



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA

End of Term 3 Newsletter

Message from Brother Thomas



Warmest greetings dear members of staff, parents and friends of St Joseph's SJIIM's second year has come to a successful and happy conclusion and we give thanks to the good Lord for his blessings and protection on our Josephian family this year. Our final newsletter brings news of major events in the third term. Pride of place goes of course to our excellent IB examination results received on the last day of term, Friday 6th July. We congratulate our first ever IB cohort and their teachers on a performance which far exceeds our expectations. We rejoice with you and thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made as our founding IB class. May our Lasallian values guide and inspire you during your tertiary level studies and throughout your life.

On a personal note, I am happy to have the opportunity of this message to express my deepest gratitude to you all for your kind best wishes as I retire from St Joseph's. I have been deeply touched by the many kind expressions of au revoir and valuable mementos to remind me of three very happy years with and for SJIIM.

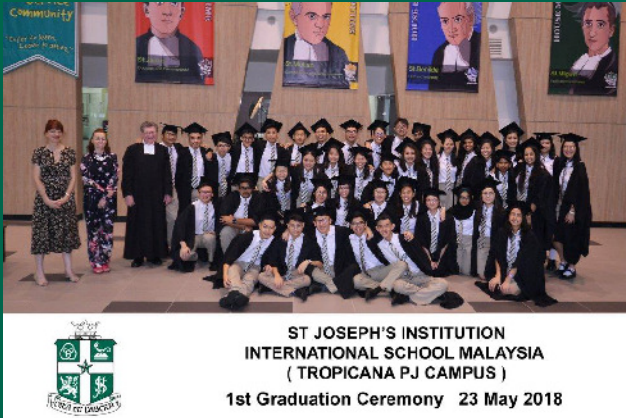
I would like to say a very special word of thanks to my Brothers in Community, Bros Jason, Michael and Danai for your fraternal support. To our senior leadership team of Mrs. Quigley, Dr. Brown and Ms Linda Chng I appreciate your wisdom, courage and 'grit'. To our dedicated and hardworking staff, both academic and admin, thank you for 'touching hearts' and inculcating Lasallian values on a daily basis. To our caring and supportive parents we could not ask for better. God bless you all. May I add a special word of thanks to the Parents Support Group (PSG) who gives generously of their time and resources to promote a spirit of community in our school. Please parents do support them in every way you can.

And then to the heart of our mission: our dear students! It has been a privilege welcoming you in the morning, enjoying the happy sights and sounds of your many activities, seeing you grow as true Lasallians. Thank you. Please always remember the words from our Lasallian song: "What race or creed it matters not....We are a community, each other we uphold" This is the Lasallian spirit. May the good Lord always keep you in the palm of his hands?

I will be returning to La Salle College, Kowloon, Hong Kong, where I have lived and worked for many years. SJIIM will be gratefully in my heart and prayers. I trust the Lord is mapping out a bright and prophetic future for the school. He is inviting each and every one of you to contribute to this.

God Bless and thanks.

Year 13 Graduation



Although this is the second year for SJIIM as a school, it has also been a year of firsts. As one of the most exciting and anticipated events of the year, SJIIM held its first Year 13 graduation on 23 May in the school's auditorium. With over 200 guests attending to celebrate the completion of their International Baccalaureate studies, the students were full of excitement as they processed into the auditorium by candlelight to the sound of William Walton's "Crown Imperial". Inspiring speeches were given by the high school's Principal Dr. Nicola Brown and the IBDP Coordinator, Maureen

Fitzgerald, as well as by the Guest of Honour, Dato' Br. Paul Ho FSC. In addition to these speeches, students and guests alike were moved by the words of the Josephian of the Year, Eng Ying Xuan and by the student speaker nominated by the graduating class, Cheah Hui Qin.

As their names were read out by their form tutors and students processed across the stage to receive their certificates of graduation in their caps and gowns, their future destinations were shared with the audience on-screen, reinforcing the dual emotions of the evening - a fond farewell and anticipation of their future destinations. In addition to the certificates of graduation conferred on each graduating student, awards were also given for a number of achievements, including Josephian of the Year, the Lasallian Service Award and the Academic Excellence Award, as well as awards for each subject group.



In further celebration of the talent of these students, two rousing performances were enjoyed by all. Tan Hong Xuan's self-compiled medley of "Melodie Capriccio", a fusion medley of classic pop tunes raised the roof with his energetic solo performance on the piano. An emotional tribute to their fellow students was given by Catherine Khaw on violin and Eng Ying Xuan on piano, with their "Songs Without Words", a compilation of nine well known tunes with lyrics linking

to the dual themes of goodbyes and the future. As a celebratory ending, students enjoyed the traditional tossing of their graduation caps, accompanied by whoops of joy by many. For their final procession out of the auditorium, students chose the tune "All in This Together" from High School Musical, a light-hearted reminder for them of their first weeks together in Year 12.

