

20 Years of Nurturing Ladies and Gentlemen

West Spring
Secondary School

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## School **Vision**

Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning

## School **Mission**

Shaping Character, Engaging Learners, Touching Lives

## School Motto

Thirst for Knowledge

## **School Values**

Resilience, Respect, Responsiblity, Integrity, Care

## Message by School Advisory Committee Chairman, Mr Leslie Yeo



As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary this year as a school, we too, are faced with the task of " $\div \psi$ " -of building on the past success and forging ahead to greater heights.

Mr Leslie Yeo



My dear Students of West Spring,

In the Chinese business circle, we have a phrase "创业容易,守业难"—"To establish a business is easy, but to maintain it is hard". This phrase is applied typically to a family business where the first generation works hard to establish the business and then after it has become successful the second and or third generation then has to maintain and bring it to new heights. In my profession, I have a front row seat of how family businesses grapple with the issues of succession and continuity.

As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary this year as a school, we too, are faced with the task of " $\exists \underline{\psi}$ " -of building on the past success and forging ahead to greater heights.

Take some time to walk through our newly installed Heritage Trail and you would realise that the earlier days were fraught with challenges. Firstly, we were like nomads in the first 4 years of our existence and then there was the challenge of making our mark in this new and developing precinct.

With the leadership of our principals and the hard work of all the stakeholders, including the teachers, the non-teaching staff, the parents' support group and the School Advisory Committee, we have helped our students to excel and to be educated.

You have to do well academically and that is paramount. But I have always shared with you that education is much more than just the grades. Long after you have graduated and joined the workforce, no one remembers if you scored an A1 or C5 for your Mathematics in your examinations. Instead, in the new economy that we are in, it is the ability to develop creative solutions and the knack for building strong relationships, which would put you in good stead. Hence, as we move forward, the school needs to be bolder. Very often a family business fails because the next generation fails to break new frontiers but rather rests on its laurels and uses the same playbook. We cannot do the same. One of the initiatives I feel strongly about is to start an Alumni. The Alumni will be a great resource for future students. It also gives an opportunity to the graduated students to contribute and exchange ideas with the current cohort. The Alumni will be our new stakeholder and will hopefully drive the school to newer frontiers.

Therefore, it leaves me to wish you the graduating class all the best in your future endeavors!

## Message by Principal, Mr Adolphus Tan



My reflections on our achievements this year despite the challenges clearly shows that we certainly did come out as winners! We definitely did not allow COVID-19 to dampen our spirits to achieve!

Mr Adolphus Tan



#### **COVID-19 crippled our 20th Anniversary Plans**

With much excitement and enthusiasm, we had set up a number of committees to plan and work on a number of events to celebrate our 20th year of existence as a school. They included a 20th Anniversary Spring Fest cum Homecoming for our alumni, WSSS Artz Extravaganza at Victoria Theatre and a 20th Anniversary cum School Excellence Award Ceremony. However, when COVID19 struck, all these plans had to be cancelled with the exception of one project; our school's Heritage Wall, which had been completed in January 2020.

#### **Being part of SG United**

On 3 April, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced a nationwide partial lockdown, known as a Circuit Breaker, to contain the spread of COVID-19. Full Home-Based Learning began on Wednesday 8 April and lasted until 4 May. All staff came together spontaneously to come up with plans and resources to ensure that learning goes on for all our students. Many Safe-Management Measures including cleanliness routines were introduced at a short notice. West Spring staff, students and parents rose to these unprecedented challenges admirably ensuring that everyone is safe. I am especially proud of our Form Teachers who reached out to their students so that those who are not well seek medical attention and remained home thus ensuring that the school remains a safe place. Our non-teaching staff worked hard to keep the school premises clean and safe.

#### Staying Ahead despite unprecedented challenges!

Despite the challenges, student learning was not compromised. Teachers and students showed their mettle by persevering to complete Home-Based Learning (HBL) Activities that were assigned. To keep our spirits up, we modified important school events to create a memorable year for everyone. These include Teachers' Day Celebrations, 20th Anniversary cum SEA Ceremony and Valediction Ceremony for our graduating students. Even though the programmes were limited to classrooms, both staff and students enjoyed these meaningful activities together. In addition, we were able to officially open our Heritage Wall and presented awards to deserving students.

Being selected as one of the pilot schools for Full-Subject Based Banding as well as being in Phase 1 of Personalised Digital Learning Programme (PDLP), the school has charged ahead in its preparation for their full implementation next year. Our new cohort of Secondary 1 students will be in mixed classes where students will have classmates from all three streams. By March next year, each West Spring student will acquire a Personal Learning Device (PLD) with which they will learn to be self-directed and independent learners. The PDLP will strengthen our students' digital literacy where blended learning will become a regular feature that complements physical classroom teaching. Digital Literacies enable our students to acquire digital skills required to navigate the digital age, an essential skill for the near future.

#### Here at West Spring we will achieve!

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Well done to all our West Spring ladies and gentlemen!

# Message by Founding Principal, Mr Harphal Singh



I placed great emphasis on treating all equally. My staff returned much more in terms of service and grooming ladies and gentlemen who thirst for knowledge. My staff and students were happy people. The world needs happy colour-blind people more today than ever before. To all, I implore you to be the change agent and make Singapore a happy place with happy respectful citizens.

Mr Harphal Singh, Founding Principal (2000 - 2004)



First, let me begin by congratulating all past and present staff, students, parents support groups and members of the School Advisory Councils for having touched the lives of all at West Spring Secondary. Only yesterday West Spring was born and now she is 20 years old. Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring. I would also like to show my appreciation to the principals that followed me, Mr. Seet Tiat Hee and Mdm. Betty Chang for continuing to make West Spring a school of choice and the current principal and a good friend, Mr. Adolphus Tan, exciting and innovative years ahead. Finally, my appreciation goes out to all students, their parents and our staff for making West Spring great and carrying the torch of the values learnt wherever you go.

This message that I was asked to write is an opportunity to reminisce. Bear with me as the messages I would like for you to take away unfolds. Mid-way through the year 2000, while I was tasked to merge Buona Vista Secondary with Queensway Secondary, I was appointed principal-designate of West Spring Secondary School. All I was shown was an empty piece of land. Those were exciting times. I had much to do, no resources and no one to discuss my vision – my plans for the school.

I spent time browsing through books on design and architecture. I asked myself: "What kind of school I would like my child to be educated in. What should the uniform be like? How will the school song depict the spirit of the school? What will make the school standout? What is the face of our future citizens?" There were so many questions.

I approached the late Zul Sutan, our local rock star, for help with the school song. I had most of the lyrics written but I needed the music

to bring life to the lyrics. I approached the late Santokh Singh from the New Paper and he arranged for designers from his organisation to design the badges and for the public to select the badge that appealed to them the most. Two students of Buona Vista Secondary helped me design the uniform.

Working with the architects was indeed a great challenge. They had been programmed to design schools from a template. I had other plans. I wanted a bowling alley in the school to be shared by schools in the cluster so that we could inspire students to represent our country. This was one sport in which Singapore was beginning to excel. I wanted the school to be designed on a void deck so that the ground floor will serve both as an exhibition and a play area. I wanted a library on the ground floor with an outdoor café. I wanted a gym, also on the ground floor, with one-way windows and attached bathrooms. I wanted music technology as a subject. I wanted the technical and design department to teach the skills required by getting students to build robots that challenge each other. I wanted robotics as a subject. I wanted the school to produce national shooters. I wanted all my students to be introduced to golf. I wanted a 250-seat lecture theatre that will double up as a performing arts centre. I wanted many things and managed to get most of what I wanted, save for the bowling alley and the void deck space.

