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OUR REF :

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DATE: Monday, 24th June 2019

To: Parents of students from Year One to Year Thirteen (END OF YEAR CIRCULAR – JUNE 2019) and PARENTS OF NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL.

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School. As we approach the end of the academic year, we invite you to read through the following points and note them carefully.

Final Report Cards 4TH JULY (THIS IS NOT A WORKING DAY FOR STUDENTS)

Final report Cards will be distributed on Thursday 4th July 2019 between 7:45 and 10:15 am.

Re-admission cards will be available. They cost AED 200/- each. If the Report Card or the Re admission cards are not collected, then it will be assumed that the child will not be returning to St. Mary's in September 2019 and the name will be automatically cancelled from the school roll. Final Reports and Re Admission cards will only be released if all fees have been cleared. **(Re-examination -white cards will cost AED 100/- each.) (Holiday Homework Cards with one or two subjects cost AED 100/- each if there are more than two subjects the Holiday Homework card will cost AED 150/- each)** Parents who are not able to collect the report on the 4th of July **MUST** send an authorization letter with a photocopy of your Emirates ID and the payment for the re-admission card with a relative or friend on the same day.

END TIMINGS FROM 27TH JUNE TO 3RD JULY 2019: Owing to extreme heat conditions, school will end at **10:40 am for all students from the 27th of June until the 3rd of July 2019.** The STS buses will be informed accordingly and parents who pick up their children are advised to kindly pick them up on time at 10:40 am sharp. The office however will be open until 12:30 pm.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL : Students from years 1-4 may come to school in coloured clothes on Sunday, 30th June 2019 for their end of year party and they may remain at home after that. Students from years 5 and 6 may come to school in coloured clothes on Monday, 1st July 2019 for their end of year party and they may remain at home after that. Students from years 7, 8 and 9 may come to school in coloured clothes on Tuesday, 2nd July 2019 for their end of year party and they may remain at home after that. Year 10 and 12 students may come to school for their end of year party on Wednesday, 3rd July 2019.

Letter for the renewal of residence Visas

Please submit your requests with immediate effect to ensure that the letter will be ready for collection along with the Report Card.

LEAVING Certificates

Please note that School leaving certificates cannot be issued until the final report Card is issued on July 4th 2019. If you intend to collect a Leaving Certificate, please apply in writing for one immediately. Leaving Certificates cost AED 130/- each inclusive of attestation charges.

The School Office

The school office will be closed from the 8th of July till the 14th of August 2019(inclusive). Please make sure that you transact any work with the school office before the 8th of July 2019. The office hours (for parents to transact any work) from 15th August till 31st August are from 8:00 am till 12:30 pm, Sunday to Thursday and Saturday.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK: All Holiday Homework must be handed in to the school office on the **25th of August 2019 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm**. Please note that the re-registration card will only be issued if the Holiday Homework has been completed as per the instructions or it will be returned for proper completion. Parents are advised to monitor how children are completing the holiday homework and to ensure that it is fully completed. If a child has BOTH –a re-exam and holiday homework, then the re-registration card will only be given once the re-examination results have been approved by KHDA

Re-Examinations / Entrance Examinations

Re-examinations will be held on **Monday, the 26th of August 2019**. Students having re-exams must report at 7:30 am sharp. **Students must bring their re-examination card and their report card with them and must present themselves in proper school uniform.** An entrance examination will be held on **Monday the 26th of August 2019** at 9:00am for who have requested a change in an optional subject and for A-level students opting for a subject they have not done for O-levels. Re-examination results will probably be available on **Wednesday, 28th August 2019 at 9:00 am** if approved by KHDA.

Payment of Term Fees and Uniforms

All FIRST TERM FEES MUST be paid to the office between the 17th of August 2019 and the 29th of August 2019 between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm ONLY (excluding FRIDAYS)
(Please check the school website for updates regarding new payment options)

Parents are reminded that when fees are paid, the Admission Card (Yellow card for returning students / Green card for new students) must be shown. The Admission Card must be handed over to the Class teacher on the first day of school. Students will not be admitted to class unless they present their re-admission (yellow / green) card.

