



OUR REF : .....

TRN : 100259955100003

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**To: The Parents of students in Years 1-13 –**

**WEEKLY CIRCULAR AHEAD OF WEEK TWENTY -THREE**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** We hope that this update finds you all happy and in good health.

**NEW**

- **BEAT DIABETES WALK, 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY-REGISTERED STUDENTS TO ARRIVE AT GATE03 @ZABEEL PARK AT 8:00 AM**
- **FIELD TRIPS FOR BOY'S YEARS 7-11 @ AQUAVENTURE, ATLANTIS ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024.**
- **FIELD TRIPS FOR GIRL'S YEARS 7-11 @ AQUAVENTURE OR IMG WORLD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024.**
- **MOCK EXAM TIMETABLE YEARS 11 AND 13.**
- **PRIMARY SPORTS DAY @ SCHOOL ON 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY.**
- **OVERSEAS TRIP FOR STUDENTS FROM YEARS 7-13 – JUNE 2024. Please see attached.**
- **MID-TERM ASSESSMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH 2024 (Only 1 Assessment / Test per subject) Years 1-10 & 12.**
- **ACHIEVEMENTS- Please see attachment.**

**ALL PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WINDOW FOR PAYMENT OF THE SECOND TERM FEES WAS BETWEEN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> OF DECEMBER 2023 AND THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2024. FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PAID ARE NOW CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING. ANY STUDENT WHOSE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID WILL BE CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ISSUE ANY OFFICIAL SCHOOL DOCUMENTS, EXAMINATION ANSWER SCRIPTS, REPORT CARDS, ETC.**

**1) ADMISSIONS TO YEAR ONE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024- 2025:** We would like to inform all parents that the admissions notice for **YEAR ONE** for the Academic Year 2024 – 2025 has been uploaded to the school website and we have attached it to this circular as well.

**2) ADMISSIONS TO YEARS TWO- TEN FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024- 2025:** We would like parents to please note that since places for these year groups are limited, the admissions notice for years 2-10 will be available in the last week of February 2024.

**3) BEAT DIABETES WALK, 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 FOR YEARS 9, 10 AND 12:** We would like to notify parents of those students who have registered for the Beat Diabetes Walk that **children have to be dropped off at GATE NO. 3 @ ZABEEL PARK.** Please ensure that ALL children carry a cap and enough water.

**4) FIELD TRIPS FOR STUDENT'S YEARS 7-11 BOYS AND GIRLS:** Please be informed that senior student council members conducted simple survey polls in their classes to determine venues for field trips. The boys had an overwhelming majority in choosing Aquaventure @ Atlantis. The girls were split between Aquaventure @ Atlantis and IMG World and so we are offering them both options. **Please note that IMG WORLD mandates a minimum of 50 students and if that is not reached, the trip cannot happen. We will of course refund the payment in that case. Please check the attached circulars.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE PAYING VIA SKIPLY OF SCRAVEL AND NOT OUR SCHOOL SKIPLY ACCOUNT.**

## **5) MOCK EXAMINATIONS YEARS 11 AND 13 AND SERIOUS TIME FOR STUDY**

**NOW:** Please note that the Mock Examinations for years 11 and 13 will run from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March before the Spring Break and the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2024. Students must report to school at sharp 7:00 am. No leave will be sanctioned during Mock Examinations. Any medical illnesses even for one day will require a medical certificate. The Mock Exam Timetables have been uploaded to the school website and have been attached to this circular.

We urge parents to monitor students doing board examinations as we have found a lack of seriousness among many students. This is a critical time for solving past papers, clearing doubts and undertaking intensive revision. We are still seeing many students not displaying a fairly responsible attitude towards their studies and this will impact them negatively in the long run. Parents will need to be more active in monitoring their social media use and any other time that is not spent fruitfully. We urge children to use this short time left to maximise their revision and preparation for Board Exams.

## **6) PRIMARY SPORTS DAY YEARS 1-4, 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024- FOR PARENTS:**

Parents are invited to please see the attached circular and invitation card.

**7) OVERSEAS TRIP FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-13- JUNE 2024:** Parents are invited to check the attached Brochure There are also contact numbers on the brochure for parents who wish to contact them directly. Students can still register next week as several asked if they could pay the initial deposit on Monday.

**8) GEMA International Short Story Writing Competition '24!** Parents are invited to please read the attachment regarding this competition.

## **9) SPRING BREAK CHANGE IN RE-OPENING DATE AS INFORMED BY KHDA:**

Parents **are** hereby informed that we have just been informed that the school will resume after the Spring Break on 15<sup>th</sup> **April 2024 and not 8<sup>th</sup> April** as per their originally approved calendar. PLEASE MAKE A DUE NOTE OF THIS CHANGE.

