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Alumni Spotlight

Spotlighting former Student Council Vice-President Hashini Vinoth. Thank you for your lasting contributions and leadership!

UPCOMING EVENT

* Teachers' Day Celebration Sept 3, 2026

Celebrating our teachers efforts and growth.

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Together, We Are Springfield.

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Springfield Connect, our termly newsletter created to bring together the entire Springfield community — our students, parents, alumni and partners.

At Springfield Secondary, every member of our community plays a part in shaping our story. Through this newsletter, we hope to celebrate the achievements of our students, share school highlights, celebrate the journeys of our alumni, and strengthen the partnerships that enrich our school community.

Whether you are a current student, a parent supporting your child's learning journey, an alumnus making a difference beyond our school, or a valued partner walking alongside us, you are an important part of the Springfield family. We hope this newsletter keeps you connected to the people, moments and values that make Springfield special, while creating opportunities to support, inspire and celebrate one another.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we are Springfield.



Ms Eleanor Chia,
SFSS Principal since 2023

Message from the Principal

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Springfield Connect!

I hope this newsletter can serve to bring our Springfield family closer together, by sharing school happenings, celebrating milestones, and keeping connected with how our students, staff and community continue to grow and progress.

My heartfelt thanks to the team of staff who have put in much time and effort to bring this first edition to life. May Springfield Connect create more opportunities for us to connect, celebrate and grow together.

Happy reading!



Springfield Football Makes History: B Division Clinches Promotion to League 1!

We are thrilled to share a monumental achievement from our B Division Football Team, who put on a spectacular performance at this year's National School Games (NSG). Competing with immense grit and determination, the team secured an outstanding third-place finish in League 2.

This podium victory is not just a testament to their hard work this season; it has also officially propelled Springfield Football into League 1 for next year's competition. By earning this promotion, our boys have firmly cemented Springfield Secondary School's reputation as one of the top 16 football schools in Singapore.



"We become stronger when we learn from challenges. And we become better human beings when we choose teamwork, respect, and responsibility over individual pride."

—Muhammad Siddiq Hariz Bin Sabtu,
Secondary 4E, B Div Captain



Springfield NPCC (Sea) Secures Prestigious Gold Unit Overall Proficiency Award for 2025!

We are proud to announce that the Springfield Secondary School NPCC (Sea) Unit has been awarded Distinction for the prestigious Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) for the year 2025. This accolade is a brilliant reflection of the exceptional discipline, unwavering unity, and hard work demonstrated by our cadets and instructors throughout the year.

Valerie Poh Yu Qin (Secondary 4E) and Hacken Lee Zhenyu (Secondary 4C) have also been awarded the Best Unit Cadets awards, displaying excellent achievement and leadership. In addition, we also celebrate Hacken's achievement in becoming a Station Inspector, the highest rank possible for a secondary school student. He has also received the pinnacle badge (SPF-NPCC).



Valerie Poh (2nd from left) and Hacken Lee (2nd from right)



Celebrating Springfielders' Growth at Awards Day 2026!

Our annual Awards Day is more than a celebration of academic excellence. It is an opportunity to recognise the dedication, resilience and personal growth of our students, while celebrating the diverse talents and strengths that make each Springfielder unique. This year, we proudly honoured students who not only achieved outstanding academic results but also demonstrated exemplary character, leadership and 21st Century Competencies.



We were honoured to welcome Mr Daryl Pang, an alumnus of Springfield Secondary School, as our Guest-of-Honour. A member of the Class of 2010, Mr Pang's journey is a testament to what Springfield students can achieve through determination, hard work and a commitment to excellence.

After graduating at the top of his class in 2010, Mr Pang pursued a Diploma in Law & Management at Temasek Polytechnic, where he received numerous academic accolades, including the Singapore Association of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators' Course Silver Medal for graduating second in his cohort.

He was subsequently awarded the prestigious Public Service Commission Singapore Government Scholarship to pursue a Bachelor of Laws at the National University of Singapore, before completing a Master of Laws at the University of Toronto.



We were also delighted to welcome back our Class of 2025 Valedictorian, Miss Angkasurapan Tipvaree. Tipvaree's journey has been defined not only by academic achievement, but also by her resilience in the face of uncertainty and her courage to persevere even when the path ahead was unclear. Studying far from home, adapting to new environments and overcoming moments of doubt, she exemplifies what it truly means to grow—not just as a student, but as a person.

Their stories served as a powerful reminder that success is built not only on academic achievement, but also on character, perseverance and the courage to embrace every opportunity to learn and grow.

Congratulations to all our award recipients. Your achievements reflect the values of Springfield, and we look forward to seeing each of you continue to grow, inspire others and make a positive impact in the years ahead.

Teacher Feature

Celebrating 25 Years of Dedication: Long Service Award Tribute to Mrs. Suzanne Irene Gomes

An institution is only as strong as the educators who pour their hearts into it, and today, we have the immense privilege of celebrating a true cornerstone of the Springfield family. We are overjoyed to congratulate Mrs. Suzanne Irene Gomes on receiving her Teaching Service Award!

We asked Mrs G

What is the biggest change you've seen in education?

Many changes. One thing that really stands out today from when I started is the impact of AI. It was almost non-existent then and I remember having to use the obsolete OHP – overhead projector to teach.

I spent a lot of time writing my teaching notes on the plastic sheets and then flashing them in the classroom.