Registration for transport (STS only)

Students using STS Transport are asked to register on any day (Sunday to Thursday) from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm till June 30th. Parents may submit the registration form during the months of July & August (Sunday to Thursday) from 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. You may contact Ms. Jean on 055-2207479 for any queries. **PAYMENT & REGISTRATION FOR RETURNING AND NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS WILL BE DONE FROM THE 11TH OF AUGUST TILL THE 25TH OF AUGUST 2019.**

School Uniform- (THERE IS NO CHANGE TO THE SCHOOL UNIFORM)

The school uniforms (**ONLY THE WHITE POLO TEES FOR THE BOYS AND THE SPORTS UNIFORMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**) will be available for purchase in school on the **26th and 27th of August 2019**. The blue trousers for boys, grey skirt and blue blouse for girls may be purchased from our suppliers (Periwinkle) from the 16th of August 2019 onwards. (shop timings: Sat. to Thu. 9am-1pm and 5pm-10pm/ Friday 5pm to 10pm

DUBAI : Iris International school supplies LLC, Shop no.3, Al Safa Paradise, Behind Brands for Less, Oud Metha Road, Oud Metha, Dubai . Telephone no. 04-3966615

SHARJAH : Iris International school supplies LLC, Shop no.3, Al Manara Tower, Near Al Hilal Bank, King Abdul Aziz Street, Al Qassimia, Sharjah . Telephone no. 06-5444500.

We would like to reiterate that other than our authorized suppliers listed above, no enterprise or agency outside of school has been authorised with selling our school uniforms and parents are strongly reminded not to purchase school uniforms from any unauthorized vendor as differences in colour and pattern will not be accepted. Kindly refer to the uniform circular uploaded with this circular to have a clear idea of the uniform requirements for your child.

MANDATORY EXAMINATIONS 2019-2020: Please note that the following exams which come under National Agenda requirements will be mandatory for the next Academic Year and relevant **payments will be collected when the school registers for these exams.**

CAT4	Years 4,5,7,and 9
IBT Arabic for Arabs	Years 5,6,7 and 9
IBT Arabic for Non- Arabs	Years 5, 7 and 9
GL Exams in English, Math and Science	Years 4-10
PISA BASED TEST	YEAR 10

BOARD EXAMINATION FEES: We would like you to be informed well in advance that **EDEXCEL LONDON BOARD EXAMINATION FEES** will be collected in the month of **NOVEMBER 2019** for students in years **SIX, ELEVEN and THIRTEEN**. We trust that this will help you to budget accordingly. You can check with the school office for the **BOARD EXAM FEE AMOUNT** for each year group.

NEW END OF DAY TIMINGS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020: Please be informed that from the next academic year school will end at **1:40pm** from **SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY** AND AT **12:30pm** ON **THURSDAYS** . We would like the class teachers to spend time with their classes both at the beginning and at the end of the day and so we have extended the school day by ten minutes.

Re-Opening Dates for the Academic Year 2019 - 2020

Sunday, 1st September 2019 - school re-opens for STUDENTS FROM YEAR ONE TO YEAR THIRTEEN.

School will begin at 7:10 am and the end time for all students will be 1:40pm . All students MUST BE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE QUADRANGLES DAILY BY 7:05 AM SHARP.

On THURSDAYS SCHOOL WILL END FOR ALL STUDENTS FROM ALL YEARS AT 12:30 PM.

WINTER BREAK: The winter break for the Academic Year 2019-2020 is from the 15th of December 2019 until the 2nd of January 2020 (inclusive)

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND NEW STUDENTS OF YEARS ONE, THREE & FOUR (This is applicable only to newly admitted students for the next academic year) : On Thursday 29th August , 2019 there will also be an Orientation Meeting for you at 8:30 am sharp which will last until 11:00 am. You will have a chance to meet the staff of the Primary School and be given some orientation about the school's expectations from parents. You will also be introduced to your child's class teacher and you will have the opportunity to settle any doubts you might have.

ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND NEW STUDENTS OF YEAR 10 from ST. MARY'S MUHAISNAH: On Thursday 29th August , 2019 there will also be an Orientation Meeting for you at 11:00 am sharp. You will have a chance to meet the teachers and members of the school's leadership team and be given some orientation about the school's expectations from parents.

YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 BOARD EXAM RESULTS: Kindly be informed that all updates regarding collection of statement of provisional results and post result services for the students who have appeared for the London Board Exams in June 2019 will be posted on the school website in August 2019. Kindly check the school website for these updates.

We take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Safe Summer Holiday ! God Bless you all! We hope that you will all get to spend some restful and meaningful quality time as families. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude for your support and love through the year. Your kindness and caring has been deeply appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

