

LUKE 1:17 – "To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

7 July, 2015

Dear VLCS parents,

Greetings to you and your family in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are very encouraged by your presence at the PSF last night! Thank you for your support and partnership!

Minutes of Parent Staff Fellowship, 6 July 2015

Meeting commenced at 7:00pm with praise and worship led by students. We thank God for His Presence.

<u>For such a time as this (Esther 4:14).</u> This is the theme of ACE for the new academic year: Esther stood in the gap for her fellowmen and many became Jews as a result of the decree for Jews to be free from oppression. In difficult times when heaven and earth will be shaken, the Lord will strengthen us and raise us up to be a standard for such a time as this. We believe our students who are scholars of His Word will seek His Kingdom that cannot be shaken and His righteousness first, they will win souls, do good, be history makers and world shakers for the glory of God!

Jubilee Day of Prayer. Mr. Lee Hsien Loong acknowledged that in the early days, Christian missionaries started schools to teach values and have impacted society positively. VLCS is birthed to restore Christian education and emphasizes more on character building based on the Word of God, knowing Him and the power of His resurrection, and to prepare a people ready for the Lord. Children are our greatest treasures. Children without character cannot achieve much but children with Christ-like character will do great exploits and greater works! More than 50,000 believers gathered at the JDOP to pray for the young people. That they be a generation who love God with all their heart, and with all their soul and with all their strength and with all their mind. A generation of filial children who honor their parents, of faithful spouses, of godly parents, of loyal citizens, of gracious neighbors, of selfless nation-builders, a people set apart as the righteous majority, a people of character and competence, discerning and wise, inspired to dream big, to bless, and chosen to lead for the glory of God! VLCS parents, let's pray unceasingly for our children!

SG50 Heartship Fund. Thank you for your generous giving to help families who are financially challenged. To date, 25 parents gave and we received: \$7,790. There was a balance of \$40,000 school fees in arrears and a parent generously offered to match every dollar other parents give. We will be informing this parent soon and we want to give you this opportunity to give if you have not already given. Let our giving be joyful as this Year of Jubilee is a year of generosity. Additional offerings received last night amounted to \$1,042. Thank you parents!

<u>Sirius Scholarship presented by Mr. Eugene Wong of Sirius Venture Capitalist Pte Ltd.</u> Students who applied were interviewed and 5 students who met their criteria were presented their scholarship this morning.

<u>VLCS Scholarship for 2015-2016</u>. We are also inspired to give scholarships to students who meet the following requirements: 4 terms of honor roll A (94%), 20 weeks or more of 'C' privilege, promote school spirit, and have the recommendation of their supervisors. With this scholarship in place, the school will not give any more cash awards based on the number of completed PACEs.

Honor Roll Presentation to students by parents. It was a joy to see many parents and students honored for doing well. Let's pray for an increase in number of students receiving Honor Roll. A field trip for honor roll students is scheduled on Friday, 10th July.

<u>Victory Life Awards & Graduation Celebration</u>. The Celebration will be held on Saturday, 25 July at 30 Biopolis Street, Level 2, Matrix Auditorium from 4-7pm. This year being our 15th Anniversary, parents can invite 2 guests for free. Each family will be given 4 complimentary seats (not including VLCS students). An e-invite will be sent for you to invite guests. Please RSVP by 20 July for logistic purposes. Any extra seats required will be given on a first-come-first-served basis. Please inform your supervisors. As we only have 3 weeks before the celebration, we appreciate your understanding and support for your children to practice and rehearse every week. Also, please note that Monday, 27 July, is a school holiday.

Leadership appointments and roles. We will continue to appoint leaders for Praise and Worship, for media and the library. Supervisors will be appointing 5 leaders in their learning center for five teams namely, Love Joy, Peace, Grace and Hope. All class leaders will be responsible for building team spirit, organizing school events (National Day, Children's Day, Supervisors' Day, and CNY celebrations), outreach, and school projects. Every leader who serves for a whole year will be given a service credit in their official transcript. All leaders will attend the leadership training with Mr. Jonathan, Mrs. Liah, Mrs. Valluvan and Mrs. Lim Ho Mun on Friday, 10 July, from 3-7pm in school and on Saturday, 11 July, from 9am to 1pm at East Coast Park.

High School Graduates: Inculcate spirit of volunteerism and commitment. School will encourage student graduates to inculcate a spirit of volunteerism and be educational assistants in VLCS or in at least 14 countries listed in the ACE website. They include: China, Honduras, India, Japan, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, United Kingdom, and our contacts with schools in Thailand, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Cambodia. Student graduates will be employed to work in school if they are willing to commit to at least one year of full-time service in God's will.

Thank God for His favor on our graduates and for those receiving scholarships too! Here is a list of universities which accepted our graduates recently:

In Canada – University of Manitoba and Simon Fraser University

In The Philippines - Mapua Institute of Technology

In UK - Durham University

In USA- Dallas Baptist University and Lee University

Staff. Please get to know our staff in your class and we appreciate your prayers for them too.

Preschool: Mrs. Laura Lim & Mrs. Dixin,

Elementary: Ms. Joseph & Mr. Russell with Mr. Emmanuel (volunteer)

Middle School: Mrs. Valluvan & Ms. Lim Min

Junior High: Mr. Philip Yee & Mrs. Chan with Mr. Damien (volunteer)

High School: Mrs. Liah & Mr. Jonathan with Ms. Jane Tan

Homeschoolers: Mrs. Lim Ho Mun Learning Support: Ms. Rika

<u>Prayer request: New Premises.</u> We had written letters of appeal to Full Gospel Business Gatekeepers of Singapore, Bethel Presbyterian Church, and Singapore Land Authority for bigger premises. Mr. Lee Hak Ming led in a prayer of faith that God will gather His businessmen to know our ministry and provide in His time

Refreshments were served, followed by fellowship in the learning centers. Parents got to know one another, learned how they can support the supervisors for the children in school and at home. Fellowship ended with prayers of thanksgiving at 9pm.

In His service,

Mrs. Jan Boey