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SMMIS Newsletter

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
School Principal**

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you are all well and had a lovely week. We have a lot of dates for your calendar, so please take note of the list below.

This shabbat in the UK is Mental Health Awareness Shabbat, organised by [JAMI](#), the Jewish Mental Health charity. As an educator I see every day how deeply this conversation matters to our students, families, and staff. At SMMIS we take mental health awareness very seriously, with student and staff wellbeing at the heart of our school life. We have a strong Child Protection and Safeguarding Team, expert school counsellor, regular mental health and wellness checks, and an active staff wellbeing committee. If you have any concerns about anyone you know please do reach out to them, and remind them that we are always here to support our students and families.

It was wonderful to see so many of our school community come together yesterday after school for the Challah Bake. With over 50 people in attendance. We enjoyed learning about the meaning of challah while braiding and chatting. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Exciting Opportunity: The Singapore Math Kangaroo Contest (SMKC)

We are pleased to announce that our school will be participating in the upcoming **Singapore Math Kangaroo Contest (SMKC)**. The SMKC is one of the largest and most popular math competitions in the world, with over 6 million participants across 70 countries. We have chosen this particular contest because its syllabus is uniquely aligned with the Singapore Math curriculum we follow in school. Unlike many other "Olympiad" style exams, the SMKC focuses on making mathematics engaging and accessible while challenging students to think outside the box. SMKC provides a platform for students to apply their classroom knowledge to non-routine problems. The contest does not just test the memorisation of formulas; instead, it focuses on logical combination, the ability to see relationships between different maths concepts and solve creative puzzles. It is an excellent way to build confidence and spark a deeper interest in the subject.

Schedule and Selection

- **When:** The competition will be held at school during the **week before the Pesach break**.
- **Selection:** To ensure the best experience for our learners, teachers will be selecting students from each class who show a strong aptitude for problem-solving and are ready to tackle these specialised challenges.

We look forward to seeing our students showcase their ingenuity and mathematical reasoning.

Grade 6 Student Led Interview Project

As part of our current IMYC unit on Structure, the Grade 6 students conducted short interviews with members of our school community to better understand how different roles contribute to the structure and daily functioning of the school. Through these interviews, students explored how the school functions as a "mini-society," discovering how each role is connected and why every contribution is important. This activity helped students develop communication skills, empathy, and a deeper understanding of how structures operate in both modern and ancient societies. Students interviewed Ms Elaine, Mr Greg, Ms Ali, Ms Simcha, some teachers, support staff including the roles they didn't

life, encouraging students to appreciate the people who make our school a safe, supportive, and organised place to learn.

Whole School Musical 2026: Students Take the Lead

We're excited to share that the musical reveal was held today at the Heartspace, and the students have officially voted! Thank you to all students who took part in the voting process and shared their enthusiasm by choosing their favourite musical. Based on the results, we're delighted to announce that this year's End of Year Production will be **Matilda**. It was wonderful to see the excitement and engagement from our students during the reveal, and we're very much looking forward to bringing this production to life together. Audition dates and detailed guidelines will be shared with students and parents very shortly, so please keep a lookout for further updates.

Information Evening: Into G11 and G12

As you know we will be launching Grades 11 and 12 this coming August. This marks a significant milestone in our school's journey, as we will now offer a complete education pathway from Nursery through to Grade 12. The introduction of Grades 11 and 12 reflects our ongoing commitment to providing students with continuity, academic depth, and strong preparation for their future pathways. We look forward to sharing more information about the curriculum, pathways, and next steps with our school community on Tuesday 3rd February. Please sign up for this online meeting using the link [here](#).

Reminder: Interactive Primary School Reading Workshop

As mentioned last week We are delighted to invite all primary school parents and carers to an Interactive Reading workshop on **Wednesday 11th February at 2:30 PM** in the school Auditorium. Reading is the gateway to all learning, and this session is designed to provide you with practical tools to support your child's literacy journey at every stage. Whether your child is just starting to decode words or is becoming a confident independent reader, we will share effective strategies to boost comprehension and cultivate a lifelong love of books. For those unable to attend in person, please note that the session will be recorded and shared. We look forward to seeing our whole school community come together to empower our young readers! Please complete this [form](#) to indicate whether you are able attend or not.

SMMIS Parent Book Club

SMMIS Parent Book Club discussed the book, *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* on Monday, praising its charm, resilience themes, and

SMMIS Board Room (1st floor)—stay tuned for February's book! To RSVP, please contact our librarian, **Ms Chanelle**, at chanelle.crosby@smm.edu.sg

Upcoming Open House - Friday, 6th February 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to welcoming prospective families to our upcoming Open House on **Friday, 6 February at 9:00 a.m.** If you have friends, neighbours, or colleagues who are considering schools for their child, we would appreciate it if you could invite them to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our campus, meet members of our team, and learn more about the SMMIS learning experience. As a reminder, families who successfully refer a student to SMMIS are eligible for the **Parent Referral Programme gift of \$1,000.**