My message for all of you is to make the school motto your motto. Times are ever-changing. The world is being disrupted with technology and new expectations. While skills and knowledge acquired keep us in some standing, the world is so dynamic that we need new knowledge and new skills to continue to remain relevant. So, whatever you do, continue to Thirst for Knowledge.

The next takeaway is for you to grow people. You do not have to be in a leadership position to help others be better. I did that through a slogan: Do Not Embarrass Me. Surprise Me. I set high expectations of my staff, but I gave them room to think, create and realise their talent. For example, if I appoint someone to be Chairperson of an event like the School Excellence Ceremony, his/her natural instinct to ask me what I want done and how I want things to be done. If you allow

someone to do that they will end up delivering no better than what you directed them to do. Give them space. Build trust. Tell them you want to be surprised. My staff and students wore their thinking hats, exercised leadership and very rarely embarrassed me.

This message is all important. It is everyone's desire to be happy. Happiness is a state of mind which you must trigger for it to happen. It was my desire to build a happy school. Everybody should be treated with respect. Respect is never demanded, it is earned. Students were addressed as ladies and gentlemen. Discipline was not compromised and before long, West Spring was known as a performing school with ladies and gentlemen. This simple gesture of addressing students as such shaped behaviours and imparted values of friendship and kinship. West Spring transformed into a family of people, who were often asked the colour of their blood. When one student asked me what if a person's blood were green, the simple answer given is that we have an opportunity to make a new friend. Racial harmony was not celebrated as an event. It was lived by every student and staff of West Spring. At West Spring, we became colour-blind.

There are many more things we can do to grow an education system where everyone learns and grows. I learnt a lot at West Spring but as an educator, I continued to thirst for knowledge. I learnt and I taught my students and staff to ask the all-important question, "Why Not?" Asking 'WHY'limits the responses and gives way to excuses and reasons. "Why NOT' opens a world of possibilities. It allows you to dare to do something different. I am a product of the "Why Not", a rebel with a cause. We need new ideas and new ways of doing things.

I enjoyed myself tremendously, but I could not have achieved much without the dedication of all my staff, teaching and non-teaching. I placed great emphasis on treating all equally. My staff returned much more in terms of service and grooming ladies and gentlemen who thirst for knowledge. My staff and students were happy people. The world needs happy colour-blind people more today than ever before. To all, I implore you to be the change agent and make Singapore a happy place with happy respectful citizens.

# Message by Former Principal, Mr Seet Tiat Hee



May the school continue to grow from strength to strength and continue to be a choice school in the north-west region.

Mr Seet Tiat Hee, Principal (2005 - 2011)





As the 2nd Principal, I had the privilege of nurturing and growing with the school from her 6th to 11th year. Our Mission "Shaping Characters, Engaging Learners, Touching Lives", co-created with our teachers, helped us to focus and bring out the best in our students. Looking back at the old videos and photographs brought back many fond memories I had with our very supportive School Advisory Committee Chairman and members, colleagues, parents, and students.

West Spring teachers are very committed, innovative and amazing. Together, we provided the students with a voice and a stage to rise to every unique occasion, be it the Animal Farm Musical; Spring Carnival; hosting of the AYG and inaugural YOG torch relays and the President's Challenge Charity Shoot, just to name a few. I am always thankful to each of our teachers for believing in our students and going the extra mile to make things seemingly impossible, possible. They are simply awesome!

West Spring students are groomed to become fine young ladies and gentlemen to serve the community and excel in all that they do. The



annual Harmony@Senja allows our students to promote community harmony, inter-racial harmony, and environmental harmony. The local and overseas Values-in-Action programmes bring out the best character in our students. Many of them also went on to achieve excellent academic and co-curricular activity (CCA) results to bring honour to their loved ones, the school and the nation.

In the West Spring (伟源) school song, we sing about the fountain of knowledge and the fountain of life. We teach our students the Chinese idiom (饮水思源), which when literally translated means that when you drink the water, remember the source. I am glad that despite being a young school, many of the West Spring Alumni continue to come back to serve and support their alma mater.

Today, West Spring Secondary has further blossomed and reached new peaks of excellence under the leadership of Mr Adolphus Tan and his team of dedicated staff.

May the school continue to grow from strength to strength and continue to be a choice school in the north-west region.

# Message by Former Principal, Mrs Betty Chow



I was fortunate to helm West Spring in its teenage years, developing our students to be Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning. Our alumni have completed tertiary education and on the verge of contributing further to family and community.

Mrs Betty Chow, Principal (2012 - 2017)



West Spring turns 20.

If, for youths, the age of majority applicable in Singapore is 21 years old as provided by common law, then at 20, it deems that the school is on the cusp of adulthood.

In 2012, I had the honour of being posted to West Spring as Principal after completing my Master's Programme. I am grateful to Mr Harphal Singh, for laying a strong foundation in the school's infancy; and Mr Seet Tiat Hee, for setting clear directions and putting the school on the right path.

Building on the good work of both principals before me, I continued with their emphases on academic and co-curricular excellence. In particular, I supported Shooting and Display Band with needed resources as, like them, I believed in the two CCA inculcating positive values and desired behaviours in our students.

To provide more balance in the assessment of holistic development, together with the CCE team, we designed the Character Report Card, which was given to students and their parents in addition to the Holistic Development Portfolio (HDP).

The most memorable programme at West Spring for both students and staff must be the Secondary Three Cohort Overseas Trips. Student leaders of every class had to present their plans to school leaders for approval. Carrying out the plans, with its school visits, adventure and VIA components, and embracing a more rugged lifestyle, bonds the class members together as well as fuels personal growth and builds grit.

With strong mission, expertise and dedication, our West Spring staff has always been committed to the care of our students. They have always risen to the demands of the profession, and I am privileged to have worked alongside them.

A group of people who had supported the school is the School Advisory Committee. I am hard put to find others more interested in education and more involved in understanding students' needs. I am indebted to them for their generosity of spirit, advice and service.

I was fortunate to helm West Spring in its teenage years, developing our students to be *Ladies* and *Gentlemen of Character and Learning*. Our alumni have completed tertiary education and on the verge of contributing further to family and community.

West Spring has matured, and poised to achieve in the education of youths for the nation.

I would like to wish West Spring a Happy 20th Anniversary!



# Our History

## **School History**





In mid-2000, at the turn of the 21st century, West Spring Secondary School was conceived, with Mr Harphal Singh appointed as principal-designate.

The school was originally scheduled to be built on a plot of land along Petir Road, where there used to be a temple with a well. The well was believed to bring good fortune to those who cleansed in its waters. Based on the location of the plot of land, the school was named "West Spring Secondary School", where "West Spring" means "a spring (or well) in the West".

In 2003, the school held its first significant events such as the National Day Parade and Overseas Adventure Camps for the Sec 3 classes.





2000

2001

2002

2003

2004







The school started operations in 2001 at Zhenghua Secondary School.

The plot of land originally allocated to the school was withdrawn and a new piece of land along Senja Road was assigned.

In 2002, the school moved to the premises of the former Teck Whye Secondary School where it remained for the next four years.









In 2004, West Spring Secondary School marching band made its debut at the Singapore Youth Festival Central Judging and bagged a silver award.



In 2005, West Spring held the last assembly at the old campus.

West Spring Secondary School was officially opened on 9th September 2005 at 61 Senja Road by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister of Community Development, Youth and Sports.

In November 2005, West Spring Secondary School was awarded its first People Developer Standard, giving recognition to the school on how it manages the development of its own people.

Mr David Poh Cheng Seng, the School Advisory Committee chairman noted at the opening ceremony that, "West Spring Secondary School adds value to the students. For the 1st batch of students, 41% of them with a PSLE average score of 204 qualified for Junior College."

In December 2005, Mr Seet Tiat Hee was appointed as Principal of West Spring Secondary School.



The number of Primary 6 students choosing West Spring Secondary School as their first choice doubled from 1141 students in 2003 to 2470 students in 2007, making it a choice school.

West Spring Shooting Club clinched awards at the national level, with 'C' Division boys and girls team clinching Champions.





Guzheng Ensemble clinched its first Gold award at the Singapore Youth Festival Central Judging Competition.

National Police Cadet Corps and National Cadet Corps (Land) clinched their first Gold Awards at the Best Unit Competition.

2006 2005

2008

2009

The first National Education Lecture was organised with Brigadier General Wong Ann Chai, Chief Amour Officer, being the speaker of the event.

In line with the "Teach Less, Learn More" initiative, the Professional Learning Hour every Monday was introduced. Social Emotional Learning workshop for teachers was organised and carried out to foster a culture of care in school.

West Spring Secondary School went on the New Media Programme as a pilot school.

The Class of 2006 clinched the Silver Academic Value-Added Award. West Spring Scholarship Programme was inaugurated with a seed fund of \$30000 for new Secondary One students who choose West Spring Secondary School as their first choice.

The first Harmony@Senja was organised, a three part community engagement programme to highlight the importance of "Inter-racial Harmony", "Environmental Harmony" and "Community Harmony".

West Spring Secondary School launched its first year book in 2006.









The late President S.R. Nathan visited West Spring Secondary School for the President's Challenge Charity Shoot. \$10 000 was raised for the challenge. Present S.R. Nathan observed while at the school that, "I can see from the students' faces that they are very happy in this school."

West Spring Secondary School was awarded the Character Development Award and the National Development Award.

The school put up a play, "Animal Farm" at the Victoria Theatre, performed by the Secondary Two students under Theatre Education Programme

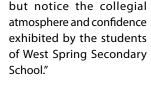
On 29th June 2009, West Spring Secondary School took part in the Asian Youth Games Torch Relay which passed through the school premises.



In August, West Spring Secondary School was one of the few schools selected to host the inaugural Youth Olympic Flame.

West Spring Secondary School celebrated its 10th year anniversary with a celebratory dinner and launch of a coffee table book.

Mrs Edelweiss Neo, W5 Cluster Superintendent, noted in her message to the school on its 10th Anniversary, "In my visits to the school, I can't help



In 2010, the school entered the MOE Academic Achievement Table for Express and Normal streams. placing it as one of the top 35% secondary schools in Singapore.

West Spring Secondary School was recognised by MOE as a niche school in Air-Pistol Shooting in 2010.



West Spring Secondary School clinched its best GCE O-Level results in 11 years. 68.5% of its O-Level students qualified for Junior College.

The school was awarded Sustained Achievement Award for Sports (3rd time), Aesthetics (1st time) and Uniformed Groups (1st time)

Shooting 'B' Division Boys clinched top position at the National level and broke national records.

The West Spring Marching band was awarded its first Gold at the Singapore Youth Festival Central Judging Competition.

On West Spring Secondary School exhibiting a culture of care and learning, Vice-Principal Mr Bambang noted in the 2012 school newsletter (issue 1) that, "Students look very happy to be in school. It is therefore not surprising that the school has received a large number of appeals, citing a myriad of reasons for wanting to come to West Spring; such as the effectiveness of the school's character development programmes and the positive culture of the school."





2010

2012

2013



A bumper year for performing arts at West Spring with the Drama Club, the Guzheng Ensemble and the Malay Dance troupe clinching Gold Awards; and the Chinese Dance troupe attaining Gold with Honours Award at the SYF Central Judging Competition.

West Spring Secondary School clinched its first Sustained Achievement Award (Sports).

In December, Mrs Betty Chow was appointed principal of West Spring Secondary School.

In 2013, West Spring Secondary School was accorded Applied Learning Programme (ALP) in Media Literacy. The ALP aimed at developing students' effective communication skills and discerning the right values-based choices in the information acquired and created.

West Spring Secondary School was also accorded Learning for Life Programme (LLP) in FOCUS (Finding, Optimizing, Communicating, Understanding Sports). The LLP aimed at providing all students with a strong foundation in the learning, participation and enjoyment of a wide variety of physical activities and sports.









In 2015, West Spring Secondary School celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a concert titled, 'Spring into the Rhythm of Celebration'





In 2017, West Spring Secondary School commenced Subject Based Banding for English Language, Mathematics, Science and Mother Tongue Languages.

In December 2017, Mr Adolphus Tan was appointed principal of West Spring Secondary School.

West Spring Secondary School celebrated her 20th Anniversary in 2020.





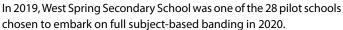




2017

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The next phase - Learning for Life













Through an envisioning exercise, the school staff and key partners revised our school vision to "Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning" and our school mission to "Shaping Character, Engaging Learners, Touching Lives"

Guided by our vision and mission, improvements were made in our school strategies, processes and programmes to better equip our students with the 'Learning for Life' attitude and skills that will allow them to succeed in the future.

The school will focus on developing students' leadership competencies and resilience through the "TLC" student leadership approach and "STAR" Learning for Life Programme.



# Our 2020 Reflections

## Parents' Reflections

### Mr Kelvin Sim

#### **Chairman of Parent Support Group since 2016**





## What is one challenge you overcame as a parent of a West Spring student?

Since joining the PSG, I have been given many opportunities to assist the school in various areas such as giving feedback as well as recommendations to enable a more holistic learning journey for our teens. My past experiences as PSG Chairman/Vice Chairman also reflected that students whose parents are PSG members perform better in school as their involvement with school activities bring about positive influences in their children such as inculcation of strong school values, discipline and an overall positive attitude to their child's learning journey.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope for more engagement sessions or workshops organised by the PSG to allow parents of past levels to share their humble experiences

with other parents and learn from them as well as to better guide our children in their teenage years. And also to organise exclusive talks conducted by various professional bodies to level up knowledge as part of Continual Education Program (CEP) for Parents/ PSG members.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

My wish for the school is to strengthen this relationship, encourage all parents to join WSSS PSG as the secondary level is another major milestone in their child's growing and learning years where they need guidance in their decision making. It is a collaborative effort to make the school a more conducive environment, not just an institute for learning but also a place that feels like home. With parents' involvement, we hope to bring out a different outcome for every child.

### Mdm Siti Zalifah Binte Razali

Member of PSG since 2015





#### What is one challenge you overcame as a parent of a West **Spring student?**

When my child first started secondary school, I had to get used to the different ways things were done here as compared to those done in primary school. Communications between the school or teachers and parents were mainly through the students unless it is important information. I have to trust my child more such as when they came back late from school due to CCA or school activities. Luckily I joined the Parents' Support Group and are able to share my doubts, opinions and feedback with other parents and the school.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope that the school can organise more talks or learning journeys to introduce students to different professions. Globalisation and technological changes have resulted in the emergence of new industries and professions. Hence, I would like our students to have an idea of these new professions that will help guide them in deciding their next step after secondary school.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

The teachers have put in the extra time and effort to teach the students even beyond the official school hours especially near the examination period. I truly appreciate their commitment and I hope they can keep

# Mr Stanley Lee Member of PSG since 2019

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a parent of WSSS?

I have had to dispel with having the misconception that neighbourhood schools are below par. West Spring Secondary School has impressed me with their focus on values, quality of teaching and willingness of the school leaders to adopt parents' feedback.

## What do you hope for the school to achieve in this new decade?

To be known as a top value-added school, with passionate and committed teachers, and perhaps to change the school uniform years down the road.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

I hope that the school spirit can be strengthened so that the students will have a greater school identity and sense of belonging.



## Mdm Jacqueline Koh

Member of PSG since 2015



#### What was one challenge you overcame as a parent of WSSS?

Most parents find it challenging to communicate and motivate teenagers as they have their own thinking and beliefs. It was through all the parenting talks and activities organised by the school's PSG that I learnt the new ways of communicating with my child. It helps to build a better relationship and bonding with my child too. On top of that, I was also touched by all the caring and committed teachers who had inspired and motivated my child to excel in his academic studies with perseverance and resilience. As a result, my child was given with many awards from MOE and won the top student of the year. Thank you so much WSSS!

#### What do you hope for the school to achieve in this new decade?

I hope for the school to develop more ladies and gentlemen with strong determination to persevere and have that never-give-up attitude through holistic education. I also hope that the school would inspire students to have empathy, the spirit of community and service to others by giving back to society and to be environmentally responsible.

Finally, I hope the school can equip parents with positive parenting skills that fit this decade and educate them that character building is more important than academic excellence.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

I wish for the school to equip students with the skills they need to thrive in this changing landscape by focusing on developing students to have critical thinking, entrepreneurship and leadership skills.

## Former Students' Reflections

### Lee Jin Hui, Rachel Graduated in 2019 from class 4C

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

For me, one of the biggest challenges as a student is balancing schoolwork while at the same time completing my duties as a company leader and a student councilor. When I first stepped up, there were many roles and responsibilities that I was given, and I had to ensure that I was able to cope with them. Especially during the year of O levels, there was so much more work that had to be done and I definitely felt the pressure building up as time went by. Thankfully, I had very encouraging teachers who put in their best effort, to guide and support me in both my co-curricular activity and my academic subjects. This only motivated me to work even harder and to do my best. With the help of my teachers, peers and those around me, I was able to pull through during the hardest times.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

In this new decade, I hope that the West Spring students will continue to strive to be the best and progress together as a school, both academically and non-academically.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

My wish is for the school to continue being a place where students can enjoy learning and have fun at the same time. That way, it will be beneficial for both students as well

as the teachers, and the school will be a conducive learning environment for all.



## **Chin Jung Ee**

#### Graduated in 2019 from class 4A

## What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

At secondary 2, with the academic streaming exercise, increasing co-curricular activity (CCA) load and student council responsibilities, I found myself exhausted physically and mentally. As I fell ill and consequently missed school, things started to pile up and a vicious cycle was created. I eventually took an entire year to emerge out of it as a better person. Classmates started wondering why a studious person like myself would often miss lessons and tests. With that, came nasty remarks piercing through my already rugged soul. There were days when I wondered if this ordeal would end, or if I should just give in to the struggles.

Yet, each time I held firmly to 2 beliefs. One is that 'after every storm comes a rainbow'. The other being the complete metamorphosis every adult butterfly has to go through, which speaks of going through painful pruning to become a mature adult butterfly. Why I chose these 2 beliefs was that these two processes have been tested and proven by nature itself. Each time I told myself that I must not back out from this struggle because I have already made so much progress that I must persevere to see the end product of the challenge, lest I forsake the pains of the struggle that I have gone through. With this, I continued to battle through Secondary 2 steadfastly, awaiting for the "rainbow" to one day appear. Thankfully, I made it out of Secondary 2 and barely made it to a subject combination of my choice in upper secondary.

With that context, the seed of anxiety was planted there and then. I started Secondary 3 with a posture of humility, knowing that I have plenty of gaps to fill both internally and externally. Later, I was privileged enough to lead in a larger capacity in my CCA and in the Student Council. As we all know, to whom much is given, much will be required. The burden I placed on myself to steward those I was leading well and increased academic pressure from literally everyone perhaps

added to my issue with anxiety. Thankfully, with the support of my best of friends and teachers, I was lucky to say I made through alive and well. I am grateful that I have dealt with anxiety successfully in secondary school to concur the 'O' Levels which would position me well for the rigour of the 'A' Levels.

Never did I know that I would eventually turn out as the top student of my academic standard for two years nor think that I would become privileged enough to lead in a larger capacity in my CCA and the Student Council. I guess now that must have been the "rainbow" that I had waited in despair for. I found myself dumbfounded and humbled when I put all the pieces together, like a puzzle, that the journey in Secondary 2 was a crucial step I had to take to teach me to be resilient to reach greater heights in life.

The further back the arrow is pulled, the further and faster it launches ahead.

I share this personal insight with you in hope that you would realise that everyone is a work-in-progress. To the graduating students or whoever needing to hear this, do not pressure yourself to get your act together just because a peer is of large stature and appears to have everything in place.

## What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope for the Student Council and CCAs to cultivate a richer West Spring Culture. I also hope for the school's leadership to continue to have the wisdom and courage to lead the school to greater heights and to cultivate a good name in the region. Finally, I hope, alongside the school, for whatever (with a capital W) that she may aspire for.

### What is one wish that you have for the school?

Students, teachers, and staff to enjoy their time in West Spring, make the most out of it and support one another.



## Lau Jia Ye

#### Graduated in 2016 from class 4B

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

Having been part of the display band, I was faced with strenuous and long hours of practices. There were also high expectations placed upon me in terms of my leadership abilities as well as academic performances. As one who had low self-esteem, it took me a lot of resilience and courage to overcome this phase in my secondary school life.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope that the students of West Spring Secondary School will excel both in their academics and character development. I feel that one should not only be judged based on their academic achievements. It is important to know that as long as you did your best, you will not have any regrets. The process matters most. I hope that this is one of the mindsets that the students of WSSS will have.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

To carry on having dedicated and inspiring teachers.



## Muhammad Nizam Bin Abdul Rahim Graduated from 2011 from class 4E

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

One of the challenges I faced was juggling between studying for the O Levels as I was taking triple science subjects and handing leadership responsibilities in my co-curricular activity.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

To achieve more successes in the holistic development of the bright young ladies and gentlemen of West Spring, in order to be competent and responsible citizens of their societies in the future.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

I wish for the school environment to be vibrant, exciting and inspiring for the students to enjoy their learning journeys and provide opportunities for the students to grow and develop their interests.

## **Current Students' Reflections**

## Magkias Lim Kai Jie

Secondary 3C/2020 **Student Council President** 

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

I was not an extrovert. I feel that after being in West Spring Sec, it has built my confidence in socialising and interacting with others, especially those I do not know.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope that everybody can build great bonds between people and use that to help them excel in everything they do, and that the school culture will always improve as new batches of students come in.





## Choo Xin Yi Secondary 1D/2020

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

I was scared that I would not be able to get used to the school environment, but I have managed to adapt well to my new surroundings with the help of my friends and teachers.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope the school will organise lots of fun activities after Covid-19 and the school to be successful in all that it undertakes.

## **Nurfatin Binte Shahrizal**

Secondary 3D/2020 **Shooting Captain (2020-2021)** 

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

Acquiring successful time management skills was the biggest challenge I faced as a student of West Spring. As someone who loves to stay back after school to play, time was always at the back of my head. It was an aspect in school that I had underestimated the significance of. However, now, as I'm a secondary 3 student where the volume of work and the standard is higher and attained the position of a Captain, I realised the importance of using my time wisely. I am most thankful to my teachers who believed in me, gave me an opportunity to lead and also giving me advice or with studies when I needed it!

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope West Spring continues to instil the character and learning of ladies and gentleman, in addition to Shaping Character, Engaging Learners and Touching Lives. And also not forgetting the events (SEA Ceremony, Homecoming etc.) amidst this pandemic! The Spring Fest that was held last year was one of the best moments I had in West spring!





## Md Ashraf Wafi Secondary 2G/2020

#### What was one challenge you overcame as a student of WSSS?

My challenge was getting used to my classmates with different personalities. It was not easy as they were all new to me. But I have managed to get used to them and some have even become my best friends.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

Once the pandemic is over, I hope I hope that the school can invite locally known artist(singers) for our assembly programme and we can resume overseas trips so that we get to travel and learn from other countries.

## **Pioneer Staff's Reflections**

## Mdm Siti Zamiara Saripi HOD of Humanities Joined in the year 2002

#### What is one challenge you overcame as a staff of WSSS?

I have been blessed with not facing any challenge as a staff of West Spring so far.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope to see the organisation go the extra mile to improve the discipline and guidance of our students.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

I wish for the teachers to continue to work hand-in-hand well to further benefit the students. I also wish to see that WSSS students feel a greater sense of belonging to the school during and after their time here.



## Mrs Doris Chong (Teong Soh Cheow)

HOD Mother Tongue Joined in the year 2001



#### What is one challenge you overcame as a staff of WSSS?

When I was posted to WSSS in at the year-end of 2000, I was asked to coordinate the Chinese Language Department. At that time, it was very challenging to me as I had only 4 years of teaching experience. I had no one to guide me. I had to start learning how to handle a department from scratch since WSSS started in 2001. Based on my limited experience and my knowledge in the previous school, I planned the SOW and teaching materials myself. I was glad that I was able to overcome this challenge.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

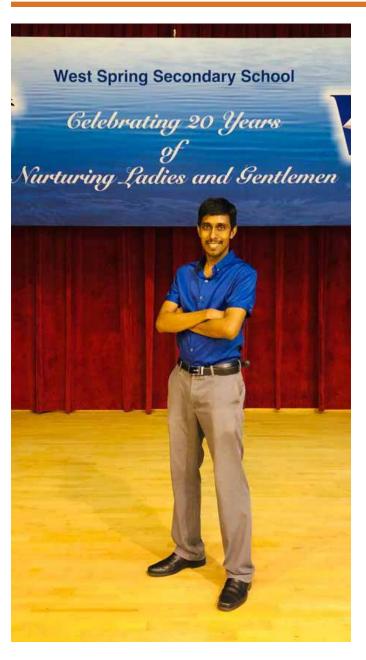
I hope WSSS can develop our students to be a responsible, caring and critical thinker in this new decade. In order for our students to face the competitive world, they have to think critically. At the same time, they must also care for the needy people in the society.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

I wish for WSSS to always be a school where students are happy and enjoy their learning. I also wish for them to have a strong sense of belonging to the school.

### Mr Prakash s/o Radakrishna

Physics Teacher Joined in the year 2004



#### What is one challenge you overcame as a staff of WSSS?

As still a relatively new school then, there were no experienced Physics teachers to guide me in my subject area or readily available additional resources like worksheets to use immediately for my lessons. Most teachers were as young as I was. In addition, I had to teach 4 different subjects namely Pure Physics, Lower Secondary Science, Lower Secondary Mathematics and also Chemistry, which is not my Content Subject that I was trained in. I agreed to teach these subjects, since I majored in Material Science and hence had basic Chemistry Knowledge, temporarily for a semester until a new Chemistry Teacher was posted in. Each day, I would spend my time after lessons to plan and prepare the resources for the next day's lessons for 3 to 4 subjects and went home nearing the school's closing time which was 6.30 p.m. daily. In many occasions, I continued with lesson planning and preparation at home. As a beginning teacher, my grasp of concepts were still not strong and I spent time reading and researching online. This continued for about two years as I continued to persevere and gradually overcame this challenge. Looking back, I feel that it was a blessing in disguise, at least for me, that I was "thrown into the deep sea" and not overprotected as a beginning teacher. It kept me on my toes to work harder and in that process I developed a greater passion for teaching and consequently these experiences made me a better classroom teacher quickly which could have otherwise taken me a

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope for West Spring to be a school that encourages students to always embrace their creativity and teachers to foster that natural curiosity within every student. Curiosity is the core of all impactful learning and the foundation of innovation. I also hope for a stronger Alumni culture where the Seniors provide support to their Juniors in whatever way they can.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

I wish for West Spring to continue to be a school of students' choice and produce Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning forever.

## Mr Tan Tiong Chuan

#### **POA** Teacher Joined in the year 2007

#### What is one challenge you overcame as a staff of WSSS?

In my previous school, the student and staff population are small. When I was transferred to West Spring Secondary School in 2017, I was overwhelmed by the large size of student population, the big school compound and the many interesting activities and programmes available to students such as overseas learning trips, Harmony@Senja and National Education Lectures, which I found very fascinating. Furthermore, I was tasked to start the POA (Principles of Accounts) Department for the school as the school introduced this subject to the students in 2017. These were things that I had to accustom myself to and to familiarise myself with the culture and environment of the school. It is a good thing that I overcame these initial 'challenges' primarily because of the encouraging and warm support from my teaching colleagues, office staff and school leaders. Whenever I needed any help, I know they are always ready to lend me a listening ear and offer helping hands. Indeed, I am very blessed to be posted to WSSS as my second school after my teacher training.

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope that the school will instill in our students the value of being more compassionate and have empathy for others. They must not look inward at their own interest but to always look beyond themselves and the interest of others. This is especially so during this current challenging pandemic. They must also learn to do the right things, not to be influenced by fake news to make the right decisions. Students must also practise lifelong learning, not to study for the sake of only passing the examination but to have a joy of learning to acquire new knowledge to develop themselves.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

My wish is that teachers will challenge the commonly held belief that a student's success is primarily dependent on cognitive skill like logical thinking, memory skill, sustaining attention and improving intelligence quotients (IQ). More importantly, students should succeed well not only academically but at work and in their life. Teachers must emphasize, encourage and teach our students non-cognitive skills such as grit, selfcontrol, perseverance, self-confidence, optimism and conscientiousness which current research has advocated. Students must learn to delay gratification, show gratitude and learn not to fear failure but treat it as an opportunity to learn from their mistakes to improve themselves. In other words, character building is of paramount importance if we want our students to succeed in life.



## **Current Staff's Reflections**

## Mr Mohamad Fadzly Bin Samsuri Year of joining WSSS: June 2018

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

Building a stronger alumni and fostering a West Spring culture. I hope that it will be made more apparent and become part of our West Spring staff and students' daily school life.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

For West Spring to continue to produce students who are not only academically smart, but also those that have good character and contribute voluntarily to the wider community.





### Ms Lydia Teng Year of joining WSSS: 2017

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

For West Spring to soar to greater heights in the next 20 years, and continue to nurture Ladies and Gentlemen of character and learning. To continue to be a safe space for students to learn, grow and feel cared for.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

Bring back fried food days: P (It was seriously the best, 10 years ago).

## Ms Yu Mei Yi **Priscilla**

Year of joining WSSS: 2008

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

I hope that West Spring can grow to be a safe place/school where students learn and grow, and that we are known to be a school for its positive impact on the community and the less fortunate.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?





## Mr Tan Tuck Heng **Israel**

Year of joining WSSS: 2010

#### What do you hope for the school in this new decade?

West Spring Sec Sch will continue to be the No.1 choice school of Bukit Panjang & Teck Whye estates, and that it will be a place where both staff & students are genuinely proud & happy to step into.

#### What is one wish that you have for the school?

That there will be a revolution in the way we do things, bravely eliminating what may be good-to-haves but non-essential practically, and redirecting energy & time to enhance the must-haves.



# Our Staff

# **Our School Advisory Committee**



Mr Leslie Yeo Choon Hsier Chairman



Ms Kelly Choo Yoon Lai Vice Chairman



**Mr Adolphus Tan** Honorary Secretary, Principal



Mr Adrian Lim Yin Ming Treasurer



Mdm Veronica Lim Hong
Member



Mdm Jacqueline Ng Sok Ling
Member



Ms Maisy Ng Mun Lan Member



**Ms Yvonne Teoh** *Member* 



Mr Wong Luck Jaen
Member

# **WSSS Parent Support Group**





Front Left to Right

Standing: Adrene Goh, Justine Lee, Audrey Lim

Sitting: Derick Choo & Jacqueline Koh

#### Not in picture (due to Safe Management Measures):

Mr Kelvin Sim, Jenny Leow, Diana Ling, Kassandra Tok, Wong Sin Hoong, Ngo Chee Hung, Siti Zalifah, Low Lay Chui, Stanley Lee & Dennis Tay

Our parents have continued to support the school in our programmes. We thank them for always putting in effort to show their appreciation to the staff and teachers on Teachers' Day.









## **School Management Committee**



**Mr Lim Han Seng Andrew** Vice-Principal

#### **FINISHING WELL**

Success in life does not always go to the fastest or the smartest, but it will always go to those who do not give up. Remember the story of the Rabbit and Tortoise Race that you have heard. Finishing well is more important than starting well. Usain Bolt (World Sprint Record Holder) is not the fastest off the block but runs the fastest at the final 60m stretch. The most powerful step of a high jumper is the last step. The longest stride of a long jumper is the last stride.



**Mr V Siva Kumar** Vice-Principal

This year is a special year for West Spring Secondary School. Our school's achievements these 20 years have been the combined efforts of our dedicated staff and students. Let's continue to soldier on and work tirelessly in realising our school's vision.



**Mr Chong Yung Kuei** School Staff Developer

I wish that students joining the West Spring family will learn and play together as one and move forward with time.



**Mr Marcus Sze Kah Choon** Year Head / Lower Secondary

May each coming year bring every West Spring Lady and Gentleman 20 times the Joy of Learning that we've celebrated in our first 20 years together.



Mr Kok Yeong Haur Year Head / Upper Secondary

Congratulations on our 20th anniversary! Hope we will continue to grow as a school community, working together to shape our students' character, engage them as learners and touch their lives.



Mdm Teo Chu Yue Assistant Year Head / Secondary One

May students of West Spring continue to have the Thirst for Knowledge and grow up to be Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning!



**Ms Nurhafizahtunnisa Binte Haris** Assistant Year Head / Secondary Three

Congratulations on celebrating 20 years of nurturing Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning! May West Spring continue to inspire passion for learning, display perseverance, and show care for one another. Happy Anniversary!



Mdm Siti Anisah Bte Abdul Rahim Assistant Year Head / Secondary Two

Wishing WSSS the very best in the future, and heartiest congratulations on your 20th Anniversary! May WSSS continue to provide a nurturing and caring environment for both students and staff.



**Mr Chan Zhenrong**Head of Department / Science

Knowledge is power. May the thirst for knowledge lead the students of WSSS to greater heights.



**Mrs Doris Chong** Head of Department / **Mother Tongue Languages** 

Happy 20th Birthday, West Spring! Wishing you the best for the future and continue to nurture our Ladies & Gentlemen. I also wish that all staff in West Spring continue to work as a team to make our school a 'Happy School'.



Mr Fauroni B Sukhaimi Head of Department / Citizenship and Character Education

Thank you West Spring for blessing us with wonderful memories. Ladies and Gentlemen, set your goals high and always dream big. Because you're only as big as the dreams you dare to live.



**Mdm Nora Binte Shahriya** Head of Department / English Language and Literature

"I think of what the world could be, A vision of the one I see, A million dreams is all it's gonna take." Keep on dreaming and making those dreams come true! Happy 20th Birthday, WS!



Mrs Melissa Tan **Head of Department / Mathematics** 

Congratulations West Spring! You are 20! May you have many more years of good returns and continue to mould many more future generations of good Ladies and Gentlemen!



**Mr Kelvin Poon Weng Hong** Head of Department / Physical Education

Wish everybody stay healthy and active, both physically and mentally!



Ms Siti Zamiara Binte Saripi Head of Department / Humanities

20 years standing strong in the heartland with all sorts of bittersweet memories. May all West Spring students - past, present, and future strive for excellence in everything they do.



**Mr Wong Weng Heng** Head of Department / Design and Technology

Wishing West Spring Ladies & Gentlemen many more years of success to come. Keep up the good work!



Mr Sinkaram Philip Kumaran Head of Department / Guidance

20 years of nurturing Ladies and Gentlemen is an outstanding achievement and we will continue to give our best to every student who walks through our gates. At West Spring, We Believe!



Mdm Veronica Aw Qin Yi Subject Head / English Language and Literature

Dear West Spring, you are the first and my only one since 2009! I am glad to be part of this big and lovely family for those past years and may West Spring continue to blossom and reach greater heights!



**Mdm Koh Wei Xin** Subject Head / Mathematics

Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success! I am proud to be part of the West Spring family! May we continue to bring West Spring to greater heights! Happy 20th Anniversary, West Spring!



**Ms Chia Keh Ling Joyce** Subject Head / Aesthetics

Dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them. Hold the vision and trust the process. Believe in your passion for passion is the energy that keeps us filled with meaning, happiness, and excitement.



**Mrs Shelia Wang** Subject Head / Infocommunication Technologies

Happy birthday, West Spring! Here's to many more years of growing from strength to strength! To the West Spring students, it's never too late to realise your dreams. You just have to take that first step and persevere!



**Ms Noor Faezah Binte Noor Aziz** Subject Head / Malay Language

Happy 20th Anniversary, West Spring Secondary School! To many more years of success and memories to treasure for a lifetime!



Ms Yu Mei Yi Priscilla Subject Head / Guidance

Dearest West Spring, congratulations on turning 20!! I have grown a lot as an educator as I have many wonderful leaders, colleagues & students to thank for! I hope you will continue to grow and flourish as a vibrant place, filled with kind and caring people.



Mr Wu Zonglun Subject Head / History

Congratulations on West Spring's 20th Anniversary. Wishing West Spring Secondary School more good years ahead of nurturing Ladies and Gentlemen!



**Mr Mohamad Fadzly Bin Samsuri** Subject Head / Citizenship and **Character Education** 

May West Spring students continue to soar to greater heights!

### **Teaching Staff**



**Mdm Seoh Siok Yin Aesthetics** 

Success is the sum of daily small efforts. Persevere, be consistent and believe in yourself. "Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." - Vincent Van Gogh



**Ms Chionh Yan Huay English Language** 

Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring Secondary School! Wishing WSSS all the best and many good years to come!



**Ms Alphonsine Koh** Aesthetics

Wishing West Spring Secondary School many more years of grooming spectacular Ladies and Gentlemen!



**Mdm Fauzana Binte Ismail English Language** 

Happy 20th Anniversary to West Spring Secondary School! Well done for all the great years of moulding young girls and boys into ladies and gentlemen of character and learning! May WSSS continue to achieve success and scale to greater heights!



Mdm Wong Yan Lei, Grace Aesthetics

Dear past and present students of WSSS, it is my hope that you will be able to contribute to the growth of our school in the years to come. Here's to another 20 years of West Spring Secondary!



Mdm Khairunnisa Faiqah Bte Z. Abidin **English Language** 

Kindness is the highest form of intelligence. Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud.



**Mr Chua Leng Huat** Design and Technology

Hi there to all my Secondary 1 students. I wish all of you will continue to enjoy your stay with the West Spring family. Stay resilient and do look forward to a better and exciting Year 2021.



**Mdm Loke Wei May English Language** 

Tough circumstances stimulate us to grow. Together with a growth mindset and resilience, let us seek knowledge and wisdom. Let us persevere and become the Ladies and Gentlemen of West Spring Secondary School!



**Mr Teoh Hock Huat Design and Technology** 

Your attitude determines your altitude.



**Mdm Siti Norahan Binte Moktar English Language** 

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world. So make your life spectacular." - Robin Williams



**Mr Tan Tuck Heng English Language** 

It's a joy being a staff of West Spring! Thank you so much for all the collegiality & laughter!



Ms Jasmine Kao Hui Ling **English Literature** 

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that's all." -Oscar Wilde. Happy birthday WSSS and may we continue to produce Ladies & Gentlemen who learn to love life!



Mr Zhong Rongdian, Kelvin **English Language** 

Let's celebrate this major milestone and be heartened by all that we have done!



**Ms Siti Farhanum Binte Nordin English Language** 

"The struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just." - Abraham Lincoln. Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring!



**Mr Zachary Low Wei Jing English Language** 

Muad'Dib learned rapidly because his first training was in how to learn. And the first lesson of all was the basic trust that he could learn.



Ms Yvonne Lee Wei Xin **Humanities** 

Congratulations on the 20th anniversary of WSSS! I would like to wish all staff and students continued success and may we achieve many more milestones in the years to come.



Mr Wong Qi Hao, Gabriel **Humanities** 

Happy 20th anniversary to all the staff and students who have put the "We" in West Spring for the past two decades. Here's to many more!



Mdm Lee Yin Ping (Li Yuanping) **Humanities** 

May you continue to be a sanctuary to nurture the minds and hearts of the future generations!



**Ms Harliany Binte Hairon** Humanities

"Every morning we are born again. What we do today is what matters most." - Buddha. Continue to grow positively as a community, my dear West Spring students and teachers. Congratulations on celebrating 20th year anniversary!



#### Mdm Norhayati Binte Mohamed Jasni Humanities

Dear West Spring Secondary School, Happy 20th Anniversary. May you soar to greater heights! For the graduating students, always believe in yourselves. You have the ability to achieve anything. Be confident and work hard to get your dream. Best wishes.



**Mdm Ruhaiza Bte Hasan Humanities** 

Dear Everyone, I wish you all the very best in everything that you wish to pursue. Give your best shot and never your second best!



Mdm Shobana D/O Nadaraja **Humanities** 

'Hakuna Matata' - It means no worries for the rest of your days. Never lose the inner child in you and strive to be positive by adopting this problem-free philosophy!



Mr Emmanuel Devapragasam S/O Devadas **Humanities** 

20 years of values, 20 years of excellence, of building lives and our future - Timeless.



Mr Timothy Teh Kar Keong **Humanities** 

Happy 20th Anniversary to West Spring! Thank you for an unforgettable 2020. Continue to empower and enrich!



**Mdm Cheryl Koh Ye Hsia** Humanities

Glad to see the school doing a great job of grooming Ladies and Gentlemen for the last 2 decades and grateful to be part of the team to continue with the legacy!



Ms Lydia Teng Xiaoqian **Humanities** 

As a former student from WS, it brings me great pride and joy to witness how far the school has come to nurture Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning. For the next 20 years, I hope that West Spring will continue to soar to greater heights!



**Mdm Chor Li Li Mathematics** 

Happy 20th Anniversary to West Spring Secondary! I hope that WSSS will continue to nurture students to become valuable and contributing citizens of good characters. May WSSS be the top-choice school for both students and staff in the area.



**Mdm Lee Si Hui Eunice Mathematics** 

Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring! "Knowledge is knowing what to say and Wisdom is knowing when to say it." - Anonymous.



**Mdm Chong Yann Shin** Mathematics

Happy anniversary!



**Mr Chng Xian Yi Mathematics** 

Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring! May West Spring continue to provide the best education and nurture students holistically with its fountain of knowledge!



**Mr Chang Liang Kwang David** Mathematics

I have been with you since 2004. I have seen you grow taller and stronger. I have seen you nurturing many good citizens and professionals for our country, Singapore. I wish you many good years to come.



Mr Liu Mun Kang Mathematics

All the Best, West Spring!



**Mr Liu Youhe Mathematics** 

Happy 20th Anniversary, West Spring Secondary School! I wish that WSSS can continue to be a place where students can fulfill their potential and be moulded into young adults with great character. All the best, WSSS!



**Mr Seah Hock Sing** Mathematics

May West Spring Secondary School be the school of choice for students.



**Mr Pang Kah Hwee** Mathematics

Wishing you many more years of unparalleled success, West Spring! Congratulations on this special day. Happy Anniversary!



Ms Lee Hwee Ling, Annie Mathematics

Grit is passion and perseverance for very long-term goals. Grit is having stamina. Grit is sticking with your future, day-in day-out. Not just for the week, not just for the month, but for years. And working really hard to make that future a reality.



Ms Koh Hui Li **Mathematics** 

My days in WSSS constitute one of the best periods of my life! Wishing WSSS all the best and may you achieve great success in cultivating Ladies and Gentlemen with purpose and character who are able to contribute back to the world!



**Mdm Chen Suzhen** Mother Tongue Language

Congratulations to West Spring Secondary School on her 20th Year Anniversary. Wishing her a very bright future!



**Mdm Liu Dongmei** Mother Tongue Language

Happy 20th Anniversary, West Spring Secondary School. Let's reach for the stars in the coming years.



**Ms Loh Yan Luan** Mother Tongue Language

West Spring Secondary School and 20 years of grooming Ladies and Gentlemen of character and excellence. "It is not an easy task but difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations. Nothing can dim the light that shines from within." - Maya Angelou.



**Mdm Nur Alinah Bte Ali** Mother Tongue Language

To many more years of nurturing students until they flourish into Ladies and Gentlemen with great value and character!



**Mdm Nur Liyana Binte Osman** Mother Tongue Language

May WSSS continue to nurture Ladies and Gentlemen with an everlasting thirst for knowledge!:)



**Mdm Tan Pin Yin** Mother Tongue Language

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of WSSS, believe in yourselves and always strive for greater heights! Together we can make a difference!



Ms Puah Hui Sze Mother Tongue Language

The old year departs and leaves no track. Soon we shall bid farewell to the new year. Neither time nor tide will linger - they part without a whisper. So sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.



**Mdm Wang Xiufang** Mother Tongue Language

Congratulations to West Spring Secondary School on its 20th Anniversary. Let's sail to greater heights.



Ms Siti Nursyimah Bte Ismail Mother Tongue Language

Congratulations WSSS. Happy 20th Anniversary. Thank you for the amazing opportunities here.



Mr Goh Se U Mother Tongue Language

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." - Mahatma Gandhi.



Ms Tong Hui Min Mother Tongue Language

Looking back, we have indeed came a long way from where we first started. May West Spring continue to grow as one big family. Cheers to another year of being great together!!! Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring!



Ms Lim Wan Xin Mother Tongue Language

My warmest congratulations to West Spring Secondary School on its 20th Anniversary. Let's strive for the best, and keep the flag flying high.



Mdm Puspawati Binte Rosli **Nutrition and Food Science** 

Heartiest congratulations on West Spring's 20th Anniversary! Best wishes for West Spring's continuing success. Together as a school, may West Spring continue to develop students who are passionate about learning.



Mdm Selena Bte Samat Nutrition and Food Science

Heartiest congratulations to West Spring Secondary School on her 20th Anniversary! Best wishes for the School and may West Spring continue to achieve success and be pivotal in nurturing Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning.



**Mdm Chua Soh Chin Charlotte** Principles of Accounts

Happy 20th Anniversary! My heartiest congratulations on the past 20 fabulous years of nurturing Ladies and Gentlemen of West Spring! May you continue to blossom for many more years to come!



**Ms Sri Wirdaningsih Binte Subari** Nutrition and Food Science

Celebrating WSSS as one, Happy 20th Anniversary WSSS! May WSSS continue to grow, helping students to succeed. To WSSS students, enjoy your school days and do your best, as quoted by Aristotle, 'The roots of education is bitter, but the fruit is sweet'.



**Mdm Chan Hwei Hwei Juliet** Principles of Accounts

It is a joy and an honour to be part of the West Spring Family, a school with wonderful people who warm my heart. Thank you to my dear colleagues and students. Happy 20th Anniversary!



**Mdm Tan Poh Yun Evelyn** Physical Education

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day-in and day-out." - Robert Collier.



Mdm Ho Soo Yin Science

Wishing West Spring Secondary School another 20 more awesome years to nurture Ladies and Gentlemen, who are caring, resilient and full of gratitude towards people around them!



**Ms Tan Zhen Yan**Physical Education

Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations! You will see your hard work pay off if you press on!



**Mdm Nur Aishah Binte Abdul Rahman** Science

It takes 2 decades of warm memories to build a foundation of exemplified values and continuous excellence. Congratulations West Spring Secondary School on defining the future of those who believe, and nurturing their hearts, full of optimism and care.



**Mr Wade Wang Fengyin** Physical Education

I am privileged to work alongside wonderful, nurturing colleagues and to teach students with inquiring minds, who show their gratitude in many different ways. May this institute of excellent learning and growth continues to prosper!



**Mdm Sharena Bte Mohamed** Science

Happy 20th Anniversary to West Spring Secondary School! May you continue to nurture Ladies and Gentlemen of character and learning.



**Mdm Zhou Siyang** Science

Dear West Spring Secondary School, on your 20th Anniversary, I wish you all the best as you celebrate this special day. This is my 12th year in the school, and I hope I can continue to engage learners, shape their character and touch their lives.



Mr Prakash S/O Radakrishna Science

Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring. Happy 20 years of nurturing Ladies & Gentleman. Best wishes to you as you celebrate this special Year, 2020; this special number will never repeat. Continue to 'Thirst For Knowledge' and 'Here at West Spring, We Believe'.



Mr Colin Teo Eu Leng Science

Your time in West Spring after four years is not the end of a journey; rather it marks that you are done packing for your journey and may now take the first step in your true journey. Learning is a journey that cannot ever be completed, only travelled.



**Mr Siow Gim Onn** Science

Congratulations West Spring Secondary School for the amazing accomplishments and achievements thus far! May you soar to even greater heights in the years to come. Cheers to many more amazing years!



Mr Mohamed Munir Bin Mohamed Ismail Science

Over the 20 years, West Spring Secondary School has been defined by the collective imprints from students and teachers who have put their hearts into the school. May the West Spring Family continue to flourish for many years to come, beating as one!



**Ms Khoo Xuan Dolly** Science

May West Spring continue to be the spring that supplies warmth and sustenance to her students.



**Mr Mok Kai Fore** 

We started with a few but now we are many, in numbers, talents and creativity. Congratulations to all teachers, past and present for your efforts and accomplishments. Happy 20th Anniversary!!



Mrs Ivy Kerk Science

Happy 20th Anniversary West Spring! I hope we continue to cultivate a generation of Ladies and Gentlemen who are resilient, brave and confident to tackle possible future challenges. Let us continue to shape young minds and build good character in students!

#### **Staff in Absenture:**

Mdm Sim Bee Lian (Shen Meilian) - Vice Principal (Admin), Mdm Liew Geok May Sherry - Head Of Department / Infocommunication Technologies), Mdm Revathi D/O Rengasamy, Mdm Chan Mei Ping Sarah, Mdm Koh Caihua

#### **Executive and Administrative Staff**



**Mdm Pang Nien Cherh Grace** Counselling

One tree can start a forest. One smile can begin a friendship. One word can lift a soul. One touch can show you care. May West Spring students aspire to be the one that makes a difference wherever they may be! Happy Anniversary West Spring Secondary!



**Mdm Kavitha Padmanathan** Counselling

Congratulations on being 20 and many more amazing years to come. A time to look back with admiration... A time to look forward with anticipation!



**Ms Kor Sock Keow** Administration Manager

Congratulations on your 20th Anniversary and best wishes for the next 20 years!



Mr Nai Wee Beng Administration Executive

An examination is not only a test of your academic knowledge, it is a test of your calmness, stability and courage. All the best.



Ms Nurul Ain Binti Md Sukhaimi Adjunct Administration Executive

It has been an eventful 2020. Looking forward to more memories in 2021.



Mr Sukhmindar Singh **Discipline Master** 

Inculcating correct values creates strong character and leaders of tomorrow.



Mr Sukardi Bin Sukami **Operations Manager** 

The school has grown from a "baby" to a fine "young lady", her growth synonymous to the Bukit Panjang neighbourhood. May she grow further to be a "wonderful lady" and a "caring mother". Happy 20th Anniversary!



**Mdm Tan Tsuey Fen Katherine Corporate Support Officer** 

Best wishes to West Spring Secondary School!



**Mdm Ong Chin Gek Jenny Michelle Corporate Support Officer** 

Best wishes to everyone in WSSS. Stay safe and healthy



**Mdm Melissa Tong Bee Ling** Adjunct Corporate Support Officer

The new norm in 2020 has suggested that all of us have the capability of embracing new changes. We are braver and stronger than we think. Congratulations!



Mdm Amuthavalli D/O Kuppusamy **Operations Support Officer** 

Best wishes to WSSS.



**Mdm Janet Chow Operations Support Officer** 

Happy Anniversary West Spring!



**Mrs Goh Swee Ing Technical Support Officer** 

Best wishes to West Spring Secondary School.



**Mdm Mardiana Binte Sidi Operations Support Officer** 

Best wishes and warmest congratulations to West Spring Secondary School!



**Mdm Tan Leng Leng Irene Technical Support Officer** 

You started with a few but now you are many, not only in numbers but also in talents and creativity. Congratulations on your accomplishments. Happy 20th Anniversary and best wishes for the next 20 years.



**Mdm Thailamah Mala Operations Support Officer** 

All the best to West Spring Secondary School.



**Mr Sam Ho ICT Executive** 

My best wishes to WSSS. It's really a great and wonderful place here!



Mdm Siti A'isah Bte Zainal **Operations Support Officer** 

Wishing WSSS the very best in the future and heartiest congratulations on your 20th Anniversary.



**Mdm Lee Lay Eng** Front Desk Receptionist

Best wishes to WSSS and Happy 20th Anniversay. Looking forward to the Magnificant Year of the Ox!



Mr Abdul Azis Bin Sabtu **Technical Support Officer** 

I wish all the teachers and students of West Spring to push on and look forward to a better year in 2021.



**Mdm Christina Lim Administrative Assistant** 

Happy 20th Anniversary!



**Mr Johar Bin Husin** Technical Support Officer

To all the graduating students whose lives I have touched in one way or another, I wish all of you the best in your N-Level and O-Level examination.



**Mdm Nur Fatimah Bte Amer Library Assistant** 

Let today be the start of something new. Happy 20th Anniversary to WSSS.

## **Staff Appreciation 2020**

We would like to congratulate the following staff on achieving their WSSS Long Service Awards:



20 Years Mr Abdul Azis Sabtu



10 Years Mr Israel Tan Tuck Heng



5 Years **Ms Harliany Hairon** 



**5 Years** Mr Md Munir Ismail

the Ministry of Education in 2020. We wish them a happy retirement

We would also like to congratulate these staff on their retirement from and all the best in their future endeavours.



Mr Liu Mun Kang



**Mrs Francoise Thong** 



Mr Chong Yung Kuei

Congratulations to Mrs Cheryl Liew on her Certificate of Appreciation for her contribution to the Social Studies Chapter Core Team 2019 and 2020 at the Academy of Singapore Teachers (AST).



### Acknowledgements

West Spring Secondary School would like to thank all stakeholders for their continued support over the years, in making West Spring Secondary a choice school in Bukit Panjang and allowing it to contribute to a vibrant neighbourhood.

West Spring Secondary School looks forward to continuing its partnerships to nurture Ladies and Gentlemen of Character and Learning.

Thank you!

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