



ST JOSEPHS INSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA (TROPICANA PJ CAMPUS)

YOUR MONTHLY GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

First News Letter!

There is a strong Lasallian tradition of promoting a close partnership between the home and the school and we want this to be an outstanding feature of SJII Malaysia. We will be promoting this in many ways in the months to come: through these newsletters, through social events and through regular meetings at the school when it opens.

Scholarship Launch

On Wednesday 27th January we launched our IB Scholarship Programme. This is a significant landmark for SJII Malaysia. In keeping with our Lasallian tradition the Scholarships will give talented and capable students, who would otherwise be unable to afford it, an opportunity to be a part of our school and to flourish under the guidance of its teachers.

At the launch of the scholarship Brother Thomas received two very generous donations worth RM1.5 million each. They

were presented by Tan Sri Dato Danny Tan from the Tropicana Foundation and Michael Sng, Chairman of the Lasallian Asian Partnerships for International Schools (LAPIS). We thank both of these organisations for their contribution to our fund.



We are now open for applications and the closing date for applications is 19th February. Our next step in student support is seeking out more donors to raise additional funds.

First Parents Social

We held our first of many social events for our founding parents on the evening Wednesday 27th January. It gave parents the opportunity to meet other families who had applied and members of the board: Michael Sng (Chairman), Dennis Tang, Derek Loh and Mei Yin.

Brother Thomas gave a welcome speech and informed the parents of the most recent developments. We intend to host a number of such events and many more in the future. Our intention is to host one for students some time in April when we move into the new school. It is important that the students have an opportunity to meet each other so they will recognise a friendly face on the 29th August.



THE SCHOOL PREMISES | As you can see from our most recent campus development photo, the work on school building and grounds is making tremendous progress. We can expect the main work to be completed in late March and the official approvals to follow soon after. We look forward to conducting tours of the school in April/ May. There will be an opportunity to see some example classrooms and general areas such as the libraries and the hall.

NEW OFFICE

We have opened a new office at the Catalogue House, across the road from Casa Tropicana where we have our present office. The Principals and Director of Marketing are based there and welcome you to visit. We have started holding Interviews and Assessments there.

For ongoing information we recommend that you keep a close watch on our website updates and our Facebook page. We hope to begin sending out a regular newsletter soon to keep you informed.



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Student recruitment

We are delighted to report that the number of students continues to grow and we expect to have two classes in a number of year levels. We are continuing to promote the school to the wider community.



Term Dates and School Day

We have now finalised our school calendar for 2016/17 and the timings of the school day. Please see the table below for the 2016 term dates

Term 1: First Half	Monday 29 th August – Friday 21 st October 2016
Public Holiday	Wednesday 31 st August – National Day
Public Holiday	Monday 12 th September – Hari Raya Haji
Public Holiday	Friday 16 th September – Malaysia Day
Half Term	Monday 24 th October – Friday 29 th October
Term 1: Second half	Monday 31 st October – Friday 29 th October
Public Holiday	Monday 12 th December – Prophet Mohammad
Public Holiday	Tuesday 13 th December – Sultan Selangor
Christmas Holiday	19 th December – 2 nd January 2017
Term 2	Tuesday 3 rd January – Friday 31 st March
Public Holiday	Friday 27 th January – Tuesday 31 st January CNY
Public Holiday	Friday 10 th February - Thaipusam
Easter Holiday	3 rd April – 14 th April
Term 3	Tuesday 18 th April – Friday 30 th June
Public Holiday	Monday 1 st May – Labour Day
Public Holiday	Wednesday 10 th May –Wesak Day
Public Holiday	Monday 12 th June – Nuzul Quran
End of Term	Friday 30 th June

Do you have friends that are interested in learning about SJIM?

We will be holding a Information Day this Sunday, 21st March for new parents interested in finding out more about our school. We will also be accepting registrations.



Teaching Staff Recruitment

We have made many excellent teaching appointments. In the High School we have so far employed 10 teachers in senior positions who are qualified to teach the IB program and across the High School. The Verification Visit for IB takes place at the end of March and we are fully confident that we will become an IB World School.

The Elementary School is recruiting at least 10 classroom teachers and this is also on schedule. In addition there will be a number of specialist teachers such as PE/ Swimming, Art and Music. In our next newsletter we will be sharing our new staff profiles with you.

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