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To: Parents of all students from Years 1- 13 : IMPORTANT UPDATES (DIWALI HOLIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, FLU ADVISORY, KHDA WELL BEING SURVEY - YEARS 7-13)

Dear Parents,

Greetings from Saint Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We are writing to share some important updates with you.

DIWALI HOLIDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2018: The school will be closed on Wednesday, 7th November 2018 on the occasion of Diwali. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the families celebrating Diwali a truly Happy and Joyful Diwali and may God shower your families with many blessings. Hoping that you will enjoy a happy festive family time.

INFLUENZA / FLU ADVISORY ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: All parents are asked to kindly take all precautions if your child is running a temperature above 37.5degrees. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is sick and kindly seek medical attention without delay. Please bear in mind that the well being of all our children is of paramount importance to us and we would like you to pay careful attention to this advisory. **Parents will be asked to come and collect children who have been sent to school with fever.**

<https://gulfnews.com/news/uae/health/nine-year-old-girl-in-dubai-dies-of-viral-infection-1.2296279>

KHDA WELLBEING SURVEY 2018: Students in years 7-13 will fill out a well being survey details of which can be found in the attachment uploaded with this circular.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Last year, over 64,000 students completed our first-ever Dubai Student Wellbeing Census. More than 90% of students in Grades 6 to 9 provided responses about their wellbeing, relationships, engagement and lifestyle. Results from the Census are helping Dubai schools to support our students to flourish.

This initiative is supported by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, who reflects that:

"We will seek to create a society where our people's happiness is paramount, by sustaining an environment in which they can truly flourish."

Once again, all students in Grades 6 to 9 (or Years 7 to 10) in Dubai private schools will be invited to participate in the second Dubai Student Wellbeing Census, during November/December 2018.

The Census asks students about their:

- Social and emotional wellbeing/happiness
- School relationships and engagement
- Physical health, lifestyle and after school activities

This year, students in Grades 10 to 12 (Years 11 to 13) will also be invited to participate in the Census based on requests from the Dubai school community to expand the Census. Senior students will receive the same Census as junior grades but with some additional questions on hope, resilience, perfectionism, and distress.

The Census is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers. Student responses will be kept confidential and no one at KHDA or at their school will be able to use the results to identify individuals.

The participation of each student will assist the government and schools to develop programmes and activities that aim to improve student wellbeing. Once the results have been collected, schools will receive a report in early 2019 about the overall happiness and wellbeing of their students, as well as overall results for all students in Dubai.

If you do not want your child to take part in the census, please let your child's class teacher know.

Further information about the Dubai Student Wellbeing Census is available at <https://www.khda.gov.ae/en/dswc>.

For further questions or concerns, please email wellbeingcensus@khda.gov.ae or call 04 364 0000.

With happiness,

Dubai Student Wellbeing Team

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