



OUR REF :

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Friday, 14th February 2025

To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13

WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE WEEK TWENTY-TWO

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.

A big thank you to all our parents of primary school children in years 1-4 for your help in celebrating Hag Al Laila today. It was a lovely experience of the beauty of the Emirati culture and seeing our students embracing this was very heartening. Thank you for your love and generosity.

NEW UPDATES:

- **RAMADAN TIMINGS.**
- **MOCK EXAMINATIONS-YEARS 11 AND 13.**
- **PRIMARY SPORTS DAY (YEARS 1-4)- 21ST FEB 2025.**
- **ATHLETIC MEET -15TH FEBRUARY 2025 @ GEMS WORLD ACADEMY, DUBAI.**
- **FIELD TRIPS – YEARS 1-4 (18TH February) Years 5-12 (21st February).**
- **SECOND REPORT DAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2025-Years 1-13.**
- **DIABETES WALK-YEARS 10 AND 12 – 16TH FEBRUARY 2025.**
- **PARENT WHATSAPP GROUPS.**

Please note that we have been giving out Examination Answer Scripts to students through this week. Please check for the same with your child. Students from years 1-10 may keep these with them. We have not distributed scripts to students with outstanding first term fees.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR ALL STUDENTS.

1) RAMADAN TIMINGS : Please note that the Ramadan Timings for our school are Monday to Thursday – **7:10 am to 12:10 pm. Fridays – 7:10 – 11:55 am.**

2) MOCK EXAMINATIONS YEARS 11 AND 13 AND SERIOUS TIME FOR STUDY NOW : Please note that the Mock Examinations for years 11 and 13 will run from 14th of March to 21st of March before the Spring Break and 7th April to 14th April 2025. Students must report to school at sharp 7:00 am. No leave will be sanctioned during Mock Examinations. **Any medical illnesses even for one day will require a medical certificate.** The Mock Exam Timetables have been uploaded to the school website and have been attached to this circular.

We urge parents to monitor students doing board examinations as we have found a lack of seriousness among many students. This is a critical time for solving past papers, clearing doubts and undertaking intensive revision. We are still seeing many students not displaying a fairly responsible attitude towards their studies and this will impact them negatively in the long run. Parents will need to be more active in monitoring their social media use and any other time that is not spent fruitfully. We urge children to use this short time left to maximise their revision and preparation for Board Exams.

3) PRIMARY SPORTS DAY (YEAR 1-4) 21ST FEB 2025 : Please see attached circular.

4) ATHLETIC MEET, 15TH FEBRUARY 2025- FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE QUALIFIED FOR THE FINALS : Please see link to circular. Athletes have received an additional consent form, please fill that in and send it back with your child.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/ATHLETIC-MEET-YEARS-5-13.pdf>

5) FIELD TRIPS: Please check your child's school email account or SIMS Parent App for details.

6) SECOND REPORT DAY –SATURDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2025 (7:30 am – 11:30 pm) : Please find below link to the circular.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/REPORT-DAY-TWO-FEBRUARY-2025.pdf>

7) BEAT DIABETES WALK , 16TH FEBRUARY 2025 FOR YEARS 9, 10 AND 12: We had already sent out a circular (link below) for this event. **Please meet at Gate No. 3 of Zabeel Park.**

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/BEAT-DIABETES-WALK-YEAR-9-10-and-12.pdf>

8) PARENTS' WHATSAPP GROUPS : While a WhatsApp group maybe very useful for *sharing important information that can be very helpful – sometimes essential – for busy parents, it has increasingly been noticed that these groups seem to have become breeding grounds for gossip, Chinese whispers and criticism. We are noticing more and more that a personal experience of a child or a staff member has become fodder for public comment, and this has extended to even the very private medical information of children being openly discussed on parent groups.*

There's a broader societal issue here. This is all very new to us adults. We must reflect on the example we're setting. We talk about what our children are doing online, but we don't reflect on our own behaviour; we don't have an agreed etiquette. We would like all parents , especially those in primary school to do some reflection on the unchecked chatter and quite often the vilifying of staff members in the parents' WhatsApp groups over the past year and ask yourself if that is truly helping you or rather creating unwanted stress. As a school, we would like you to reach out to the teachers or to Ms. Lise-Ann (in more urgent cases) rather than allow what could be one parent's opinion or perspective or misinterpretation in many cases, cloud the perspectives of all the rest. Let us try not to micromanage the children but have more faith in their capacity for resilience and courage.

While we continue to encourage you to use emails as the official channels for communication, we would like to offer some useful guidelines for the ethical use of WhatsApp groups should parents still feel the need for them.