As these students, and now high school graduates, have completed their studies at SJIIM and are moving off into the world beyond to their next steps in their lives, we wish them the very best of luck, and look forward to hearing about their further successes!

Year 11 IGCSE Graduation



On Wednesday 13th June, SJIIM celebrated the end of the IGCSE examinations by hosting a Graduation Ceremony for students in Year 11. The event was attended by the graduating students as well as parents, teachers and the rest of the student body.

With some students having only completed their IGCSE examinations the day before, the event was a great opportunity for all of us at the school to celebrate their achievement and perseverance.

The day commenced with a special lunch provided for the students of Year 11, their teachers and their parents outside of the Lasallian Centre.

Following that, the Year 11 students were applauded as they entered the auditorium to receive their certificates recognising their completion of the IGCSE course.

Dr. Brown, High School Principal, and Gary Cairns, IGCSE Coordinator commenced the celebration by giving speeches. Having been selected by teachers and students respectively, Rachel Ooi Lei Qui and Karina Mohammad Iqbal also gave speeches to their peers and parents reflecting on their experiences at the school. Sarah Jane Huntsman read a prayer that she had composed giving thanks to those that had supported her over the last two years.

The following students also received special recognition for their achievements:

English Award: Zhe Jinn Ng
Science Award: Ter Shin Huey
Mathematics Award: Gui Cheng Tong
Humanities Award: Chai Yun Lim
Language Award: Choo Hong Wong
Arts Award: Shu Siu Chew
SJIIM Character Award: Sarah Jane Huntsman
Sportsperson of the Year Award: Alyssa Rui Jia Soon
Year 11 Lasallian Service Award: Kam Pui Shuen



We hope that our students now have a restful summer and we look forward with anticipation to the school receiving the results in August.

World Scholars Cup Global

Round - 18 to 23 June



In the second year of participation for SJIIM in the World Scholars Cup Global Round, both the junior and senior teams have enjoyed a number of successes, not the least of which in meeting new people, learning new skills, and discovering strength and courage within themselves. This year's WSC Global Round, held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, gave the opportunity for both the school's junior and senior teams to interact and compete with other scholars from both inside and outside of southeast Asia. Events included team debating, the Scholar's Bowl, Scholar's Challenge,

collaborative writing, and the Scholar's Scavenge, giving the students the opportunity and challenge to draw on a number of skills and to work in teams. As well as taking part in these competitions, students also enjoyed performances by fellow scholars in the Scholar's Show, a debate showcase with top speakers from around the world, a cultural fair, and the Scholar's Ball, where they danced and mingled with fellow scholars. An exciting part of this year's competition included the opportunity to serve as a debate centre for the competition, with some 14 teams competing at SJIIM over the course of two days. Following these competitions, as well as achieving a number of prizes, a total of five junior teams and three senior teams have qualified to go on to the next round of competition, the WSC's Tournament of Champions, to be held at Yale University in November.



The teams that competed are as follows:

Senior Teams

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Kelynn Lee Rachel Ong Li Jue Ying Xuan Chong	Michelle Wong Chalu Jugo Nathalie Kwan	Sonrasia Lau Katrina Ashley Yumiko Gan	Yuyang Wang Justin Hew Vanshaj Agarwal

Junior Teams

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Ryan Koh Elio Alaimo Gwyneth Yee	Alden Teh Calvin Foo Ryan Khoo	Kyra Chellam Zen Ng Sandra Ong	Jeslyn Sophia Goh Jarebb Gan Zhen Yi Tan
Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Emily Ng Ren-Wei Yip Mae Chew	Meagan Motha Ying Yi Kwan Allison Yee	Kwang Wei Tan Shao Yong Chan Marcus Chan	Kelly Low David Bennett Cannon Jeremy Tee

"Skittles" Division

Team 1	Team 2
Abigail Lee Chloe Chai Alysa Marcellus	Olivier Tan Nicklas San Shaun Julian Goh

OUR 2018 IBDP ACHIEVEMENTS!

TOP SCORER

Tan Hong Xuan



44 Points

"My learning experience in SJIIM has been one that is coloured with vibrancy and joy. The utmost enthusiasm demonstrated by the teachers in their creative pedagogical practices is complemented by the consummate facilities provided by the school. In SJIIM, no student is excluded from the wholesome Lasallian community with the interactions between the staff and the students be one of warm cordiality."

"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve" – the tagline that convinced me about my son's future education in SJIIM that strives to reach out to "The Least, The Last and The Lost". Education without values is like a body without soul.
Suryana Ali, SJIIM Parent (2016-2019)

2016 Malaysia
Average IBDP
points:
34.17

2017 Global
Average IBDP
points:
29.9

2018 SJIIM
Average IBDP
points:
37

Number of
Students with
44 points: **1**

Percentage of
Students with
40 points & above:
31.7%

In celebration of our outstanding inaugural IBDP results, SJIIM will be offering an additional **3 full scholarships** to deserving students who would like to enter our IBDP Programme in August 2018.

