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Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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

## **WEEKLY CIRCULAR BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK**

Dear Parents,

**Greetings from Saint Mary's.** We trust that this update finds you and your families safe and healthy. Please read on to find out important information that is relevant to your child and/or his/her year group.



*We extend 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 2025 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.*



**1) STUDENT OVERSEAS TRIP , JUNE 2025 ( YEARS 6 – 13 ):** Parents of these students are invited to check the separate brochure for the student overseas trip being planned for June 2025. Planning is being done well in advance so as to allow time for visa appointments and overseas payments in instalments. There are also contact numbers on the brochure for parents who wish to contact them directly in advance . Some parents have requested for more time to register. Registrations' will be open until 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**2) WINTER BREAK :** All parents are reminded that the winter break will run from **14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025( inclusive )**. The school office will be closed during the Winter Break and school leaders and admin will respond to any emails after the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

**3) YOUNG INVESTORS PROGRAMME – FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMME FOR ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS:** We are delighted to announce our exciting partnership with the National Bonds Corporation P.J.S.C to introduce The Young Investor, a first of its kind financial literacy program in the UAE. We believe financial literacy is an essential life skill that not only helps students navigate the fast-paced world but also significantly improves the quality of their lives. By learning about topics ranging from the psychology of money to managing money wisely, and from understanding loans and debts to making informed investments, students will gain valuable knowledge that will benefit them for years to come.

This programme will be pioneered with our year 6 students in the month of January 2025. The programme is largely practical and will be a refreshing change during the examination period. We will be sending a little reading material to your children's emails, and we request you to please go through the material with them, only briefly so that the children have some idea of key concepts.

**4) APPROVED KHDA CALENDAR FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025:** Parents are requested to check the approved KHDA School Calendar for the Academic Year 2024-2025 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.**

26 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024	School re-opens for ALL STUDENTS
30 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024	Holiday for students
10 <sup>th</sup> to 23 <sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2024	Window for mid-term assessments
1 <sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2024	Diwali Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024	Holiday for all students
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2024	National Day Holidays
14 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024 – 5 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 ( Inclusive )	Winter Break
6 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025	School re-opens after the Winter Break
10 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 2025	First Term Examinations in the morning. Regular lessons after break. Students will not be allowed to go home after the morning's exam.
13 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025	Sports Day Years 5-13 ( subject to change )
17 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	Holiday for all students
21 <sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2025	Sports Day Years 1-4
7 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Window for Mid-term assessments
14 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025 7 <sup>th</sup> to 11 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025	Mock Examinations years 11 and 13
22 <sup>nd</sup> MARCH – 6 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 ( inclusive )	Spring Break
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025	Holiday for all students
13 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2025	Study Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2025	Final exams in parallel with regular lessons
19 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> MAY 2025	Final Exams and students go home at 11:30 am
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025	Eid Al Adha ( subject to government declaration )
26 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025	Government Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2025	Last day of school

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

We take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and happy WINTER BREAK. HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Yours sincerely



Mr. Paul Asir Joseph  
( Principal )







