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DATE: Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020

**To: Parents of students from Year One to Year Thirteen (END OF YEAR CIRCULAR – JULY 2020) and PARENTS OF NEWLY ADMITTED STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL.**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School.** It has been a very challenging time over the last few months for all the families who belong to our larger Marian Family and we would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all of our children, our parents and our teachers and staff for your extraordinary collaboration and support and your positivity through these last few months. Please read on for important information and updates.

**RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:**

Parents of students from years One to Ten and Year Twelve are requested to kindly use only the SKIPLY APP to pay the amount of AED 220/- only as the re-registration amount for your child for the next Academic Year 2020-2021. Please do not pay this amount if your child has Holiday Homework or a Re-exam or if there are outstanding dues for your child. Please note that parents with outstanding dues who pay this amount will have this deducted from the outstanding balance. The receipt for the same will be provided once the school re-opens for the next year. Parents who are experiencing difficulties using the SKIPLY APP may contact IT via email only. ***We would appreciate this amount being paid latest by the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 in order to confirm your child's registration for the next Academic Year.***

**RE-OPENING FOR THE NEXT ACADMEIC YEAR 2020-2021:**

The Academic Year will begin from the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 for all students from years One through Thirteen. We understand that as parents you will have concerns with what this re-opening is going to look like. We will be sending all parents a survey which we would appreciate you filling in at the earliest. Please check the school website and your SIMS PARENT APP for this shortly. We will be monitoring the situation on the ground very closely and would like to assure you that the health and safety of the children will be the foremost priority under consideration with all decisions regarding re-opening the school. We will be also keeping in close touch with all protocols laid out by the KHDA for re-opening. All updates regarding the same will be posted on the school website and sent to the SIMS PARENT APP as well.

### **RE-EXAMINATIONS 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020:**

The Re-examinations will be conducted on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 10:00 am via a Google Form and a Zoom link. These will be sent to the student's official school email ID and students having a re-exam MUST be present and ready for the same at the scheduled time of 10:00 am on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

### **SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSURE:**

The school office will be closed from the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 until the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 ( inclusive ). This includes emails to all members of the school's leadership and administration as well. Emails received until the 7<sup>th</sup> of July will be replied to. After that, parents are requested to kindly email any queries or concerns after the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2020. Please note that those parents who clear outstanding fee dues during the period of office closure will receive receipts and report cards only once the office resumes. The office will resume working from the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2020.

### **PEARSON EDEXCEL RESULTS FOR YEARS 6, 11, 12 ( IAS ) AND 13:**

Students who would have potentially sat Pearson Edexcel Board Examinations will receive their results as per schedule in August 2020 and parents are advised to kindly follow the updated Pearson Edexcel links on the school website.

### **TEXT BOOK ORDERS & PURCHASE FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:**

The current situation with the Pandemic has necessitated a safer approach for book orders and purchases. We have been working closely with our school book suppliers 'Iris International school supplies LLC and they will be providing a direct order form via their online portal for all our parents which includes delivery of books once consignments arrive via shipment from the UK. More details of this process will be available on the school website in the next few days and will be sent to the SIMS PARENT APP as well. Please note that while parents are free to source second hand books some elements like the online Active Learn and Learning Ladders amounts are mandatory fields that must be paid for. For years 1-6 the Active Learn for English, Math and Science comes as a full package from Pearson Edexcel along with the text books and must be purchased as a whole package. The Ministry books for Arabic, Social Studies, Islamic Studies and Moral Education have also been included at this time so there is no payment required for any books at a later stage in the year.

### **Payment of Term Fees**

**All FIRST TERM FEES MUST be paid via the SKIPLY APP or a direct Bank Transfer between the 16<sup>th</sup> of August and the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. There are NO CHANGES to the FEE STRUCTURE for the next academic year 2020-2021. There has been no fee increment and the fees for all year groups stand the same as the current year. You can find the fee table on the school website.**

### **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 at scheduled dates that will be specified later once the office re-opens in August. The blue trousers for boys, grey skirt and blue blouse for girls may be purchased from our suppliers ( Iris International school supplies LLC ) from the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 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 2020-2021:**

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 Carried forward from this year	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 2020 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.**

**ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS AND NEW STUDENTS OF YEARS ONE, TWO THREE & FOUR ( This is applicable only to newly admitted students for the next academic year )** : There will be an Orientation Meeting

before the start of the Academic Year and we will post details for the same on the school website later in August 2020. This will be remotely held as we cannot have large gatherings on the premises. You will 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.

**THE FINAL DATE FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS JOINING SMCHS TO SEND THE ATTESTED TC IS 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020. KINDLY SEND THE SAME TO [arabicsec-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:arabicsec-smchs@smgeducation.org)**

**Parents of students joining SMCHS for the best Academic Year are requested to kindly keep in touch with all updates on our school website.**

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 )