## **10) ADMISSION TO A-LEVELS (PARENTS OF CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS):**

Parents of Year 11 students are requested to kindly go through the separate circular on A-Level admissions attached to this weekly notice. **Parents are reminded that we do not admit NON-ST. MARY'S STUDENTS TO OUR A-LEVEL PROGRAMME.**

## **11) SOCIAL MEDIA FREQUENT CHECKS BY PARENTS FOR SECONDARY & UPPER**

**PRIMARY CHILDREN:** Parents of secondary and upper primary children are strongly encouraged to kindly make frequent checks of your child's use of social media. We have seen in many cases that minor children are being sought out on Instagram, Snapchat and other platforms by much older individuals for chats and conversations. It is important for parents to know who their children are conversing with to protect them from any potential safeguarding issues. We would also like to remind parents about your children's use of inappropriate content and language on Social Media Platforms which you will be aware of only if you make frequent checks of the same. Please have your child remove himself/herself from private social media groups that are not encouraged or recommended by us at St. Mary's. The school cannot take responsibility for private groups started by students, and we strongly discourage the formation of these groups as well as discourage student participation in them. It is once again important here that ALL PARENTS check your children's digital activity frequently including group activity if your child is part of private groups created by students.

**12) UNIFORM INFRACTIONS:** Parents are hereby notified that we have been very disappointed with the large number of uniform infractions, especially among senior students.

*These include very long and unruly hair of boys, many of whom have very long and/or curly hair in the front practically covering their foreheads and often eyes ( kindly ensure that proper haircuts are undertaken this weekend ) , long hair of girls untied, coloured and highlighted hair of girls ( we have specifically reminded parents at the end of last year that this is strictly not allowed ) , multiple ear piercings for girls, shorter than acceptable skirt lengths , long fingernails of both boys and girls.* What is even more disappointing is the lack of collaboration from parents when we correct students for the same. We are constantly having to correct students for things that could be overseen by parents before they arrive at school, and this wastes precious teaching time. Parents are requested to please check on your children before they leave home in the morning. Please refer to the uniform policy.

**13) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024:** Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2023-2024 that has been attached to this circular for your easy reference. This will help you plan ahead. If the regulators make any changes to the same, we will inform you immediately. Please note that only emergency medical leave will be approved during school days. Leave for family holidays and celebrations must coincide with the school holidays as per the KHDA calendar. Leave for events like graduations, weddings, parties etc will not be granted during school days and if absences like

this occur during exams, there will be no re-exams in that case. We expect parents to respect these dates and not request leave during school days.

## KEY DATES IN THE APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR

**Parents are strongly reminded not to plan holidays/ celebrations and other events outside the approved holiday slots in the calendar as these will not be approved.**

23 <sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024	Sports Day Years 1-4
11 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2024 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
<b>25<sup>th</sup> MARCH – 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024 (inclusive)</b>	<b>Spring Break. SCHOOL RE-OPENS 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024	Eid Al Fitr (subject to government declaration)
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2024	Final exams in parallel with regular lessons
17 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2024	Study Holiday
20 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> MAY 2024	Final Exams and students go home at 11:00 am
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024	Eid Al Adha (subject to government declaration)
28 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024	Report Day & Last working day for students and teachers

**Please note that the GL EXAMS usually take place during the month of May and June.**

**14) PREDICTED GRADES POLICY FOR YEARS 12 & 13:** Please refer to previous circulars.

**15) SUBJECT CHANGE POLICY, YEARS 9 TO 13:** Please refer to previous circulars.

**16) URGENT QUERIES AND CONCERNS:** If you have any urgent queries and concerns, kindly send an email to our Vice Principal , Ms. Lise-Ann on [l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org) and she will get back to you. Please include your telephone number in case she needs to call you. As shared with you, Lise-Ann is also our school's Wellbeing Champion and so she may be contacted via email for any wellbeing issues that you would like to urgently discuss.

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy Weekend.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)





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## **SUBJECT: CLASS OUTING - (Students: Year 7 to 11 - Boys)**

Dear Parents,

The class will be going on an outing to **Aquaventure Water Park - Atlantis** on **23 February 2024** and permission is needed for your child to attend. You will need to pay AED 225 which includes entrance to Aquaventure Water Park, meal and transport from school and back to school. Students must wear their sports uniform. Students must carry their own towels. All students must access the water park in proper swimming attire only. cotton clothes, casual clothes, long flowing clothing will not be permitted. Please avoid sending any digital devices as we will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of the same. ***Students who are not attending must remain at home. Students who are attending must be in school in the morning at the regular school time of 7:10 am.***

Itinerary:

- 09:00 am Arrival at Atlantis the palm
- 09:15 am Entrance to Aquaventure water park
- Use of rides and attractions
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Continue use of rides and attractions.
- 04:00 pm Departure from Aquaventure water park

### **About Aquaventure Water Park:**

Aquaventure Waterpark, World's Largest Waterpark promises a world of excitement to make you feel Different in Water in more ways than one. Get your pulse racing with 79 record breaking slides and attractions.

### **Please Note:**

- No outside food or drinks are permitted inside the park however you are allowed to carry 500 ml of water.

## ***Please follow the guidelines for payment ...***

### **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT –**

1. Download SKIPLY App from **google play store on your android device /App store on your apple device.**  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ae.skiply.rakbank&hl=en&gl=US>
2. Sign up by entering your mobile number and email address. Select **"Add a student"**.
3. The next page will take you onto the list of schools. Among the schools, specifically look for and select **Scravel – School Travel** and fill in the details. (Do not look for St Mary's School)
4. After filling in the details, click **"Next"** and once students name is displayed, select **"Add"**.
5. Upon redirected to the main page, click your student's name, and Select **"Select Field Trips 2024 - SMCHS"**
6. Select the specified field trip **Grade 7 to 11 Boys Aquaventure Water Park 23 Feb 2024**
7. Select **"Pay now"**. Read through the details and enter the student's name and all mandatory fields are (Full name as in Passport)  
Sign using the signature option and select **"Done"**. Click on **"Check out"**.
8. **Pay using any credit/Debit Card** or your chosen payment method. You will receive a payment success notification and an option to enter your email address to receive an email of the payment confirmation.

**For further detail/assistance Kindly contact +971507701975 | support@scravel.com**

**The last date for payment is 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024** Please respect this date as we have to give the final numbers attending to the team organizing the outing.

Thank You,



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## **SUBJECT: CLASS OUTING - (Students: Year 7 to 11 - Girls)**

Dear Parents,

The class will be going on an outing to **Aquaventure Water Park – Atlantis**

on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2024** and permission is needed for your child to attend. You will need to pay AED 225 which includes entrance to Aquaventure Water Park, meal and transport from school and back to school. Students must wear their sports uniform. Students must carry their own towels. All students must access the water park in proper swimming attire only. cotton clothes, casual clothes, long flowing clothing will not be permitted. Please avoid sending any digital devices as we will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of the same. ***Students who are not attending must remain at home. Students who are attending must be in school in the morning at the regular school time of 7:10 am.***

Itinerary:

- 09:00 am Arrival at Atlantis the palm
- 09:15 am Entrance to Aquaventure water park
- Use of rides and attractions
- 12:00 pm Lunch & Continue use of rides and attractions.
- 04:00 pm Departure from Aquaventure water park

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4. After filling in the details, click **"Next"** and once students name is displayed, select **"Add"**.
5. Upon redirected to the main page, click your student's name, and Select **"Select Field Trips 2024 -SMCHS"**
6. Select the specified field trip **Grade 7 to 11 Girls Aquaventure Water Park 1 Mar 2024**
7. Select **"Pay now"**. Read through the details and enter the student's name and all mandatory fields are (Full name as in Passport)  
Sign using the signature option and select **"Done"**. Click on **"Check out"**.
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## **SUBJECT: CLASS OUTING - (Students: Year 7 to 11 - Girls)**

Dear Parents,

The class will be going on an outing to **IMG Worlds of Adventure** on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

and permission is needed for your child to attend. You will need to pay AED 275 which includes entrance to IMG Worlds of Adventure Park, meal and transport from school and back to school. Students must wear their sports uniform. Please avoid sending any digital devices as we will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of the same. ***Students who are not attending must remain at home. Students who are attending must be in school in the morning at the regular school time of 7:10 am.***

Itinerary:

- 12:00 pm Arrival at IMG Worlds of Adventure
- Entrance to the park
- Use of rides and attractions
- 2:00 pm Lunch & Continue use of rides and attractions
- 05:00 pm Departure from IMG Worlds of Adventure

### **About IMG Worlds of Adventure:**

IMG Worlds of Adventure is Dubai's first mega themed entertainment destination promising visitors from around the world the excitement of six epic adventure zones in one location. Two of the six zones represent renowned global brands Marvel and Cartoon Network, while IMG Boulevard, Lost Valley – Dinosaur Adventure, Haunted Hotel and IMG Kids Zone are all original concepts created by the brand itself. IMG Worlds of Adventure is Dubai's largest temperature controlled indoor entertainment destination in the world, covering an area in excess of 1.5 million square feet.

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- No outside food or drinks are permitted inside the park however you are allowed to carry 500 ml of water.

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## YEAR 11 - MOCK EXAMINATIONS – MARCH-APRIL 2024

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
11 <sup>TH</sup> March	Mon	1EN0/02 English Language 2-2h 05 min	1EN0/01 English Language 1- 1h 45 min
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Tue	4IT1/ 01R -ICT-1h 30 min 4CP0 / 01 Computer Science- 2 hours	-----
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Wed	1MA1/1H Mathematics (NC P1 )- 1h 30 min	1MA1/2H Mathematics ( CAL P2 )- 1h 30 min
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Thu	1BI0/1H Biology 1-1h 45 min 4AC1/01R Accounting 1-2hrs	1BI0/2H Biology 2-1h 45 min 4AC1/02R Accounting 2-1hr 15 min
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fri	1CH0/1H Chemistry 1-1h 45 min 4EC1/01R Economics 1-1h 30 min	-----
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Mon	4RS1/01 Religious Studies 1- 1h 45 min	4RS1/02 Religious Studies 2- 1h 30 min
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tue	1PH0/1H Physics 1- 1h 45 min 1BS0/01 Business Studies 1-1h 45 min	1PH0/2H Physics 2-1h 45 min 1BS0/02 Business Studies 2-1h 45 min
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wed	1PS0/02 Psychology 2-1h 20 min	1PS0/01 Psychology 1-1h 45 min
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Thu	1MA1/3H Mathematics (CAL P3)- 1h 30 min	1ET0/01 English Literature 1-1h 45 min 4HI1/1BR History-1 h 30 min
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Fri	1ET0/02N English Literature 2N-2h 15 min 4HI1/2BR History- 1h 30 min	-----
15 <sup>TH</sup> April	Mon	1CH0/2H Chemistry 2-1h 45 min 4EC1/02R Economics 2-1h 30 min	-----
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Tue	4AA1/01 Arabic (A1)- 2hrs 15 min	4AA1/02 Arabic (A2)- 1hr 30 min
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> April- Wed/ Thu/ Fri- Pearson Edexcel Art Board Exam ( 17 <sup>th</sup> April- Arabic Ministry- 2 hours 30 minutes )			

REPORTING TIME EVERY MORNING IS 7:00 AM- IN YOUR RESPECTIVE QUADRANGLES.

Morning exams will start at 7:10 am . Second session exams will commence after a short break from the end of the first session. Students cannot leave the premises.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE** and **ICT Mock Exam Practicals** on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 respectively.  
Further details of timings are available on the school website and in the students' GC.



## ST. MARY'S Catholic High School, Dubai

### YEAR 13 - MOCK EXAMINATIONS - MARCH/APRIL 2024

DATE	DAY	SESSION ONE	SESSION TWO
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	9CHO/01 Chemistry 1 hr 45 Min 9ECO/01 Economics 2Hrs	-----
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	9CHO/02 Chemistry 1hr 45 Min 9ECO/02 Economics 2Hrs	WET03 /01English Lit. 3 2Hrs
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	9PHO/01 Physics 1Hr 45Min	9PSO/01 Psychology 2Hrs
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Thursday	9BIO/01 Biology 1Hr 45Min	9BSO/01 Business 2Hrs
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday	9MAO/03 Mechanics and Statistics 2Hrs	-----
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Monday	9CHO/03 Chemistry 2Hr 30Min 9ECO/03 Economics 2Hrs	9BSO/02 Business 2Hrs
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Tuesday	9BSO/03 Business 2Hrs	Islamic Studies
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Wednesday	9MAO/01 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs	9PSO/02 Psychology 2Hrs
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Thursday	9PHO/02 Physics 1 hr 45 Min	WET04/01 English Lit.4 2Hrs
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Friday	9BIO/02 Biology1Hr 45Min	-----
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday	9MAO/02 Pure Mathematics 2Hrs	-----
16 <sup>h</sup> April	Tuesday	9BIO/03 Biology 2Hrs 30 Min WAC12 Accounting 2 3Hrs	9PSO/03 Psychology 2Hrs
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	9PHO/03 Physics 2Hr 30Min	Arabic

REPORTING TIME FOR THE MORNING SESSION IS 7:00 AM AND SECOND SESSION WILL START AFTER A SHORT BREAK.  
Those having only a second session on a particular day must report by 9:15 am at the latest.



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**To: Parents of students from Year One to Four**  
**SPORTS DAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Greetings from St. Mary's.** We would like to invite you to read the update on Sports Day for Years 1-4.

The Annual Sports Meet for Years One to Four has been **scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2024 at 7:30 am at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai.** We would be honoured to have you present us on this day to support our young competitors.

