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OUR REF:

'50 GOLDEN YEARS' 'CHERISHING THE PAST! CELEBRATING THE PRESENT! CHAMPIONING THE FUTURE'

Date: Wednesday, 24th October 2018

To: Parents of students from Year One - A-Level - OCTOBER 2018 UPDATES

Dear Parents.

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We would like to share some important information with you'll and also keep you posted about some upcoming events and local competitions.

GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE CLASS OF 2018: The Graduation Ceremony for the class of 2018 has been scheduled for Thursday, 8th November 2018 at 5:00 pm. Kindly check the school website www.stmarysdubai.com for an important notice regarding the Graduation Ceremony as well as the rehearsal for students scheduled for Saturday, 3rd November 2018. All timings and other details are in that notice and attendance at the rehearsal is compulsory.

PINK DAY AT SMCHS, DUBAI - THURSDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2018: The St. Mary's family will be celebrating 'Pink Day' at school in support of Brave Women especially Mothers who have overcome many obstacles in their lives and continue to live with grace and dignity, on Thursday, 25th October 2018. All children are invited to come to school in their 'happiest shades of pink'. A little reminder to our young ladies to come modestly dressed.

YEAR SIX IPLSC EXAMINATIONS: All parents of year six students kindly be informed that students of year six will be sitting their IPLSC Board Examinations in MAY-JUNE 2018 in English Language, Math and Science. We will be updating you on these exams through the year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP TIMINGS: All parents are asked to take note that the uniform shop in school will be open from Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 am until 9:00am only and on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am only.

CLINIC UPDATES: We are sending out an important request to all parents to kindly **NOT** send any medication with your child to school. Students MUST not carry or share medicines while at school. However, if your child is on a course of antibiotics, then kindly write a note to the doctor in the diary and send a copy of the prescription as well.

EMIRATES AIRLINE FEESTIVAL OF LITERATURE 1st -9TH MARCH 2019: This popular literary festival kicks off on the 1st of March 2018, but the competitions have already begun and so we are calling all budding poets and writers to get started and submit their entries as follows.

Taaleem Award

The Taaleem Award is a poetry-writing competition for school and university students, held annually by the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature. The inspiration for 2019 is **Other Worlds**.

https://www.emirateslitfest.com/competitions/young-peoples-competitions/taaleem-award/ Please use the link to get ALL DETAILS AND CONDITIONS.

The Oxford University Press Story Competition

The Oxford University Press Story Writing Competition is held annually by the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature for school and university students. The inspiration for 2019 is **Other Worlds**.

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We strongly encourage our students to take this opportunity and be part of this exciting event by putting pen to paper and letting their creativity and talent flow.

<u>DUBAI FITNESS CHALLENGE</u>: The Dubai Fitness Challenge is back and we would be very happy if you as parents could download the app and be part of our St. Mary's Group. You will first need to download the Dubai Fitness Challenge App and then register with your details. Instructions for joining the school group will be available on the school website www.stmarysdubai.com as well as the SIMS PARENT APP.

<u>**OUR GRATITUDE:**</u> On the 13th of October 2018, our school successfully hosted the seventh Annual Education Conference of the Saint Mary's Group of Schools and we had over five hundred and fifty delegates at school. We would like to thank our senior student volunteers for their remarkable effort and skill which helped make the conference a huge success. We are grateful to their parents as well for encouraging them to be part of this event. Many thanks to a large number of boys from Year 8 who have offered their service on Friday, 19th October 2018 for the Cemetery Clean Up. God Bless all the families of our Marian Community.

We will keep you updated on all further events and we wish you a pleasant weekend with your children. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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