choice and/or ANY ONE DAIRY (milk, laban, yoghurt, a fruit juice could substitute for those children who are lactose intolerant)* for breakfast, that they will have together in class first thing in the morning during the morning registration with their class teachers.

17) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS (PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS):

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly go through the separate circular on A-Level admissions attached to this weekly notice.

18) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025:

Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2024-2025 that has been attached to this circular for your easy reference. This will help you plan ahead. If the regulators make any changes to the same, we will inform you immediately. Please note that only emergency medical leave will be approved during school days. Leave for family holidays and celebrations must coincide with the school holidays as per the KHDA calendar. **Leave for events like graduations, weddings, parties etc will not be granted during school days and if absences like this occur during exams, there will be no re-exams in that case. We expect parents to respect these dates and not request leave during school days.**

KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

Parents are strongly reminded not to plan holidays/ celebrations and other events outside the approved holiday slots in the calendar as these will not be approved.

26 th AUGUST 2024	School re-opens for ALL STUDENTS
30 th SEPTEMBER 2024	Holiday for students
10 th to 23 rd OCTOBER 2024	Window for mid-term assessments
1 st NOVEMBER 2024	Diwali Holiday
11 th NOVEMBER 2024	Holiday for all students
2 nd & 3 rd DECEMBER 2024	National Day Holidays
14 th DECEMBER 2024 – 5 th JANUARY 2025 (Inclusive)	Winter Break
6 th JANUARY 2025	School re-opens after the Winter Break
10 th - 24 th JANUARY – 2025	First Term Examinations in the morning. Regular lessons after break. Students will not be allowed to go home after the morning's exam.
13 th FEBRUARY 2025	Sports Day Years 5-13 (subject to change)
17 th FEBRUARY	Holiday for all students
21 st FEBRUARY 2025	Sports Day Years 1-4
7 th to 21 st March 2025	Window for Mid-term assessments
14 th -21 st MARCH 2025	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
7 th to 11 th APRIL 2025	
22 nd MARCH – 6 TH APRIL 2025 (inclusive)	Spring Break
17 th & 18 th APRIL 2025	Holiday for all students
13 th MAY 2025	Study Holiday
14 th 15 th & 16 th MAY 2025	Final exams in parallel with regular lessons
19 th to 28 th MAY 2025	Final Exams and students go home at 11:30 am
5 th & 6 th JUNE 2025	Eid Al Adha (subject to government declaration)
26 th JUNE 2025	Government Holiday
27 th JUNE 2025	Last day of school

Please note that the GL EXAMS usually take place during the month of May and June.

19) PREDICTED GRADES POLICY FOR YEARS 12 & 13 : We would like to remind all parents and students to carefully go through this Policy that is available on our school website. The situation that unfolded over the last few years made many children realise, albeit too late the true value of being consistent with their study habits and not waiting until the last minute before exams to prepare and study. It is always best for every child to be **CONSISTENT AND HIGHLY REGULAR** with their study and ensure that they maintain a good level of attainment across all their assessment opportunities and prepare as well as they can for their Board Examinations. This will also help them to achieve better predicted grades as every assessment and examination counts towards the calculation of the same.

20) SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY , YEARS 9 TO 13: We would like to request all parents of children in these year groups to please go through the Subject Change Policy which is available in the Parents' Info section of the school website.

21) STUDENT ABSENCES MUST BE INFORMED BY PARENTS: All parents are requested to kindly inform the class teacher via email whenever a child is absent , even if it is just for one day. A simple email with the reason for the absence will suffice but is mandatory. Unaccounted for absences will be marked as unjustified and will be reflected on students' progress reports.

22) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS: If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal , Ms. Lise-Ann on lpinto-smchs@smgeducation.org and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



Happy Diwali

Links:

- [LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST \(AGES 11-13\)](#)
- [ASTER CANVAS PAINTING COMPETITION \(AGES 4-16\)](#)
- [COLLECTION OF GCSE / IGCSE / IAL / GCE CERTIFICATES SUMMER 2024](#)
- [DHA Health & Happiness Challenge – SMCHS Link](#)
- [SAINTZ MUN TRYOUTS](#)
- [DHA Health and Happiness Schools Challenge](#)
- [OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR VERSION 1.0](#)
- [Youth Leadership Programme](#)
- [Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2023-2024 – 8TH NOVEMBER 2024](#)
- [IBT ARABIC EXAMINATIONS – ARABIC A](#)
- [IBT ARABIC EXAMINATIONS – ARABIC B](#)
- [KOMODO WELLBEING PLATFORM 2024-2025](#)
- [Letter Writing Story Writing Competition 2025](#)
- [PERSONAL APPEARANCE](#)
- [CYBERBULLYING/ BULLYING / INAPPROPRIATE USE OF OR BULLYING ON SOCIAL MEDIA](#)
- [ADMISSION TO TWO YEAR A-LEVEL GCE PROGRAMME](#)

Swimming Champions!

Last week, two of our champion swimmers participated in swimming competitions and bagged medals.



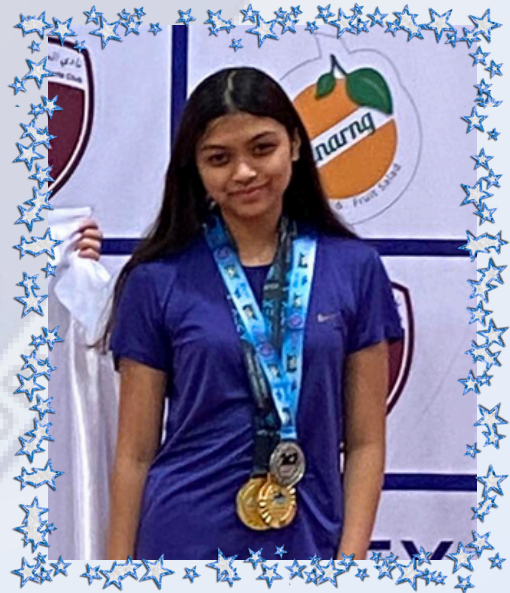
4E's Ava Seprado took part in the Al Hamriyah Fundamental Swimming Championship and the Water Warriors Swimming Competition and swam home with a total of 10 medals!

- Best Swimmer
- Gold 50m Freestyle
- Gold 50m Backstroke
- Gold 50m Breaststroke
- Gold 50m Butterfly

In both the events!

Bethany Fernandes from 11D participated in the Apex Swimming Championship and clinched 3 wins!

- Gold 50m Backstroke
- Gold 100m Backstroke
- Silver 50m Butterfly



CONGRATULATIONS

GMU - Medical and Science Exhibition

Our talented students from A level Science took part in the Gulf Medical University's Science competition. One of our teams clinched a prize in this competition that had participation from across the country, both from schools and universities.

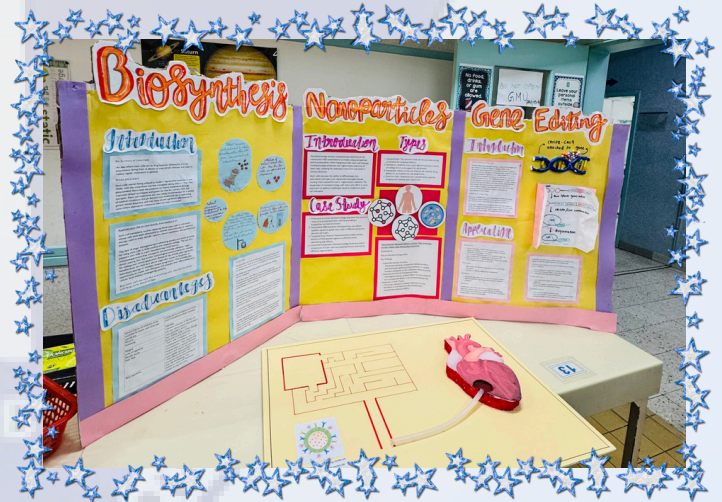


Our winning team:

Ayushi
Jeremy
Reuben
Shalom
Wenuri.

