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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome to all for the new academic year 2022/23. I am sure you enjoyed the summer vacation and that many of you have visited your home country as well.

This academic year we have expanded our school with another branch at Matar Qadeem. I am confident that the students who have joined there enjoy the new school environment.

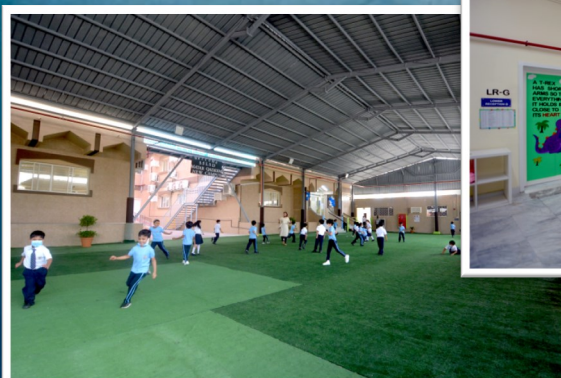
Dear students, I urge you to focus on these simple ten points during this new year.



- Attend school daily and arrive on time, ready for the day's learning experience.
- Bring your student record book daily.
- Complete all homework assignments given by teachers.
- Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
- Follow all school rules and be proud of your school.
- Be friendly with each other and build up healthy and strong friendships.
- Respect your teachers and your fellow students.
- Actively keep the school environment clean and safe.
- Be mindful of your personal grooming.
- Remember always the purpose you come to school.

As we embark on another academic year, I would like to wish you all the very best. I hope it will be a successful and an enjoyable year ahead for all.

Mr. Namal Fernando
Principal - SSLSD



Mathar Qadeem Branch

Matar Qadeem, the Newest Branch of SSLSD

Stafford Sri Lankan School Doha expanded to a new campus at Matar Qadeem effective from August 2022. The demand for admissions to the only Community school for the expatriate Sri Lankan children in Qatar has been on the rise for the last few years and the main campus alone could not meet this demand. The school management, under the guidance of the Sri Lankan embassy in Doha, made this timely move in order to meet this requirement as Stafford Sri Lankan School Doha is not only the one and only community school for the Sri Lankan children, but also the only affordable school for the middle and low income category Sri Lankan expatriate parents.

SSLSD was founded in 2001 at a villa in the West bay area with 12 students. The location of the school was moved to the present location, Al Soudan, in 2004. Since then, the school has annexed the old Palestine School in 2015, further expanding to Al Andalus girls' college premises in 2020. Even with this growth, the demand for admissions have increased every year. Therefore, branching out further was the only viable option for the school to fulfill the educational needs of the Sri Lankan community in Qatar in a sustainable manner. The current student population is well over 2600 and still there are hundreds of children in the waiting lists.

This new Matar Qadeem Campus caters to nearly 640 students from LR to year 5 and they will progress up to year 8 in the same campus. Additionally, a dedicated faculty of 33 teachers are currently tutoring these young scholars and they are committed to achieving the excellence SSLSD has always strived for. This campus facilitates learning with spacious classrooms equipped with digital learning equipment and internet access together with all other resource rooms necessary for a quality education.

This new campus is a 10-minute drive away from the main campus. However, school has initiated a dedicated transport service with a fleet of brand-new buses. If any parent has not registered for this service so far, they are invited to do so before 30th September.

As the management, teachers, students as well as parents celebrate this remarkable milestone, we look forward to achieving our dream of a purpose-built school to house all SSLSD students under one roof in the near future.



EVENTS

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure"

Fire warden training is a vital part of the recommended fire safety strategy in the school. It is a legal requirement to appoint one or more competent persons to assist the students and other personnel in school in undertaking preventive and protective measures to minimize risks and maximize everyone's safety.

A fire warden training was organized by the school management on 17th September, 2022 in the school auditorium. The appointed fire marshals from all three campuses were given the training, and were briefed on their duties, fire prevention measures and the correct use of fire extinguishers.



Explore Sri Lanka at MENASA

The dance troupe of the school presented a number of brilliant performances of folk and traditional dances at 'Explore Sri Lanka', which showcased local culture such as music, food, dance, arts and craft.

The graceful movements, mellow music, vivid attire and the communal quality of the performances added a nostalgic and an authentic atmosphere to the event.

Held on the 9th and 10th of September under the program 'Qatar MENASA: Year of Culture, 2022,' the program saw the stunning singing performances of Shalindri Fernando and Suhara Munagamage;

Divyesh Sogiharan entertained the audience with his captivating solo dance moves. Sri Lankans gathered to celebrate their culture and identity, paying respect to their heritage.



EVENTS

SSLSD Prefects' Investiture 2022/23

SSLSD inducted the prestigious Prefects' Guild of 2022/23 on Thursday, 22.09.22 in the presence of the Board of Directors, Principal, Vice Principal, Teachers and Parents of the prefects.

The guild for the academic year 2022/23 was formed of 105 prefects including

44 Prefect Trainees

25 Junior Prefects

18 Prefects

6 Senior Prefects &

12 Heads of the Guild.



The guild this year is to be led by the Head boy Amer Cassim & Head girl Anne Wijesundara.

We congratulate the newly appointed guild members.



Resonance 2022 ~ Your Voice Deserves to be Heard ~

The students of the Middle and Upper School of SSLSD participated in an oratory competition that gave them the opportunity to speak on a given topic. Resonance 22 was introduced to enable participants to experience public speaking whilst boosting their confidence.

Participants were carefully selected based on an agreed set of criteria through three separate screening tasks. Finalists from year 6 to 13 were selected accordingly and will participate in the upcoming final event.

EVENTS

Sports Meet

After weeks of tireless practice, the inter-house sports tournaments are finally underway; while some sports are already in the books, there are many more exciting games lined-up! The adrenaline rush swept the school throughout the last few evenings as the houses clashed for victory.

The houses - Emerald, Garnet and Topaz - will continue to compete neck to neck, putting up thrilling performances of talent, skill and determination. Through sports and team work, the students have displayed their resilience and mature sportsmanship.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Recognition Day	1-Oct
Children's Day	2-Oct
Teachers' Day	6-Oct
Junior Sports Meet - Main	7-Oct
Junior Sports Meet - MQ	14-Oct
School Anniversary Day	20-Oct
Sports Meet 2022/23	21-Oct

Upcoming Sports Meet Events

Event	Date
Basketball senior boys (11 & above)	2-Oct
Football primary boys (Grade 3,4,5)	2-Oct
Basketball girls (open)	3-Oct
Football junior boys (Grade 6,7,8)	3-Oct
Football senior boys (Grade 9 & above)	4-Oct
Cricket Boys (Open)	8-Oct