Groups can be used to share :

- Reminders about deadlines, school activities, and events.
- Questions about school activities or special events e.g. what date the science project is due in, uniform or non-uniform day, when the deadline to pay for something is, etc.
- Sharing important information already posted in a circular to help reach more parents e.g. alerts about sickness, school policies, etc.
- Sharing information which can be useful to the other parents in the group e.g. where to buy costumes for dressing up days, ideas for projects, etc.
- Foster a sense of community.
- Sharing relevant community notices e.g. road closures or new traffic lights in the local area, etc.

We **STRONGLY discourage** the use of the groups to:

- Gossip.
- Voice grievances.
- Share personal problems.
- Point out another child's behaviour.
- Discuss the work of teachers: if a parent has a concern regarding the teacher, that parent should speak with him or her directly.
- Raise individual concerns or complaints: if a parent has a particular concern or complaint regarding the school or any member of the Staff, that issue should be raised directly with the school.
- Share political or religious posts or discussions.

9) ADMISSIONS TO YEAR ONE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025- 2026: We would like to inform all parents that the admissions notice for **YEAR ONE** for the Academic Year 2025 – 2026 has been uploaded to the school website. Link to the circular is here.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Admissions-for-YEAR-ONE-for-the-Academic-Year-2025-2026.pdf>

10) ADMISSIONS TO YEARS TWO- TEN FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025- 2026: We would like parents to please note that places for these year groups are limited. Please check the admissions notice for years 2-10 that has been uploaded to the school website. Link to the circular is here.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Admissions-for-the-Academic-Year-2025-2026-YEAR-2-TO-YEAR-10.pdf>

11) RECYCLING CHALLENGE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIC PENS UNTIL JUNE

2025 : Students are invited to collect all used plastic pens and markers for recycling from now until June 2025 for a chance to win exciting prizes .

12) SECOND TERM FEES TO BE PAID WITHOUT DELAY :

All parents are requested to please pay the second term fees . 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 .

We would also like to clarify that when late payments are made, papers and reports cannot be released immediately. There is a fairly lengthy process to be completed and so we request all parents to kindly be patient in this regard.

13) PROPOSED FEE INCREMENT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026 (Years

1-12): Parents are asked to please check the below link to the separate circular.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PROPOSED-FEE-INCREMENT.pdf>

14) 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.

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 7 th to 11 th APRIL 2025	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
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 & June.

15) 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.

16) 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.

<https://www.stmarysdubai.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Subject-Change-Policy-2022.pdf>

17) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER

PRIMARY CHILDREN: Parents of secondary and upper primary children are strongly encouraged to kindly make frequent checks of your child's use of social media. We have seen in many cases that minor children are being sought out on Instagram, Snapchat and other platforms by much older individuals for chats and conversations. It is important for parents to know who their children are conversing with to protect them from any potential safeguarding issues. We would also like to remind parents about your children's use of inappropriate content and language on Social Media Platforms which you will be aware of only if you make frequent checks of the same. Please have your child remove himself/herself from private social media groups that are not encouraged or recommended by us at St. Mary's. The school cannot take responsibility for private groups started by students, and we strongly discourage the formation of these groups as well as discourage student participation in them. It is once again important here that ALL PARENTS check your children's digital activity frequently including group activity if your child is part of private groups created by students.

18) 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.

19) NO FEE PAYMENTS MUST BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNT:

Parents are reminded that fee payments MUST not be deposited into the school account. Kindly come to school if you wish to pay fees in cash so that we can issue the fee receipt immediately.

20) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:

If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal, Ms. Lise-Ann on l.pinto-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 long weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