**All parents are cordially invited to join the school community for this event and cheer the children in a spirit of healthy competition. An invitation HAS BEEN ATTACHED.**

Please make sure that your child has enough water and snacks on that day. Canteen facilities will be available, but it is always advisable to send children well equipped from home. ***Those children who use an inhalator must also have it with them.***

The Sports Meet will run from 7:30 am until 11:00 am. ***However, children must be in school by the regular start time of 7:10 am.*** All students must be in proper sports uniform and must carry sufficient water and juices. Students must carry a cap. Parents who wish to may take their children home after the sports day, however children must be collected from the class by meeting the class teacher directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
(Principal)







**ST. MARY'S** *Catholic High School, Dubai*



**THE MANAGEMENT, PRINCIPAL, STAFF & STUDENTS**

**CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE**

# **PRIMARY SPORTS DAY**



**FRIDAY  
23RD FEB 2024  
7:30 AM ~ 11:00 AM**



**VENUE : ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD**





# AMPS MUN 2024



Saintz MUN

Delegates of Saintz MUN took Al Maaref School MUN 2024 by storm last weekend. Attending as a strong delegation of sixty plus students, our talented children came home with 9 individual awards and the prestigious Best School Delegation Award!  
So proud of our young diplomats!



**Leanna Gragasin**  
Best Reporter: IPC



**Elizaveta Babicenco**  
Best Delegate: UNICEF



**Emily A Lotfy**  
Best Position Paper: GA3



**Veronica Malubay**  
Best Speaker: GA3



**Shaiyan Reza**  
Best Article: IPC



**Mishah Ali**  
Best Speaker : COP28



**Araina Quadros**  
Best Position Paper: UNICEF



**Rhian Jennica**  
Best Position Paper: UNIDO



**Mariya Unnisa**  
Best Position Paper: UNEP



**Best School Delegation: St. Mary's Catholic High School**

*Let's Go Saintz! Let's Go!*

# INTER-SCHOOL YOUNG BUSINESS TALENT HUNT 2024

Saintz A-Level Business students participated in the Business Competition conducted by Skyline University Sharjah in association with Young Vision and bagged the Second and Third prices for best Business Idea



Second Place:

Aryanna Perera, Althea Gamarose,  
Mikylla Almirol, Saba Dargahi



Third Place:

Serena Fernandes, Sarah Dsouza, Andrea  
Fernandes, Suhaani Mehra, Zoya Khaku



Product:  
"Skintreat" For health and  
Skincare



Product:  
"Electroboost" The  
Electrolyte Cocktail



*Congrats!*

to all the  
Business Whizkids  
of St. Mary's!





# UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY AND GET PUBLISHED!

Take part in the

## **GEMA Story Writing Competition**



### Important Details:

- Eligibility: Years 1-12
- 1500 words or less
- Plagiarized content will be disqualified
- Entry Fee: \$10
- Selected entries will be part of a published anthology
- Every participant will get the chance to attend a creative writing program worth \$150
- Last Date: 29th February 2024

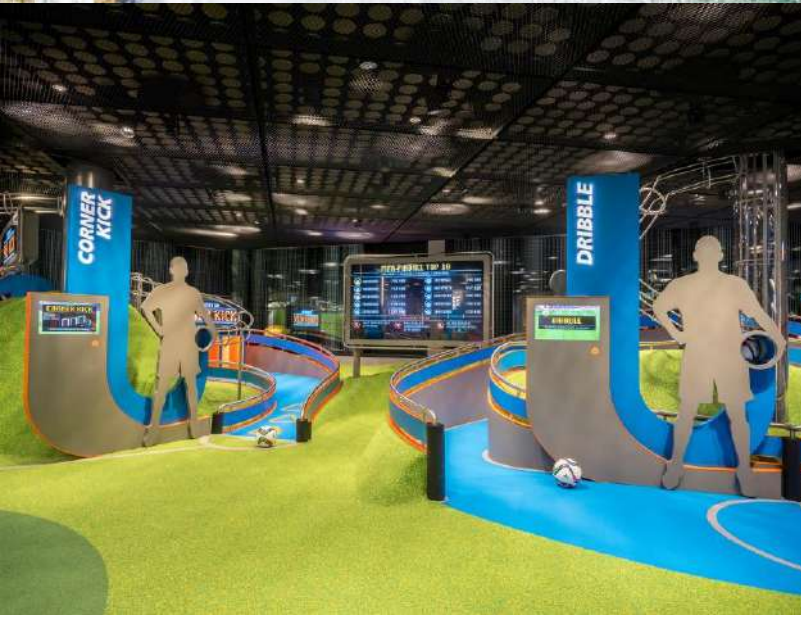
For further details:

<https://bio.link/shortstorygema2024>





**EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF SWITZERLAND  
& GERMANY**







- Switzerland is One of the Countries with the Highest Quality of Life. According to the Social Progress Report, “medical”, “nutritional” and “access to basic knowledge” is where the country shines. Its index is 88.87 out of 100.
- Switzerland Has 208 Mountains and has more high peaks than any other country in Europe with 48 that are above 4000 meters.
- It’s no wonder Switzerland is known internationally for its high-quality chocolate, but do you know just how much chocolate is made and consumed there? Approximately 180,000 tons of chocolate is made, and about 11 kilos of chocolate per person are eaten per year. there is even have a chocolate train!
- Switzerland is one of the world leaders in recycling and waste management. The Swiss successfully separate and recycle organic and recyclable waste whilst converting the rest to energy. Moreover, Switzerland provides nearly all CO2-friendly electricity to its citizens.
- Switzerland’s Gotthard Tunnel Is the Longest in the World



- Germany is the EU's largest economy.
- German is the third most widely taught language in the world.
- The Black Forest is a large, forested mountain range located in south-western Germany. This region measures 160 kilometres in length and 60 kilometres in width.
- The Black Forest has got this name from the general dark color of the pine trees that grow in the region.



The cosmopolitan city by the water combines creative urban life with nature in all its glory. Zurich is abuzz with activity day and night with its countless events, diverse venues.

And if you're after rest and relaxation, you can be in the Swiss mountains in less than an hour.

## DAY 1

- Arrive at Zurich
- Explore the beautiful city of Zurich.
- Proceed to Hotel
- Dinner & Overnight stay in the hotel

For more than 6,400 years, Zurich has been occupied, 2000 years of these years as a city. Today, the city is home to 400,000 residents and is the largest city in Switzerland as well as the capital of the canton of Zürich. As a hub for railways, roads, and air traffic to both Switzerland and Europe in general; the city's importance cannot be gain said.

## DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visit the Rhine Falls
- Learn how the traditional Black Forest cake is made.
- Educational session at the Drubba Cuckoo Watch Outlet
- Enjoy the scenic view at Lake Titisee
- Dinner & Overnight Stay in the hotel



The Rhine Falls is the largest plain waterfall in Europe. The falls are 450 ft wide and 75 ft high.

The highest flow ever measured was 1,250 m<sup>3</sup>/s in 1965; and the lowest, 95 m<sup>3</sup>/s in 1921.

The falls cannot be climbed by fish, except by eels that are able to worm their way up over the rocks.





Learn the history behind the world-famous black forest cake and participate in putting together this delicious masterpiece dessert.

In the heart of Germany's Black Forest, artisan cuckoo clock makers keep alive a tradition that has lasted for centuries. Carving intricate patterns and folkloric scenes, they build beautiful cuckoo clocks with a fairytale charm. Learn about the working process of these beautiful time pieces.



### DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Enjoy the snow peaked Mount Titlis. Enjoy the cable car ride to the top of the mountain.
- Relish a hot lunch with the mesmerizing view of the mountains.
- Proceed to Lucerne and the old Town.
- Dinner
- Overnight stay in the hotel





The TITLIS Rotair cable car rotates its way up towards the snow-covered summit of TITLIS. The world's first revolving cable car transports you from the middle station at Stand up to the summit station at 3,020 meters above sea-level. The cable car revolves 360 degrees during the five-minute trip, treating you to idyllic panoramic views of steep rock faces, deep crevasses and distant snow-covered mountain peaks.



Lucerne, the gateway to central Switzerland, sited on Lake Lucerne, is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. Thanks to its attractions, its souvenir and watch shops, the beautiful lakeside setting and the nearby excursion mountains, the town is a destination for many travel groups and individuals on their journey through central Switzerland.

#### DAY 4

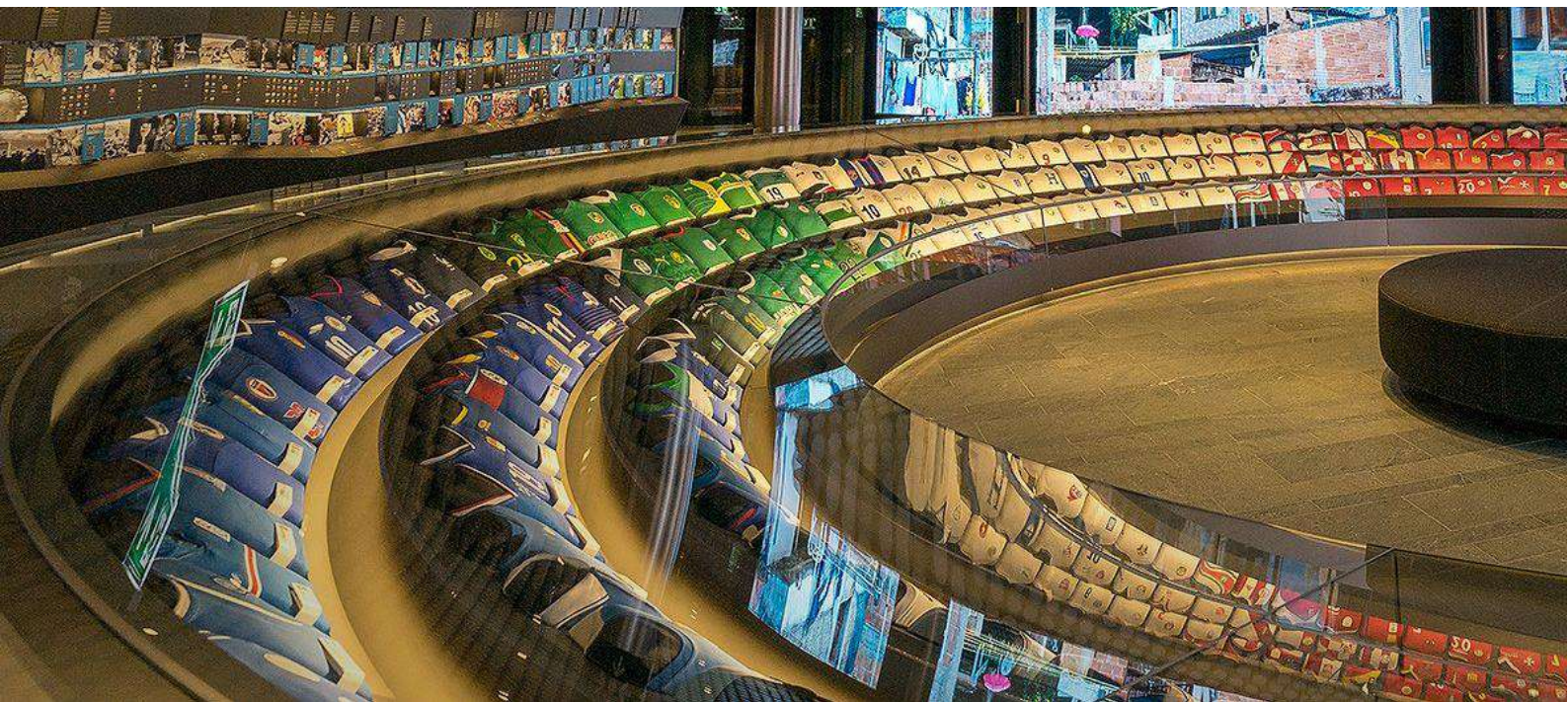
- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit the Swiss National Museum to learn about the history and culture of Switzerland, including exhibits on art, music, and traditional Swiss life.
- FIFA Museum Visit



- Learn the art of chocolate making while visiting a chocolate factory.
- Dinner
- Overnight Stay in the Hotel



Experience the world of chocolate with all your senses — from its history to its production and cultural significance. Find out fascinating facts about chocolate through multimedia exhibits, and benefit from unlimited chocolate tasting.



Football. Fútbol. Fußball. Voetbal. Calcio. Jalkopallo. Kora. Soccer. The names vary, but the game's the same. And it's played everywhere. In every village and city in every country on every continent.

The FIFA World Cup Gallery is the largest room in the museum and is dedicated to the two most important competitions run by FIFA – the FIFA World Cup and the FIFA Women's World Cup. It is the beating heart of the museum.





The Swiss National Museum holds a unique collection on the cultural history and the craftsmanship and artworks of Switzerland.

#### DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Fun Filled day at Europa Park
- Dinner
- Overnight stay in the hotel





## DAY 6

- Breakfast at hotel
- Check Out and Proceed to Zurich International Airport

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tentative travel dates: 25th to 30th June 2024 for a duration of 6 days & 5 nights (May vary)
- Explore the beautiful city of Zurich.
- Explore the old town of Luzerne.
- Visit Rhine Falls
- Learn the history behind the world-famous black forest cake and participate in putting together this delicious masterpiece dessert.
- Visit and Tour around the Chocolate Factory and learn the history and process of making chocolate.
- Visit the Swiss National Museum
- Visit the FIFA Museum
- Visit to Drubba Clock Factory and learn the functioning of the cuckoo clocks.
- Visit Lake Titisee
- Visit Mount Titlis through a cable car ride to the top of the mountain and enjoy lunch with a mesmerizing view.
- A fun filled day at Europa Park with endless shows and fun.

## INCLUSIONS

- Return Flight Ticket on economy class.
- Hotel Accommodation on twin/triple sharing basis
- Schengen Visa
- Travel Insurance
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- All sightseeing, transfers in private Coach and Entrance Fees to attractions as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Hotel and City Taxes
- Accompanying Teacher and Experienced Tour Manager from Scravel

## PACKAGE COST AND PAYMENT INSTALMENT PLAN

Total Trip Cost as per inclusions mentioned is AED 9900*/- All Inclusive (Excluding 5% VAT)				
Before 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 Non-Refundable	10 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2024	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	5 <sup>TH</sup> June 2024
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### Important Information:

- Open only for students Year 7 onwards.
- Registrations will be accepted on a first come – first served basis.
- To enrol your child for this educational trip, kindly fill in the below consent slip and submit the same to the school with a passport copy and UAE residency visa copy of the student along with 1st instalment payment before 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
- Kindly note the passport should be valid for 6 months from the date of return and the UAE residency visa should be valid for 3 months from the date of return. This is mandatory requirement for visa processing.
- All the formalities and the visa application details will be provided after registration.
- Please note that the initial deposit/advance payment is non-refundable once registered.
- Cancellation charges and refunds post the 1st Instalment payment will be subject to the policies of the airlines and service providers.

I, ..... Parent of student.....

..... studying in grade ..... would like to enrol my child on this educational trip to  
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Switzerland & Germany. I hereby give my consent to enrolling my child for this trip by submitting the

Copies of the initial documents and paying the non-refundable advance payment of AED 2000. I would like  
to be contacted for further communication through emails on .....  
and through calls on .....

Signature:

Date:

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Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## **Admissions for the Academic Year 2024-2025-** **YEAR ONE ONLY**



Information to parents applying to **YEAR ONE**

We are pleased to announce the procedures for New Admission for the Academic Year 2024-2025 at St Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We invite you to read on carefully as this will help in saving time and enable us to work smoothly.

**As per the guidelines of KHDA, the Ministry of Education, minimum age for admission to Year One is 5 years on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2024 for UK curriculum schools. Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 may apply for YEAR ONE.**

**ALL STUDENTS APPLYING TO YEAR ONE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED FS2 OR KG1. THIS IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION TO ST. MARY'S.**

## Admission Procedures

Forms must be filled online using the link provided in this notice with all relevant supporting documents. Please note that forms that are not fully filled, have incorrect details and/or do not have all the supporting documents will not be considered.

Link : <http://smchs.ethdigitalcampus.com/RegistrationPortal/?dbConnVar=SMCHS>

### Documents to be attached with the form

- 4 passport photographs
- 1 photocopy of the passport with valid visa of the child, parents/ guardian
- Last report card from the previous school
- Emirates ID of parents and candidate
- Birth certificate of the child
- The health card (Immunization Card)
- The Baptismal Certificate (Christians only)

Face-to-face interviews that test a child's reading and general conversational ability will be scheduled for short listed candidates in the month of March 2024. **A SAMPLE OF READING TEXTS WILL BE UPLOADED TO THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE ADMISSIONS TAB.** Parents should be aware that the INTERVIEWS are competitive as the number of students far exceeds the number of places available. Other factors are also taken in consideration such as those which will allow us to maintain a good balance in the internationality of the student body.

Incomplete application forms will not be considered for admissions. Students studying in a particular class will not be allowed to take admission in the same year, for e.g. if a child is studying in year one he / she will not be considered for admission to year one.

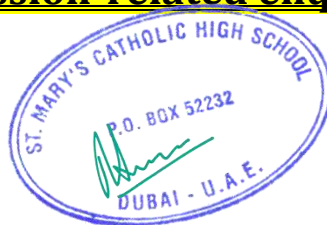
**Valid Residential Visa for the child, parents or the guardian who is sponsoring is a must to consider the applications for admission process. In case your UAE visa is under process, kindly provide evidence of the same and / or an undertaking to provide the same once secured.**



**We regret that we will not be able to contact all the applicants individually. If your child's name does not appear on the final list, then it means that he or she has not made it through the face-to-face interview.**

Please do not call the school to check the status of your application. We will not be able to entertain such enquiries. **As places are very limited, parents are advised to seek admission to other schools too.**

**Please do not phone the school for admission-related enquiries.**



A graphic with a dark blue background. At the top center is a small orange plus sign. Below it, a large orange banner contains the text '2025' in a red circle and 'ADMISSION' in white. Below the banner, the word 'OPEN' is written in large white letters on a grey rectangular background. At the bottom left is a white button with the text 'REGISTER NOW'. Below the button is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is a globe icon and the text 'Visit our website' followed by the URL <https://www.stmarysdubai.com/admissions/> in yellow.