



St. Joan of Arc Secondary School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

School's Newsletter (May 2024)

1. St. Joan of Arc Feast Day

- St. Joan of Arc Feast Day will take place on Thursday, 30 May 2024 at St. Jude's Church in North Point (30, Kin Wah Street, North Point, Hong Kong).
- Students are expected to arrive at the church by 9:30 a.m. and the event will conclude at around 11:15 a.m.
- It is mandatory for all students to wear their school uniform.
- Transportation guidelines can be found on the school's website.
- Please note that there will be no school bus service on the Feast Day, and students will need to arrange their own transportation to the venue.

2. Special day arrangements

1 May : Labour Day Holiday. No classes

15 May : Buddha's Birthday Holiday. No classes

3. Education Bureau's Promotional Article to Parents

The Education Bureau (EDB) issued through its "e-Bulletin for Parents" webpage a promotional message to parents titled "Should parents let their children go to school under inclement weather conditions?" on 19 April 2024. The relevant website information is attached for your perusal.

4. Student Achievement

The school actively promotes the whole-person development of students, who excel in both academic and non-academic activities within and outside the school.

Date	Event	Participant	Result/Award
5/4/2024	Chinese and English Penmanship Hong Kong International Competition	4CH Kung Chiu Ying	Champion
		1HO Wong Siu Tsang	Gold Award
		St. Joan of Arc Secondary School	Best Participating Organization Award

9/4/2024	The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Home Affairs Department 2023/24 Harmony Scholarships Scheme	2HO Inciong Judielle Marie M. 4FA Raeka Sherchan, Viado Chloe Grace Francisco, Yu Allison Dei Modesto 5FA Hussain Alisha Jabeen 6FA Ko Wency	Harmony Scholarships
--	Hong Kong Science Fair Competition	3FA Chan Yiu Chi, Fung Hei Lam, Shi Ki Wai, Tsoi Tsz Yan	Shortlisted for the Final Round
20/4/2024	HK Patriotic Education Foundation Co. Ltd scholarship	4FA Shiu Cheuk Yin	Scholarship

Yours sincerely,




Mr. YUEN Cheung-oi
Principal

You are like salt for the whole human race, You are like light for the whole world. (Matthew 5:13-14)

Reply Slip

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Dear Principal,

I, the parent / guardian of _____ (*student's name*) (Class: _____ No: _____),
acknowledge the receipt of the circular regarding **School's Newsletter (May 2024)**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Education Bureau's e-Bulletin for Parents - 19 April 2024

Should parents let their children go to school under inclement weather conditions?

When inclement weather may affect the safety of students, the Education Bureau (EDB) will keep in close contact with the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO). In the event of tropical cyclones and heavy persistent rain, with reference to the latest information provided by the HKO, the EDB will announce the school suspension arrangements for the corresponding periods via the mass media, the EDB website (<http://www.edb.gov.hk/en>), the EDB hotline (Tel: 2891 0088) and the GovHK website (http://www.gov.hk/en/theme/govhknotifications/?category=OGCMN052*&lang=en). Parents should pay close attention to the announcements in the above channels to understand the latest arrangements.

Regarding inclement weather conditions, including the issuance of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 or above, Red or Black Rainstorm Warning Signal, and other adverse weather conditions, the EDB has established a communication mechanism with the HKO and issued the Circular to inform schools of the measures to be taken for tropical cyclones or heavy persistent rain. Parents can make reference to the relevant materials including the TV Announcements in the Public Interest (APIs), Rainstorm Warning Posters, Leaflets, Bookmarks and Labels.

The EDB reiterates, when a RED or BLACK Rainstorm Warning Signal has been issued, students should continue the lessons until the end of normal school hours; schools should ensure that conditions are safe before allowing students to return home. Parents do not need to pick up their children from school immediately.

In addition, as the situations in localised area(s) may differ from the territory as a whole, emergencies may also arise unexpectedly. Such situations should be handled in accordance with the individual circumstances in a flexible manner to ensure the safety of students. In this regard, the EDB Circular stipulated that parents can exercise their discretion in deciding whether or not to send their children to school in response to the weather conditions. They should keep their children at home if the local weather, roads, slopes or traffic are in adverse conditions. Schools will exercise discretion in handling the students for lateness for school affected by inclement weather or flooding or absence from school at parents' discretion on the respective day, and such students will not be penalised accordingly.

Parents may visit the HKO webpage on “Weather Information for Schools” (<https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/school/school.htm>) or the mobile App “MyObservatory” (<https://www.hko.gov.hk/en/myobservatory.htm>) for the latest weather conditions.