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

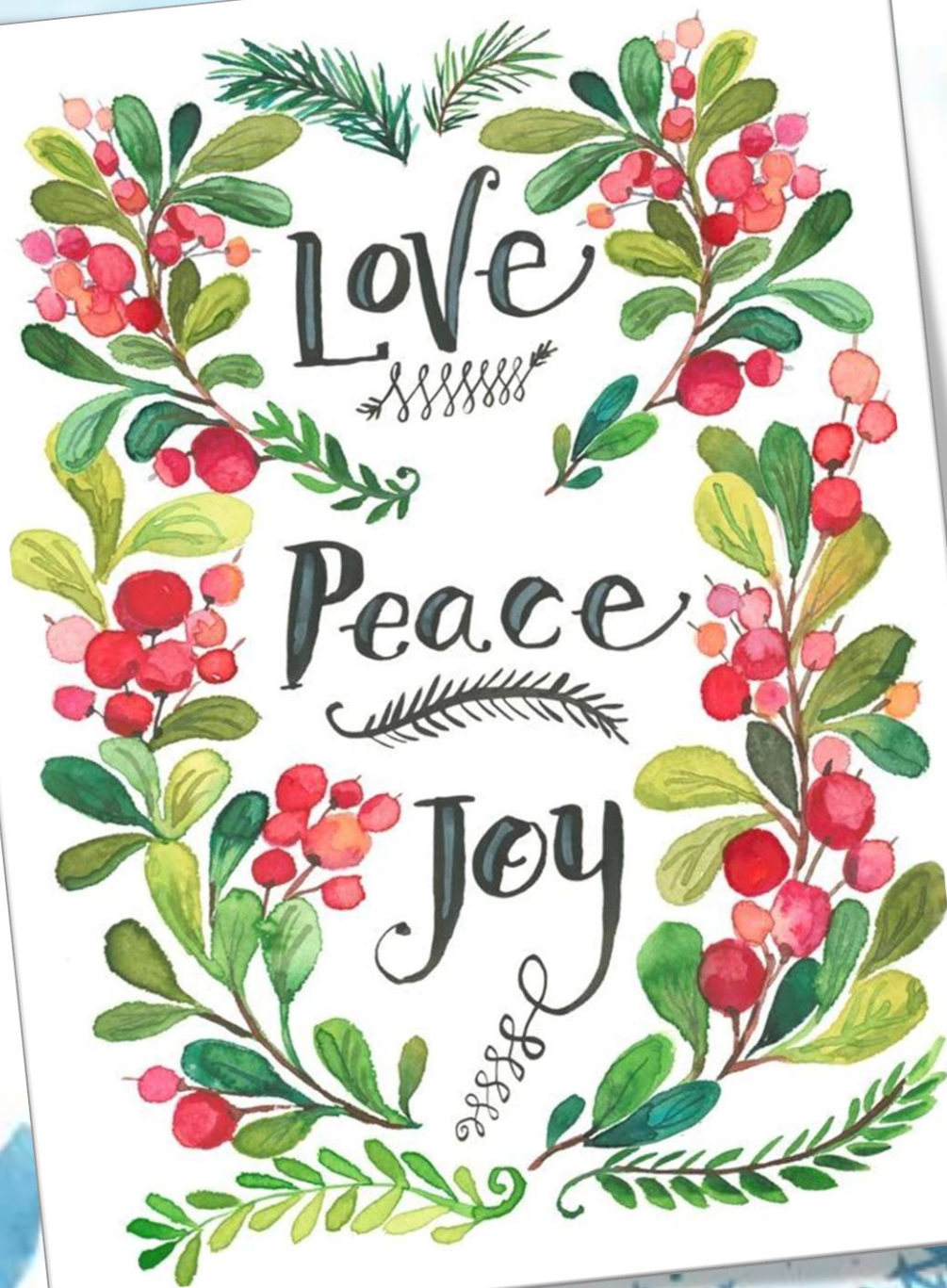
As the clock strikes and bells ring  
Merry Christmas does my heart sing  
Thinking of loved ones far and near  
Wishing you good health and merry cheer  
May the season bless your heart's desires  
For life long gifts that you'll acquire  
The twinkling lights that shine so bright  
Making your heart so glad and light  
Each little light that sparkles and shines  
Reminds me of each of you -gifts of mine  
The holly wreath decked that hangs so proud  
An infinite circle of friendship no doubt  
A wish that your families stay united  
Together forever and ever delighted  
And in the stable where love was born  
Shall enfold you close to be never torn  
The beautiful tree that gladly beckons  
Brings wishes of happiness with every second  
I wish you all long lasting calm  
Be ever safe and far from harm  
Merry Christmas to each of you  
Peace and Love and Hope anew!

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 Merry  
Christmas



MERRY  
CHRISTMAS







**CIRCULAR FOR INTERNATIONAL TRIP JUNE 2025**

**PRAGUE, VIENNA & BUDAPEST**



**Dear Parents,**

In continuation of our endeavor to expose our students to different experiences for their overall development, we have organized an educational trip to Prague, Vienna and Budapest tentatively starting between the 27<sup>th</sup> of June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 for 5 nights and 6 days. The trip highlights, inclusions and payment details are mentioned below for your reference. We hope that many children will be able to benefit from this experience and we look forward to providing them with further opportunities for travel and learning.

**TRIP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Guided tour of Prague
- Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral
- See the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles.
- Experience an educational lecture with a local bee expert.
- Guided tour of Vienna
- Kunsthistorisches Museum.
- Sightseeing tour to view the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria
- Visit Mozart's last remaining residence in Vienna

- Discover Mozart's music live with a candlelit performance by the Wiener Ensemble
- Indulge in Chocolate Workshop in Chocolate Museum with Tasting
- City tour of Budapest
- Visit the magnificent Gothic Revival building, the most ornate state parliament in Europe. Overlooking the river Danube, the Parliament building of Budapest

## INCLUSIONS

- Return International Flights
- Hotel Accommodation on twin/triple sharing basis
- 2 nights in Prague, 2 nights in Vienna and 1 Night in Budapest
- Visa Processing
- Travel Insurance
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Lunch and Dinner
- Sightseeing as mentioned in the itinerary
- Private Coach
- Accompanying Teacher from the school
- Experienced Scrvael Tour Manager

## PACKAGE COST

**AED 9900/- Plus 5% VAT all-inclusive of the above-mentioned trip inclusions.**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Instalment Nonrefundable	2 <sup>ND</sup> Instalment	3 <sup>RD</sup> Instalment	4 <sup>TH</sup> Instalment	5 <sup>TH</sup> Instalment	6 <sup>TH</sup> Instalment
6 Dec 2024	5 Jan 2025	5 Feb 2025	5 Mar 2025	5 Apr 2025	5 May 2025
AED 2000	AED 1500	AED 1500	AED 1500	AED 1500	AED 1900

### Important Information:

- Open only for students from Year 6 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 6 December 2024.
- 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.
- For further details, you may contact the school office on [l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org](mailto:l.pinto-smchs@smgeducation.org)



## PARENT CONSENT SLIP

### **INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO PRAGUE, VIENNA & BUDAPEST- 2025**

I, ..... Parent of  
student.....  
studying in Year \_\_\_\_\_ would like to enrol my child on this educational  
trip to Prague, Vienna and Budapest.

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.....

**Father's Signature:**

**Mother's Signature:**

**Date:**

**Date:**



***Please follow the below guidelines for 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.skiplay.rakbank&hl=en&gl=US>
2. Sign up by entering your mobile number and email address. Select **"Create Account"**.
3. The next page will take you onto the main page. Select **"Schools"** in the Institutions & Services section below. Among the list of school's **search and type "SCRAVEL"** and **click "Next"**. *(Please note that you won't be able to search for your school directly)*
4. Enter student info. Fill in the student details and **select "Add Student"**. Once added, **click "Got it"**.
5. Student is now added. Please note that step 1 to step 4 is a 1-time registration process for new users. For future trips, please select log in and you will be redirected to the main page. If you have **multiple students**, you can **click "Add Student"** and repeat the process of typing **"SCRAVEL"** like in the Step 3 and entering the student info like in the Step 4.
6. To make any payment, please **Click on the "student's section"** and you will be redirected to the list of students you have added. **Find and select the name of your student** whom you wanted to make a payment.
7. After clicking the name of your student, you will be redirected to the list of schools. Find and select **"INTERNATIONAL TRIP 2025- SMCHS"**.
8. Select **the specified field trip "INTERNATIONAL TRIP TO PRAGUE, VIENNA & BUDAPEST"** and **click "Checkout"**.
9. Please read through the Consent Form and scroll down below. Fill in all the necessary details. Then **click "Next"**
10. You will be asked to put your signature, click **"Submit"** and click **"Checkout"**
11. You will be redirected to the payment method. You can change or add new card by clicking **"Add new card"**. Once decided, **click the "circle button"** and proceed clicking **"Pay"**. Make sure that the payment should be successful and click **"View Receipt"**
12. Once payment is done, you will be redirected to the Receipt section where you can see the Order and purchase details. **Click "Send receipt"**, enter your email address, and **click "Send"** to keep a copy for yourself.

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