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DATE : Thursday 5TH December 2019

OUR REF :

TO : Parents of students from Year One to Year Thirteen - **DECEMBER 2019 UPDATES**

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's. It has indeed been a fully packed three and a half months that have brought us to a soon approaching winter break and of course to the end of 2019. Since this is a busy time for families with preparations for the festive season and travel plans we would like to remind you of some important information that you will need to guide your children through the upcoming months. We invite you to read on and perhaps update your own personal diaries with important snippets.

THURSDAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2019 : This will be the last day of school before the Winter Break and students will have their end of year class parties on this day. ***As such school will end at 11:00 am on Thursday, 12th December 2019*** and we would request parents of those students who do not use the STS transport to kindly make the necessary arrangements to have your child collected from school by 11:00 am. Students are allowed on this day to wear coloured clothes and as suggested by the Student Council perhaps keeping to colours of red /white / green or a combination of those colours. (Coloured Clothes Day Dress Code to be kept in mind) The School Office will close at 11:30 am on the 12th of December 2019. The school office will re-open on the 5th of January 2020.

WINTER BREAK : The Winter break has been scheduled from Sunday 15th December 2019 until Saturday 4th January 2020 (inclusive). Students will return to school on Sunday, 5th January 2020.

ADMISSIONS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021: We would like to inform all parents that admissions to the Academic Year 2020-2021 are now open. There will be NO ADMISSIONS FOR YEARS TWO AND ELEVEN. Kindly check the school website www.stmarysdubai.com for the admissions notice and forms for further information related to admissions.

FIRST TERM EXAMINATIONS, JANUARY 2020: The examination timetables for all classes from Year One to Year Thirteen will be available next week on the school website . Portions for each subject and year group will be subsequently uploaded to the relevant department area. It is our sincere hope that the children will use some time during the winter break to prepare well for their exams so that their hard work and effort in learning shall be richly rewarded with a good performance in the first term exams.

THE POETIC HEART , CONNECTING HUMANITY ,9TH EDITION 2020 : This initiative is open for students from year 8-13. The initiative by SGI Gulf is to promote peace and friendship through the medium of poetry. The theme/ topics for the poems will continue to be Peace, Universal Harmony and Environment, Tolerance with an overarching emphasis this time on the theme for this year '**CREATING HOPE:CONNECTING HUMANITY**'. Poems have to be submitted by email to Ms. Lise-Ann on l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org Please use the term POETIC HEART as the subject of your email. All poems should clearly state the full name and class of the student. The last day to submit poems is the 11th of December 2019. You may visit the website <http://www.thepoeticheart.com> for more detailed information on the poets and poetry associated with Poetic Heart during the last eight years.

FESTIVE CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR UNSUNG HEROES: As is customary every year , a vast majority of our students would like to take this opportunity to offer their gratitude to all those unsung heroes who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure that our children are safe and comfortable at school. While many families will be celebrating the season's festivities, we invite our children to share a tiny bit of their pocket money to help us prepare festive care hampers for our unsung heroes. Children may bring in their little contributions on Sunday, 8th December 2019.

THANK YOU : Our deepest gratitude to each and every member of the St. Mary's Community – Staff, students and parents . We are always grateful for your support , your warm caring ways and your faith in us.

We extend Christmas wishes for a Peaceful and Joyous Christmas to all the families celebrating Christmas and to all our students and parents, we wish you a very fulfilling Winter Break and Happy New Year and we pray that the year 2020 ahead shall be filled with God's blessings for each and every one of you. May this festive season find peace and love in every family that makes up the larger family of St. Mary's.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