MOCK EXAMINATIONS –YEAR 11- MARCH-APRIL 2025

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
14 TH March	Fri	1EN0/02 English Language 2-2h 05 min	-----
17 th March	Mon	4IT1/ 01R -ICT-1h 30 min 4CP0 / 01 Computer Science- 2 hours	1EN0/01 English Language 1- 1h 45 min
18 th March	Tue	1MA1/1H Mathematics (NC P1)- 1h 30 min	1MA1/2H Mathematics (CAL P2)- 1h 30 min
19 th March	Wed	1BIO/1H Biology 1-1h 45 min 4AC1/01R Accounting 1-2hrs	1PHO/1H Physics 1- 1h 45 min 1BS0/01 Business Studies 1-1h 45 min
20 th March	Thu	1CH0/1H Chemistry 1-1h 45 min 4EC1/01R Economics 1-1h 30 min	4RS1/01 Religious Studies 1- 1h 45 min
21 st March	Fri	4RS1/02 Religious Studies 2- 1h 30 min	1PS0/02 Psychology 2-1h 20 min
7 th April	Mon	1BIO/2H Biology 2-1h 45 min 4AC1/02R Accounting 2-1hr 15 min	1PHO/2H Physics 2-1h 45 min 1BS0/02 Business Studies 2-1h 45 min
8 th April	Tue	1CH0/2H Chemistry 2-1h 45 min 4EC1/02R Economics 2-1h 30 min	1PS0/01 Psychology 1-1h 45 min
9 th April	Wed	1MA1/3H Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min	1ET0/01 English Literature 1-1h 45 min 4HI1/1R History-1 h 30 min
10 th April	Thu	1ET0/02 English Literature 2-2h 15 min 4HI1/2R History- 1h 30 min	Ministry Arabic -2hous 30 min
11 TH April	Fri	4AA1/01 Arabic (A1)- 2hrs 15 min	4AA1/02 Arabic (A2)- 1hr 30 min
14 th , 15 th , 16 th April-		Pearson Edexcel Art Board Exam	

REPORTING TIME EVERY MORNING IS 7:00 AM- IN YOUR RESPECTIVE QUADRANGLES.

Morning exams will start at 7:10 am . Second session exams will commence after a short break from the end of the first session. Students cannot leave the premises.

COMPUTER SCIENCE and ICT Mock Exam Practicals on the 11th, 12th and 13th of March 2025 respectively. Further details of timings are available on the school website and in the students' GC.



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YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMINATIONS – MARCH / APRIL 2025

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
14 th March	Friday	9CHO/01 Chemistry 1 hr 45 Min 9ECO/01 Economics 2Hrs	9PHO/01 Physics 1Hr 45Min
17 th March	Monday	9CHO/02 Chemistry 1hr 45 Min 9ECO/02 Economics 2Hrs	WET03 /01English Lit. 3 2Hrs
18 th March	Tuesday	9BIO/01 Biology 1Hr 45Min	9PSO/01 Psychology 2Hrs
19 th March	Wednesday	9MAO/03 Mechanics and Statistics 2Hrs	9BSO/01 Business 2Hrs
20 th March	Thursday	9MAO/01 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs	9BSO/02 Business 2Hrs
21 st March	Friday	9CHO/03 Chemistry 2Hr 30Min 9ECO/03 Economics 2Hrs	-----
7 th April	Monday	9BSO/03 Business 2Hrs	9PSO/02 Psychology 2Hrs
8 th April	Tuesday	9PHO/02 Physics 1 hr 45 Min	WET04/01 English Lit.4 2Hrs
9 th April	Wednesday	9BIO/02 Biology1Hr 45Min	9MAO/02 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs
10 th April	Thursday	9PHO/03 Physics 2Hr 30Min	9PSO/03 Psychology 2Hrs
11 th April	Friday	9BIO/03 Biology 2Hrs 30 Min WAC12 Accounting 2 3Hrs	Islamic Studies
14 th April	Monday	ARABIC	

REPORTING TIME FOR THE MORNING SESSION IS 7:00 AM AND SECOND SESSION WILL START AFTER SHORT BREAK. Those having only a second session on a particular day must report by 9:00 am at the latest.

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OUR REF :

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DATE : Friday, 14th February 2025

To: Parents of students from Year One to Four - **SPORTS DAY, 21st FEBRUARY 2025**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. We would like to invite you to read the update on Sports Day for Years 1-4.

The Annual Sports Meet for Years One to Four has been **scheduled for the 21st of February 2025 at 7:20 am at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai.** We would be honoured to have you present with us on this day to support our young competitors.

All parents are cordially invited to join the school community for this event and cheer the children in a spirit of healthy competition.

An invitation HAS BEEN ATTACHED.

Please make sure that your child has enough water and snacks on that day. Canteen facilities will be available, but it is always advisable to send children well equipped from home. **Those children who use an inhalator must also have it with them.** All students must be in their proper sports uniform.

The Sports Meet will run from 7:20 am until 11:00 am. However, children must be in school by the regular start time of 7:05 am. All students must be in proper sports uniform and must carry sufficient water and juices. Students must carry a cap. Parents who wish to take their children home after the sports day may do so, however children must be collected from the class by meeting the class teacher directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)





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THE MANAGEMENT, PRINCIPAL, STAFF & STUDENTS

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE



PRIMARY

(YEARS 1 - 4)



SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY 2025



7:20 AM - 11:00 AM



VENUE : ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD