OLN Connect

October 2026

School Mission

A CHIJ School is a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of students who are disadvantaged in any way.

School Vision

Girls of Today for Tomorrow



Renovation of General Office

Please be informed that the General Office will be temporarily relocating to the Marguerite Room from 14 October 2026 onwards, while renovation works are carried out at the General Office.

The Marguerite Room is located on the same level as the current General Office, so access remains convenient. Signages will be put up nearer the date to guide you to the new location.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience and understanding during this period.

General Information

Praying the Rosary (1 Oct - 30 Oct)

In the Catholic tradition, the months of May and October are dedicated to Mary, whom we honour as the Mother of Jesus. During the Marian month of October, the school community will come together to pray the Rosary each morning from 1 Oct to 30 Oct. Students are encouraged to be in school by 7.20 a.m. so that they can participate in this time of prayer.

Throughout the month, special prayer intentions will be offered for our students, families and the wider community. Students who have their own rosaries are welcome to bring them along for use during the morning Rosary sessions. We look forward to journeying together in faith and reflection as a school community during this Marian month.

The Purple Parade @ CHIJ OLN

The Purple Parade is a nationwide movement to promote awareness and celebrate the abilities of persons with disabilities. In line with this movement, CHIJ OLN will be carrying out activities on Thursday, 1 October 2026 and Monday, 5 October 2026 to nurture a culture of inclusion within our school community.

The school will also be inviting Mr Maximillian Tan, a para-equestrian athlete with cerebral palsy for a sharing session on Thursday, 1 October 2026. He will share about his journey, his sport, and how he has embraced challenges along the way.

Through meaningful and experiential activities, students will learn to recognise barriers that persons with disabilities may face and reflect on how they can play a part in building a more inclusive community.

Absences from End-of-Year Examinations (EYE)

Any absence from EYE must be supported by a Medical Certificate from a doctor; medical certificates from Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioners will not be recognised. Letters from parents will not be accepted, unless there is a valid reason and this is subject to the Principal's approval.

The purpose of assessment is to check students' understanding and to provide timely feedback to improve learning. As such, while make-up sessions will not be scheduled for students who are absent from any component(s)/paper(s), students who miss their written assessment will be given a set of the affected assessment

papers as an assignment. They are encouraged to complete the paper at home independently and in one sitting.

The subject teacher will mark the assignment and provide feedback on the student's progress. The marks will not be included in the computation of the Overall Performance for the year.

We seek your cooperation to inculcate in our students the need to be responsible and take ownership of their learning in school.

Ordering of Name Tags

If you need to order name tags for your child's/ward's uniform, you can log into this website for more information: https://nametags.stitchwerkz.sg/product-page/nametag-chij-oln . **Please ensure that you have chosen the correct colour for your child's/ward's name tag before making payment.**

Safety Reminders

Being Gracious & Considerate

While waiting for your child/ward at the gates, do give way to other caregivers if your child/ward is not due for dismissal yet. We also seek your understanding and help **not to block access** to/from the overhead bridge and the passageway connecting the open-air car park next to Block 466A to the bus stop. Do remind your child/ward to go home immediately after school and not to play at or loiter around the bus stop, roadside, void decks, etc.

Do help us to convey this message to your child's/ward's caregivers e.g. grandparents, helpers etc. if they are the ones picking up your child/ward. Let us use this as an opportunity to role model the value of graciousness to our children.

Should your child/ward be driven to/from school, please do note the following:

- Get your child/ward ready a few minutes before alighting and enter/exit the car quickly so as not to hold up the cars behind
- Not stop along Upper Serangoon Road especially at the bus-stops outside and opposite the school
- Not sound the horn so as to be considerate to residents in neighbouring blocks. A little patience goes a long way. Let's all be gracious as there is no need to respond in kind.
- Drive carefully so as to ensure the safety of students and others. Please note there can only be **one** line of cars once your car enters the HDB carpark (or the school in the mornings).
- If you need to leave the car, please park in an allotted space in the HDB carpark.
- The HDB carpark is most crowded 10 minutes before/after assembly and dismissal. Do adjust your drop-off/pick-up time accordingly.

CHIJ OLN has 1440 students and as such, there are large numbers of cars, caregivers, and children coming in and going out through our gates each day. Let us always be good role models for our children and their friends.

Gentle Reminders

Children's Day Celebration

The school will celebrate Children's Day on Thursday, 1 October 2026. We will be having activities and snack break in the class and ending the day with a concert.

All students are to report to school by 7.25am and will be dismissed at 10.30am.

The following day (Children's Day on Friday, 2 October 2026) is a school holiday. The General Office will be closed at 5.00pm on 2 October 2026.

Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) - School Implementation Update

Singapore has implemented the Beverage Container Return Scheme (BCRS) since 1 April 2026. This scheme aims to increase recycling of beverage containers and build better recycling habits. With this scheme, staff and students will pay a 10-cent refundable deposit when purchasing eligible beverages (metal cans and plastic bottles between 150ml-3L) that carry the official Deposit Mark.

From 1 October 2026 onwards, the 500ml bottled water sold in our school canteen will carry the Deposit Mark, so your child/ward will need to pay the 10-cent deposit for each bottled water sold in the school canteen. You can inform your child/ward to bring home the empty bottle for you to claim the refund at Return Right machines located at supermarkets and community areas outside the school.

You may wish to note the following:

- Only containers with the official Deposit Mark are eligible for refunds
- Containers must be emptied, not crushed, and have intact labels and barcodes when returned
- There are no Return Right machines planned for installation within school premises
- More information can be found on https://returnright.sg.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to provide reusable water bottles for your children/ward as a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to purchasing beverages at school.

PSLE Marking Exercise from 12 to 14 October 2026

The PSLE Marking Exercise will take place from 12 to 14 October 2026. These 3 days are non-school days for P1 to P6 students. However, we will be having the following programmes.

- Support lessons for selected P3 and P5 students.
- Matatalab Coding Enrichment for interested P2 students on 12 and 13 October 2026.

Upcoming School Events

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<tr><td>1 Oct (Thu)</td><td>Children's Day Celebrations</td><td>Eve of Children's Day.

School dismissal is at 10.30am. To minimise overcrowding, we will implement staggered dismissal as follows:
<table><tr><th>P1 & P2</th><th>P3 & P4</th><th>P5 & P6</th></tr><tr><td>10.10am</td><td>10.20am</td><td>10.30am</td></tr></table></td></tr>
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<tr><td>5 – 9 Oct (Mon – Fri)</td><td>P3 Oral</td><td>It will be conducted during curriculum time. Please refer to PG letters reference no.:
P3: 2026OLN_0381</td></tr>
<tr><td>8 and 9 Oct (Thu – Fri)</td><td>P4 and P5 Oral</td><td>It will be conducted after school</td></tr>
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		curriculum time. Please refer to PG letters reference no.: P4: 2026OLN_0382 P5: 2026OLN_0383
6 – 23 Oct (Mon – Thu)	Annual School Health Screening Exercise	Please refer to the PG letter reference no.: 2026OLN_0365 for more information.
12 – 14 Oct (Mon – Wed)	PSLE Marking Exercise	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
13 Oct (Tue)	For P2 only: Announcement of Results for the CCA Recruitment	P2 Parents/ Guardians will be required to acknowledge the PG message that will be sent on that day by Tuesday, 20 October 2026.
19 Oct (Mon)	P3 – P5 EYE (End-of-Year Examinations): EL Paper 1	Please refer to PG letters reference no.: P3: 2026OLN_0381 P4: 2026OLN_0382 P5: 2026OLN_0383
20 Oct (Tue)	P3 – P5 EYE: MTL and Foundation MTL Paper 1	

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Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
23 Oct (Fri)	P5 EYE: Higher MTL Paper 2 and 1	
26 Oct (Mon)	P3 – P5 EYE: EL Paper 2 and LC (Listening Comprehension)	
27 Oct (Tue)	P3 – P5 EYE: Maths / Foundation Maths	
28 Oct (Wed)	P3 – P5 EYE: MTL Paper 2 and LC / Foundation MTL LC	
29 Oct (Thu)	P3 – P5 EYE: Science	
9 Nov (Mon)	**Public Holiday in lieu of Deepavali on a Sunday**	**There is no school for all students. All students are to report on Tuesday, 10 November 2026.**
11 Nov (Wed)	**Admin Day**	**There is no school for all students. All students are to report on Thursday, 12 November 2026.**
17 Nov (Tue)	Promotion Ceremony P6 Graduation Ceremony Thanksgiving Mass	More details will be given later.
18 Nov (Wed)	GRACIA! Celebrations	
19 – 20 Nov (Thu – Fri)	E-Parent Teacher Conferencing	
21 Nov - 31 Dec (Sat - Thu)	**Term 4 School Holidays**	**There is no school for all students.**

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24 – 25 Nov (Tue – Wed)	Release of PSLE Results (Tentative)	Please refer to the press release by MOE at a later date.
We seek your understanding that there may be changes to the schedule of activities shared in this newsletter due to unforeseen circumstances*. Please refer to Parents Gateway for copies of letters issued by the school.*		