

29 April 2023

70th

from

1953

Anniversary

St. Gabriel's
Schools

to

2023

Once a
Gabrielite,
always a
Gabrielite



Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of St. Gabriel's Schools

29 April 2023



St. Gabriel's Secondary School Song

In white and blue, boys full of
mirth and life

From early morn, we flood the
green playground

In every hall, soon starts the
daily strife

Of school routine, lessons and work
all round

With spirits bright, our will we'll
gladly bracing

From teachers kind we learn what's
good and right

We thus do hope to attain with
God's blessing

Virtue and Truth, Virtue and Truth

Of life's true beacon light

St. Gabriel's Primary School Song

St Gabriel's boys, here on this
day united

With one true heart let us all sing
and cheer

The stately home where our
boyhood is guided

Learning to live and through right
paths to steer

In cheering blue and spotless
white apparel

A cheerful band, St. Gabriel's
boys unite!

All white and blue, all bent
to reap the laurel

Hold and defend Alma Mater's

Glory with heart and might

Chorus

Saint Gabriel's School Dear
Here willing hearts behold
When duty's call rings clear
'Mid sorrows as through joys
For Singapore and God
For justice to uphold
Let us live and thus prove
Saint Gabriel's boys



Message by Brother Dominic Yeo Koh

Supervisor of Gabrielite Schools

Dear Gabrielites and Friends,

My wishes and congratulations to all who are associated with St. Gabriel's School!

My heartfelt appreciation for this wonderful spirit that you as Gabrielites are coming together to celebrate the school's *70th Anniversary*.

The school was founded in 1953 as an offshoot of Holy Innocent English School (later known as Montfort School). Bro. Louis Gonzaga was the first director of the newly established St. Gabriel's School along the 5th mile of Upper Serangoon Road. Since then, St. Gabriel's School

has grown to be what it is today, two schools, namely St. Gabriel's Primary School and St. Gabriel's Secondary School. Over these *70 years* St. Gabriel's School, both Primary and Secondary, has continued to serve the community. Both the St. Gabriel's Schools has since been recognized as schools that develop the full potential of its students.

Seventy years is not a short time in the context of Singapore. Established in 1953, the school predates the independence of modern Singapore. It had moved from its location in Upper Serangoon Road and Highland Road respectively to the present location at Serangoon Avenue 1 and Lorong Chuan. Thus St. Gabriel's continue to be the catalyst that grooms the students that passed through her portals.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more good years to come. *Ad Multos Annos!*



Message by Dr Francis Chong

Chairman - School Management Committee

Dear fellow Montfortian-Gabrielites,

As we gather this evening to celebrate the *70th Anniversary* of the establishment of St Gabriel's School, let us take a moment to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has showered on us these past 7 decades. Let us also recall with gratitude the many people who have laboured long and hard to advance our educational mission: the Brothers, the Governors and staff of the St Gabriel's Foundation, our teachers and staff in our schools, alumni, parents and benefactors.

Tonight is surely a night for reconnecting and renewing our ties with one another. I have no doubt that there will be many moments of nostalgia and laughter as we recall fondly the escapades of our school days.

I pray, also, that even as we look back and celebrate the highlights of our *70 years* as a community in Singapore, each and every one of us also take this opportunity to face forward and renew our commitment to be good stewards of a sacred trust: to ensure St Gabriel's Primary and Secondary Schools remain vibrant members of a network in Singapore that comprises 4 other Montfortian-Gabrielite Educational Institutions (Assumption English School, Assumption Pathway School, Montfort Junior School and Montfort Secondary School) and Boys' Town; a network that is a part of a world-wide community of Montfortian-Gabrielite institutions. May we always strive to be responsive to the evolving needs of Singapore society and remain faithful to our mission to educate and inspire young Singaporeans to grow up to become servant-leaders, who manifest in their lives the teachings of St Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort.

Labor Omnia Vincit!

**Mr Martin Tan**

Principal

St. Gabriel's
Primary School**Message by Principals**

Dear Principals, Teachers and Gabrielites (past and present),

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we reflect on the legacy and values that has shaped St. Gabriel's Schools over the years. Our founding father, St. Louis Marie de Montfort has dedicated his life to spreading the love for Mother Mary and contributing towards to quality education. It is no wonder the values of humility, a deep faith in God and the love for others, have been at the heart of our schools and they continue to inspire and guide us today.

We look back with gratitude at the countless lives that have been impacted by the education, values and community that St. Gabriel's Schools have provided. For seven decades, St. Gabriel's Schools have been a beacon of hope and excellence, providing a nurturing and supportive environment for generations of young men who have passed through the gates of our schools. As we look forward to the future, we are excited to continue building on the strong foundation that has been laid by our predecessors. To our past principals who have shaped and charted the way for us, especially through the beginning years of our school, we are deeply grateful. We have moved from a single St. Gabriel's

School to become both the primary and secondary sections which we see today. We thank the dedicated teachers who have inspired and guided our Gabrielites, who have in turn gone on to make significant contributions in the workforce and shape the lives of more around them. We thank the ever-loyal alumni who have returned to school to serve in different capacities, as teachers, as speakers, as volunteers, all playing a vital role to nurture our new generation of Gabrielites.

This is our *70th year*, and we feel a sense of satisfaction and pride in all that we have accomplished. We thank everyone for being a part of this unique journey in building our Gabrielite community, and here's to many more years of impact and excellence. Thank you.

Mr Shawn Lim

Principal

St. Gabriel's
Secondary School

School Management Committee



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1953 - 1972
The Formative Years

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1973 - 1992
Going from strength to strength

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*Journey
down*

*memory
lane*



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The Transition Years

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Gabrielites Forever

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The Formative Years

1953

1972

Official Opening of St. Gabriel's
School in 1953





*School Assembly
1950s*



*Official Opening of St. Gabriel's
Primary School 1969*

*Official Opening of St. Gabriel's
School in 1953*



*Class photograph
1950s*



St. Gabriel's Primary School in early 1970s



St. Gabriel's School in 1953



*The gate of SGPS in
Highland Road closes
for the last time in 1988*



Staff Photograph - with Founding Principal Br. Louis Gonzaga 1950s



Staff Photograph - with second Principal Rev. Brother Elzear 1954

Students participating
in a Walk along
Kovan Road

Vibrant School
life in SGPS
1970



Visit by Mr Lee Kuan Yew in 1963



Going from strength to strength

1973

1992



Last day at 795 Upp Serangoon Rd 1992



SGPS Show and Tell, 1980s



Gabrielite Family Gathering Early 1990s



Staff Photo in 1983



Awards presentation at a Track and Field event in early 1990s



Br. Louis Gonzaga speaking to teaching staff at our 25th Anniversary Dinner

St. Gabriel's 25th Anniversary 1978



Ms Cheng Speaking to the Librarians



St. Gabriel's Silver Jubilee in 1978



School Assembly in our old School Complex





Welcoming guests to our Farewell Dinner in 1992 (old school compound)

Students performing in late 1970s



Moving into our new school compound in May 1992

Teachers' Day Celebration in SGPS, 1980s



The Transition Years

1993

2012



Photo of SGSS
in late 90s



BG George Yeo
at SGSS
Official Opening



Conducting of Mass in SGPS, 1990s

Implementing Computer-Based Learning



1994 Talentime



Our First Cross Country Run in 1994

Dr Ng Eng Hen's visit to SGSS in 2002



Students gathered for Holy Week 1999



National Day Celebration 2003





ACES Day in 2003



Lower Primary Sports Day in 2000

03 The Transition Years



St. Gabriel's Schools 50th Anniversary Dinner
12 Sep 2003

50th Anniversary Celebrations Organising Committee



Gabrielites forever



*Memorial Mass for Bro
Emmanuel and all the late
Brothers 31 August 2022*

2013

onwards



SGPS Scouts at a Treetop Trail Hike

Class 76 Challenge Run - A Walk Down Memory Lane 18 Dec 2021



The Uniformed Groups of SGSS in action



Farewell dinner for former Principal Stephen Chin 6 Sep 2022



John Chia Football Challenge 18 Aug 2018



Reappointment of new term for OBA EXCO Members 12 May 2022



Students of SGPS having fun

Relocation of the old school Heritage Cross 11 Jan 2021



Minister for Education, Mr Chan Chun Sing, visiting SGSS in Mar 2023



**St. Gabriel's 70th
Anniversary Dinner
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Mr Gordon Lim Wei Hock

Class of 81
St. Gabriel's Old Boys
Association
St Gabriel's School Management
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Class of 68
St. Gabriel's Old Boys
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Class of 81

Virtue and Truth

Virtue and Truth, the motto of the School, is the epitome of all we stand for, of all that is dear to one who seeks happiness and the Eternal Kingdom.

Labor Omnia Vincit

The Latin motto "**Labor Omnia Vincit**" stands for "**Labour conquers all things.**" Hard work embodied in diligence and perseverance leads one to achieve greater things in life. It can thus be said that in whatever you do, do your best.