And their winning entry:

“Stemcells” - The project was about nano particles, bio synthesis and gene editing.



CONGRATULATIONS

GMAMUN Sr. 2024

At the annual Gems Modern Academy MUN for seniors, we had 7 students from the Saintz MUN group who participated. In a proud turn of events, two of our delegates won awards in this huge conference that had about 600 delegates.



Veronica Malubay
Best Research Award
UNSC



Sofia Bisco
Honourable Mention Award
ECOSOC



CONGRATULATIONS

Psyched @ MIT

Our department of Psychology sent four of its brilliant students to participate in the Psychology conference, 'Psyched', organised by the Manipal Institute of Technology



In an outstanding show of diplomacy and acumen, our Daniella Adhikari of Yr 13 was selected for the "Best Delegate of the Round Table" award.

TEDEX @ AMPS

Emily Lotfy of 11E represented St. Mary's at the recent TED talk event conducted by the Al Maaref Private School. After the audition, she was one among the select few who got a chance to deliver their talk on the TEDEX@AMPS stage

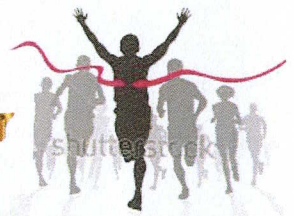
Emily on stage delivering her speech about the importance of Clarity and Connection in life.



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St.Mary's Dubai



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET -2024-2025 EVENTS FOR BOYS

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GR.5 & 6 Sub-Junior	Born on or After 1-1-2013	100m	200m	400m	Long Jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay		
GR.7 & 8 Junior	Born on or After 1-1-2011	100m	200m	400m	800m	Long Jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay	
GR.9 & 10 Senior	Born on or After 1-1-2009	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m	Long jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay
GR 11,12&13 Super Senior	Born on or Before 31-12-2008	100m	200m	400m	800m	1500m	Long Jump	Shot put	4x100m Relay

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Each student can participate in maximum of 3 events excluding relay.(Either two track & one field or one track & two field events)
- Relay team would be selected from the result of 100m heats. Those students who get the first four positions will be selected for relay team to represent their houses.
- Any over age students shall be shifted to the next higher appropriate division

Awards and Points Details

- All winners will be awarded First(Gold), Second(Silver) & Third (Bronze)

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- First Place - 05
- Second Place - 03
- Third Place - 01

- ❖ For the relay Event

- First Place - 10
- Second Place - 06
- Third Place - 02

- ✓ Those who secure maximum points will be awarded individual championship trophy in their respective categories. (excluding relay)
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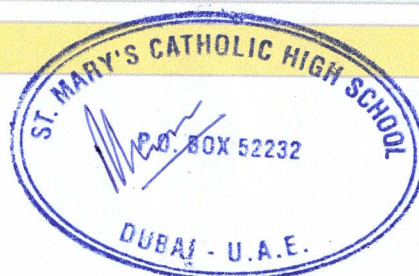


ANNUAL SPORTS MEET -2024-25

TRYOUT SCHEDULE FOR BOYS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	PERIOD	CLASS
MONDAY	28/10/2024	LONG JUMP,SHOTPUT	BREAK	YR,11,12,13
TUESDAY	29/10/2024	LONG JUMP,SHOTPUT	BREAK	YR 9&10
WEDNESDAY	30/10/2024	100M	5th	YR 8B,C,F
THURSDAY	31/10/2024	100M	5th	YR 7B,C,F
MONDAY	04/11/2024	800M	BREAK	YR,11,12,13
TUESDAY	05/11/2024	800M	BREAK	YR 9&10
WEDNESDAY	06/11/2024	200M	5th	YR 8B,C,F
THURSDAY	07/11/2024	200M	5th	YR 7B,C,F
MONDAY	11/11/2024	400M	BREAK	YR,11,12,13
TUESDAY	12/11/2024	400M	BREAK	YR 9&10
WEDNESDAY	13/11/2024	400M	5th	YR 8B,C,F
THURSDAY	14/11/2024	400M	5th	YR 7B,C,F
MONDAY	18/11/2024	200M	BREAK	YR,11,12,13
TUESDAY	19/11/2024	200M	BREAK	YR 9&10
WEDNESDAY	20/11/2024	LONG JUMP,SHOTPUT	5th	YR 8B,C,F
THURSDAY	21/11/2024	LONG JUMP,SHOTPUT	5th	YR 7B,C,F
MONDAY	25/11/2024	100M	BREAK	YR,11,12,13
TUESDAY	26/11/2024	100M	BREAK	YR 9&10
WEDNESDAY	27/11/2024	100M	5th	YR 8B,C,F
THURSDAY	28/11/2024	100M	5th	YR 7B,C,F
MONDAY	09/12/2024	1500 mtrs.	BREAK	YR,11,12,13
TUESDAY	10/12/2024	1500 mtrs	BREAK	YR 9&10
TUESDAY	07/01/2025	800M	BREAK	YR7&8 B,C,F

YR 5&6 TRYOUTS DURING SPORTS LESSON





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ANNUAL SPORTS MEET -2024-2024 EVENTS FOR GIRL'S

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YR.5 & 6 Sub-Junior	Born on or After 1-1-2013	100mts	200mts	400mts	Long Jump	Shot Put	4x100m Relay	
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YR 11, 12 & 13 Super Senior	Born on or Before 31-12-2008	100mts	200mts	400mts	800mts	Long Jump	Shot Put	4 x 100 m Relay

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ANNUAL SPORTS MEET -2024-25

TRYOUT SCHEDULE FOR GIRLS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	PERIOD	CLASS
TUESDAY	29/10/2024	200M	7TH	YR 7A&7D
WEDNESDAY	30/10/2024	200M	6TH	YR 8A
		200M	8TH	YR 8D&8E
THURSDAY	31/10/2024	200M	4TH	YR 7E
		100M	6TH	YR 7A&7D
TUESDAY	05/11/2024	LONG JUMP, SHOTPUT	7TH	YR 7A&7D
		400M	BREAK	YR 11,12&13
WEDNESDAY	06/11/2024	100M	6TH	YR 8A
		100M	8TH	YR 8D&8E
		LONG JUMP	4TH	YR 7E
THURSDAY	07/11/2024	400M	BREAK	YR 9&10
		LONG JUMP, SHOTPUT	6TH	YR 7A&7D
FRIDAY	08/11/2024	SHOTPUT	7TH	YR 7E
TUESDAY	12/11/2024	LONG JUMP	3RD	YR 10D
		LONG JUMP	8TH	YR 9A&9D
WEDNESDAY	13/11/2024	200M	BREAK	YR 11,12&13 & YR 9&10
		LONG JUMP	6TH	YR 8A
		LONG JUMP	8TH	YR 8D&8E
THURSDAY	14/11/2024	LONG JUMP	1ST	YR 10E
		800M	BREAK	YR7&8
		LONG JUMP	5TH	YR 10A
FRIDAY	15/11/2024	LONG JUMP	3RD	YR 9E
TUESDAY	19/11/2024	SHOTPUT	3RD	YR 10D
		SHOT PUT	8TH	YR 9A&9D
WEDNESDAY	20/11/2024	100M	BREAK	YR 11,12&13 & YR.9 & 10
		SHOTPUT	6TH	YR 8A
		SHOTPUT	8TH	YR 8D&8E
THURSDAY	21/11/2024	SHOTPUT	1ST	YR 10E
		400M	BREAK	YR 7&8
		SHOTPUT	5TH	YR 10A
FRIDAY	22/11/2024	SHOTPUT	3RD	YR 9E
WEDNESDAY	27/11/2024	800M	BREAK	YR 11,12&13
THURSDAY	28/11/2024	800M	BREAK	YR 9&10
FRIDAY	29/11/2024	200M	3RD	YR 9E
		100M	7TH	YR 7E
WEDNESDAY	04/12/2024	SHOTPUT & LONG JUMP	BREAK	YR 11,12 & 13

YR 5&6 TRYOUTS WILL BE DURING SPORTS LESSON

