



# Canossa Newsbites

October 2024

## Did You Know?

A key component of resilience is the ability to look at a problem and find a solution. We can help develop this trait in our kids by encouraging them to participate in solving the mini dilemmas that occur throughout the day.

To read the full article, <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/raising-resilient-kids/>

### School Mission

Nurturing each in his / her own way by forming hearts, enlightening minds and empowering spirits to live in The Way, The Truth and The Life

### School Vision

Leaders of Hope  
Sowers of Change

### Core Values

Charity, Humility, Forgiveness, Faith

## Celebrating our Canossian Children



*Dear God*

*Thank you for our Canossian children*

*They are made in the image and likeness of God –  
each child a precious gift from You.*

*They possess gifts and talents which You have blessed them with;  
each child unique, special and beautiful.*

*Their cheerfulness, innocent joy and laughter warm our hearts.  
Their inquisitive nature, creativity and innovative minds amaze us.*

*Their courage, spirit of adventure and passion  
inspire us Canossian Educators*

*To create opportunities for them to learn and grow.*

*Thank you, God, for the opportunity to love and care  
for each child lovingly, unconditionally and patiently.*

*Thank you for entrusting us with them.*



*As our children play and learn together,  
may they always know that they are always deeply loved by God.*

*Amen*

**“The most beautiful way to start the day is with a grateful heart.”**

- St Magdalene of Canossa

## Calendar of Events (October/ November)

Date	Events	Remarks
26, 27, 30 September, 1 & 2 October	PSLE Examinations	School as usual for Primary 1- Primary 5 students. P6 students taking the PSLE examinations on these days are to report <u>punctually</u> to school for their papers.
3 October	Children's Day Paraliturg Children's Day Celebration	Curtailed School Hours <b>(Dismissal at 10.30am)</b>
4 October	Children's Day	School Holiday
14 – 16 October	PSLE Marking Days	School Holiday for Primary 1 – Primary 6 students
31 October	Deepavali	Public Holiday
1 November	Exam Admin Day	School Holiday for Primary 1 – Primary 6 students
7 November	Siblings Orientation for Incoming Primary 1s	School as usual for P1-P6 students The Sibling Orientation for Incoming Primary 1s will start at 3pm
8 November	Primary 6 Graduation	Primary 6 students report to school from 7.30am – 11.30am. Primary 1 – Primary 5 students do not report to school.
13 November	2024 Primary 1 to Primary 5 Awards Presentation Day	School as usual for Primary 1 to Primary 6 students Details will be given to parents of award winners in November.
14 November	Preparation for Christmas @ The Village	Only selected students report to school. More information will be given at a later date.
15 November	Christmas@ The Village	Only for children of Canossa Catholic Primary School, Canossian School, Canossville Preschool and their immediate families residing in the same house.
16 November- 1 January 2025	Term 4 School Vacation	School starts on <b>3 January 2025</b> , Friday, for all Primary 2 - Primary 6 students.

### Did You Know?

Vicki Caruana, author of *Giving Your Child the Excellence Edge*, recommends teaching kids a four-step process for breaking down problems and honing in on the best solution: 1) Define the problem; 2) Evaluate all possible solutions; 3) Develop a plan of action; 4) Adjust plans when necessary. She recommends that kids face each problem by asking themselves, in what ways might I solve this?

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“The more difficulties

there are to **encounter**, the

**better we will serve**

**God.”**

- St Magdalene of Canossa

### Did You Know?

The “right” sort of praise gives kids a stronger advantage in facing life’s challenges. In a 2013 study, Dr. Elizabeth Gunderson refers to this as “process praise,” praise that focuses on a child’s strategies (“I like how you solved that problem”), specific jobs they did well (“The kitchen floor looks great”) and especially their effort throughout various challenges (“Your hard work is really showing in these drawings”). Gunderson’s team found that the more process praise that kids got during early childhood, the more likely they were to demonstrate resilience and an “I-can-do-this” attitude during their school years.

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“Real peace cannot be found if **we do not trust God completely.**”

- St Magdalene of Canossa

## P3-5 End-of-Year Examinations

Date	Events
8 October	P3-P5 EOY English Language Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension
9 October	P3-P5 EOY Mother Tongue Paper 1 and Listening Comprehension
10 October	P5 EOY Higher Mother Tongue Paper 1 and 2
22 October	P3-P5 EOY Science
23 October	P3-P5 EOY English Language Paper 2
24 October	P3-P5 EOY Mathematics
25 October	P3-P5 EOY Mother Tongue Paper 2

### Reminder for End-of-Year Examinations

Students who are absent on any examination day must produce **a valid medical certificate** from the clinic / polyclinic. Parents are to call the general office to inform the school of the student’s absence at the beginning of the day of the examination. Students who are unwell (e.g. fever, cold etc) on the examination day(s) will **not** be allowed to sit for the examination.

Students must submit their medical certificates to their form teachers immediately when they return to school. There will be **no make-up examination** for any subjects or components should students miss the examination.

### Children’s Day Celebrations

The school will be celebrating Children’s Day on Thursday, 3 October 2024. Do note that school hours will be curtailed and the day will end at 10.30am.

As school hours are short, there will be no recess that day. Do ensure your child has breakfast before coming to school.

Apart from having fun filled activities to celebrate Children’s Day, we will also have ‘Gift of Charity’ Day. It is a small fundraiser where our Primary 5 students emulate Mother Foundress, St Magdalene of Canossa, by using their gifts and abilities to make little items to raise funds for the needy.

We encourage your child to put aside some of their allowance so that they can make the contributions on that day. All proceeds will go to Canossaville Children and Community Services.

Children are to bring their Student Planner, pencil cases and a water bottle filled with water.

All children must be in the school's formal uniform – blouse and pinafore for girls and shirt and light blue shorts for boys.

### *Did You Know?*

Children learn by observing their parents. They learn skills and information about the world we live in. And they learn a lot about acceptable behavior from what their parents model for them.

As parents, do we have an encouraging, we-can-get-through-this attitude when life throws difficulties our way, or do we demonstrate an ongoing fear of the world?

Whatever our responses, our kids are learning about how they should respond to their own setbacks.

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“Let us **start every day**  
 with **renewed**  
**enthusiasm, serving**  
**the Lord** and **waiting**  
 for the **reward of his**  
**mercy.**”

- St. Magdalene of Canossa

## Christmas @ The Village 2024

Christmas @ The Village is back again this year on 15 November 2024 for children of Canossa Catholic Primary School, Canossian School, Canossville Preschool and their immediate families residing in the same house.

Our Canossian Village is going to be all decked out for Christmas to give thanks to God for this wonderfully blessed year and to raise funds to continue the good work that Canossville Children & Community Services (CCCS) has been doing.

More details will be given later.

## Accolades

### PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING AWARDS 2024

The YMCA Plain English Speaking Awards (PESA) 2024 is organised by YMCA of Singapore in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Speak Good English Movement.

The objectives of PESA are to promote public speaking in Plain English as an important social and academic skill, provide an avenue for students to sharpen their speaking skills and to build confidence in public presentation and provide an opportunity for students to learn by observing proficient speakers.



#### **Certificate of Achievement**

Klaire Satore Yap Cheh Gek (5 Joy)

Chan Hoi Kiu (5 Joy)