Be Part of the SMMIS Story

As we share important moments at SMMIS, we invite parents and teachers to help spread the word. When you post about school activities, events, or achievements and tag **SMMIS**, more families can see what makes our community special. Your posts help share our story in an authentic way and strengthen our school community. **Please do tag us in your posts or repost our content to help spread the SMMIS story.**

- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/smmissg](https://www.facebook.com/smmissg)
- **Instagram:** [instagram.com/smmissg](https://www.instagram.com/smmissg)
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- **YouTube:** [youtube.com/@smmis](https://www.youtube.com/@smmis)

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Shabbat Shalom,

Ms Elaine

Principal

Upcoming Dates to Remember

After-School Activities and Swim Squad Start

Date: 26th January 2026

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Date: 20th January 2026

Cambodia Information Evening (Online)

Date: 29th January 2026

Grade 8 iGCSE (Online)

Date: Monday, 2nd February 2026

Into G11 and G12 (Online)

Date: Tuesday, 3rd February 2026

Open House (On site)

Date: Friday, 6th February 2026

Interactive Primary Reading Workshop (On site)

Date: Wednesday, 11th February 2026

SMMIS@Home, Home Based Learning

Date: Thursday, 19th February 2026

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SIR MANASSEH MEYER
International School

OPEN HOUSE

Friday | 6th FEB 2026
9am-11am



Cambridge International School

PEI Registration Number: 200811757D Period of Registration: 6 July 2024 to 5 July 2028.

At SMMIS, our close-knit school community builds strong friendships and a real sense of belonging.



Book a tour!

Upcoming Open House 6 February 2026

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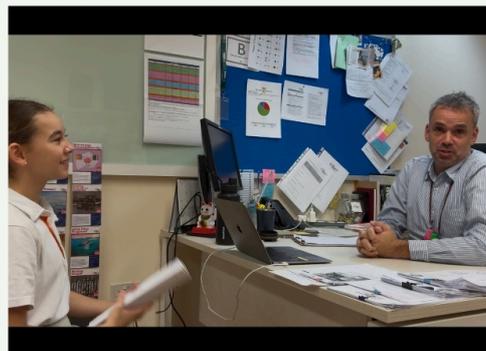
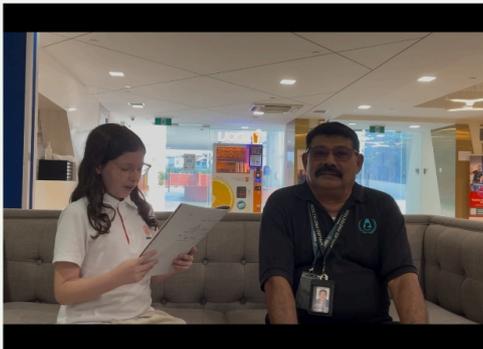
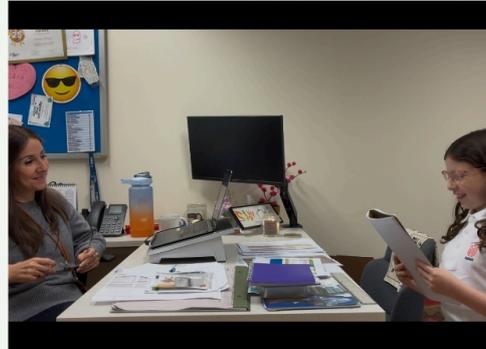


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Student Led Interview Project, Jan 2026

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Whole School Musical - Reveal of the End of Year Production

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Cuisine	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Main Course	Steamed Chicken with Chicken Rice / Plain Rice / Cous Cous	Stir-fried Ginger Beef	Tempura Fish with Orange Sauce	Char Siew Chicken with Plain Rice	Pizza, Pasta and Cheese / Fried Rice / Fried Bee Hoon and Salad Bar
Side dish	Sauteed Vegetables and Salad Bar	Garden Vegetables and Salad Bar	Steamed Vegetables and Salad Bar	Sweet corn kernel and Salad Bar	
Vegetarian	Green Dhal	Vegetarian Noodles	Veggie Patties	Marinated King Trumpet Mushroom	
Soup	Chicken / Vegetarian Soup	Vegetables Soup	Pumpkin soup	Egg Drop Soup	
Daily Salad	A Healthy Variety of Salads, dressings and fruits				
Afternoon Snack	Assorted Bread Rolls	Assorted Muffin	Assorted Cookies	Fruits	Challah Roll
<p><i>*This is a nut-free menu</i> <i>*Gluten-free and egg-free options are available for main course and afternoon snack</i> <i>*Every Friday is dairy day and the canteen does not serve meat options</i> <i>*White/brown steamed rice is served daily</i> <i>*Tiny-tots, Pre-nursery and Nursery are offered with softer/smaller cut meat option</i> <i>*Variety of Fresh and Cooked Vegetables.</i></p>					

Menu for the Upcoming Week

Birthdays of the Week

Happy Birthday!

Brady Saerip (G4)

Birthday cake orders must be placed at least 5 working days in advance. We will place an order of the cake only upon receiving payment of \$35 per cake. To order a cake, please click [here](#)

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