So for me, the one big change is the shift to technology and the various AI tools to support teachers today. Teachers today are very lucky to have so many tools to explore and facilitate their teaching. As for the students, they will ride with the wave of technology too but I think something that is timeless about them is the energy they give off in school. No matter which school and through the years, I see that they are bursting with energy – sometimes in the wrong direction but mostly it is good.

What is most meaningful to you when you reconnect with the many generations of Springfield students years after they have graduated?

I would not say many generations and whether they have gone to do amazing things but I feel a sense of gratification when I suddenly bump into my ex-students years later and they stop to say hello and then comes the dreaded question – do you remember my name. But they are very forgiving when most of the time I say I do not and seek their forgiveness. Then we go on to share some memories of school life years before.

But overall, I feel a sense of pride when I hear their success stories and how their lives have changed post-secondary. They usually share positive tales of when they were in SFSS and the many teachers and friends whose lives they encountered. This also brings back memories for me and we end up reminiscing about the good old days.

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Mrs Gomes

What is the most important lesson or value you hope your students carry with them long after they leave your classroom?

Our school STRIDE values are something I hope our students will bring with them. For me, RESPECT is a standard of behaviour I value the most, and I hope to see our students continuing to apply this in their lives after leaving Springfield. Everyone deserves Respect and in return, Respect should be reciprocated.



Alumni Spotlight



Hashini (In red, centre)

Leading with Heart

An Interview with Hashini Vinoth (Class of 2025)
Former Vice-President of the Student Council

The Springfield Foundation: Lessons in Leadership

For Hashini, leadership at Springfield Secondary was never about a title; it was about people. "Springfield taught me that real influence stems from empathy and listening, not just authority," she reflects. "It's about understanding others deeply and creating a space where everyone has the opportunity to grow alongside you." One of her proudest legacies as Vice-President was the inauguration of Friendship Week as a school-wide celebration. For Hashini, this project served as a powerful reminder of how small, sincere ideas can cultivate a profound sense of belonging within a community.

Defining Memories

When asked what she misses most, Hashini points to the "shared pressure and joy" that defined her four years. From quiet study sessions in the library and lighthearted consultations with teachers to the spirited competition of Spring Forth, the memories are vivid. "Forming our own Student Council band for Teachers' Day is a moment I hold especially close," she shares. "Those moments of togetherness truly define the Springfield experience for me."

The "Big Jump": Transitioning to Junior College

Now navigating life in Junior College, Hashini describes the shift as a significant lesson in intentionality. "JC demands a level of consistency and discipline where last-minute efforts simply aren't enough," she explains. "It's a shift toward being purposeful with your time every single day."

Despite the faster pace, she finds herself leaning on the core values instilled in her at SFSS. "Springfield's values of Tenacity, Diligence, and Empathy have grounded me. They shape not just my work ethic, but the kind of person I strive to be."

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—Hashini Vinoth

New Horizons and Passions

Hashini has discovered a burgeoning passion for Economics, currently taking H2 Econs and participating in various competitions. However, she hasn't left her creative roots behind as she continues to pursue Drama as her CCA, a pursuit she says keeps her grounded amidst her academic rigors.

A Message to her Juniors

To the current students of Springfield, Hashini offers words of encouragement:

"You don't need to have everything figured out right now; you just need the courage to take the next step. Growth happens quietly along the way, even when you don't feel ready. It's okay to feel uncertain about what's next as it just means you care. Trust that you will grow into the person you are meant to become, one step at a time."

Hashini concludes with a heartfelt nod to her alma mater: "I wouldn't trade my four years at SFSS for anything. I miss everyone dearly!"



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—Hashini Vinoth (in red)



Mr Cher Jian Kai (Class of 2011) Social Worker Metta School

Discovery of Passion

Mr Cher graduated from Springfield Secondary School in 2011 before pursuing a Diploma in Interactive Media and Informatics at Temasek Polytechnic. He later completed a part-time Bachelor of Social Work in Singapore University of Social Sciences which led him into the social service sector and school social work.

Day in Day Out

He currently works as a school social worker in Metta School, a special education school, with a focus on youths between 17 – 21 years of age. He finds meaning in his work as he provides counselling to students who face emotional, behavioural, social or family-related challenges. In addition, he works with stakeholders such as teachers, allied health professionals, and external agencies to ensure a more holistic support system for students.

Dispositions and Skillsets needed

If you are interested to pursue a future in Social Work, Mr Cher shares that key dispositions needed include empathy, patience, resilience, adaptability, good communication, and the ability to stay calm under pressure. It is also important to remain non-judgmental and work as a team with the various stakeholders.

Beliefs that Ground him

He believes that children and adults are our future, and therefore they need to be nurtured and supported. This grounds him in his work, even on days when it can be challenging.

At times, difficult decisions have to be made depending on circumstances. However, Mr Cher finds his work rewarding as he sees the impact of small but meaningful impact over time. He notes that the progress of each student is now always linear, but they have grown to move towards meaningful lives and are contributing positively to their families and society.

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—Mr Cher Jian Kai



Reaching Out

If you would like to connect with Mr Cher Jian Kai to find out more about his journey in becoming a Social Worker, you may contact him at **cherjankai@outlook.com**.

Get Involved!

If you would like to get involved in our upcoming school events, you may contact Firuz (mohammad_firuz_mustapha@moe.edu.sg) or Celynn (lee_si_min_celynn@moe.edu.sg).

We would love to have you connect with us!

Thank you for reading Springfield Connect! We'd love to hear what you enjoyed and what you would like to see in future issues. Your feedback will help us make each edition more meaningful and engaging for our Springfield family.