The Board is also offering **1 scholarship** to a top Chinese tertiary institution to IBDP students of SJIIM.

For additional information, please refer to:
www.sji-international.edu.my/ibdp-scholarship-programme

Well done!

We are proud of your outstanding performance!

Early Years

Nursery



We've had a great year in Nursery and the children have grown so much during this time. We have had many great adventures through books such as *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, *Dogs Don't Do Ballet*, and *Aliens Love Underpants*. The children's learning has been complimented by trips to the theatre and the fire station. They've also made great friendships and are ready for new exciting experiences in the upcoming academic year.



Reception

Reception has had an action packed year! Our highlights include trips to the theatre, to see both *Lost and Found* and the *Shadow Puppet Theatre*. We have also enjoyed learning about and celebrating the many religious and cultural festivals throughout the year - and we LOVED dressing up for *Pirate Day*! The children have made a great deal of progress in all areas of their learning and development and they are now looking forward to moving up to Year 1 after the holidays.



On world book day the older children came and read to us.



Year 1 - Reflection

In Year 1 we have had a brilliant year full of wonderful experiences. We have learned lots of new and exciting things and are now ready to face the challenges of Year 2. We have enjoyed learning in the open zone at stations through our IPC topics. We thoroughly enjoyed our unit on 'The 'Magic Toymaker'. We are now experts in identifying different materials and their uses.



"Year 1 has been really good fun. We did some work on recycling and for our home learning. We got to use recycling to make something new. I made buildings, traffic lights and a car" - Snow 1C



"I loved swimming with everyone. Our lessons were so much fun. We were put into groups and we got to learn and play different games each lesson". - Douglas 1C

"We dressed up as Mexicans. There was lots of food to eat and things to do in our classroom. Mrs Chamberlain showed us a Mexican dance" - Hazel, 1B



Year 2 - Reflection

In Year 2 we have had a fantastic year and have enjoyed learning in our classrooms and in the stations. We have learned a lot in all our subjects. We have been learning new words in two languages as well as perfecting our English reading and writing skills. In PE we really enjoyed swimming and team games. You have probably noticed our amazing singing during our shows - we have worked on our singing and actions in our fabulous music lessons.

Our virtues work has not just been in RAVE lessons but embedded as part of how we behave every day, and what kind of people we want to become.

As well as our regular lessons, we have taken part in many other special events, such as visiting the top of the Faraway Tree on World Book Day, Mandarin calligraphy at Chinese New Year and craft activities such as making lanterns during Deepavali!



"I liked the Deepavali dressing up because it was fun and we got to see bright colours and traditional costumes. We did amazing activities" - Ivancka 2C

"I loved the circus IPC topic, because we ate popcorn, dressed up and watched the circus!" - Han Sol 2B



Year 3 - Reflection



The Great Expectation!

Year3, it's time to say goodbye, Our year has come to an end, We've made many cherished memories, And many more new friends

We have watched you learn and grow, And change from day to day, We hope that all the things we've done, Have helped in some small way

So it is with happy memories, We send you out the door, With great hope and expectation, For what next year holds in store

"My most memorable moment in year 3 was when we got to eat ice-cream from Brother Thomas. It was really delicious!" - Moses (3F)

"My favourite memories from year 3 was making a shape poem in the shape of my hand because it was creative." - Hillary (3W)

"My favourite memories from year 3 were going to the tee-ball competition, the FRIM trip and seeing different types of animals and even a monitor lizard!" - James (3C)

"My favourite memories from year 3 was making the tribal mask because we were able to design it ourselves." - Krishna (3W)



Year 4 - Reflection

Well it has been a busy term in year 4, with the children studying time, angles, lines and area, and so much more in maths. We have been creating amazing chocolate products in English, and learning about persuasive writing, but our most memorable moment has been our fabulous Chocolate Cookery session. We made three truly scrumptious chocolate treats and enjoyed cooking with our friends. It has been an amazing year, and everyone has crossed milestones in their learning journey.

Best wishes for the summer!

The Year 4 Team



Year 5 - Reflection

We could not have asked for a more amazing year group! We are so proud of all your achievements and cannot believe how much you have grown physically, emotionally, socially and academically. There is no doubt that you are ready for Year 6 and we cannot wait to see you step up and become the new role models of the elementary school. Thank you parents for all your support and dedication throughout the academic year.

Wishing everyone a fabulous summer holiday,
Year 5 Teachers



Kayla – Camp was the best! I got to face my fear of heights by trying zip lining and jumping off the Leap of Faith. I learned to be more outgoing with my friends instead of staying at home and watching T.V. or using social media.

Ian – My favorite part of Year 5 was when we went to Amped Trampoline Park because there I did my first ever basketball dunk. I also liked playing dodgeball because it was really fun and after that I dodged Marcus' shot by diving, which was super cool.

Tips for the Year 4

Klarissa – I want to tell the future year 4 students that Year 5 will be a filled with great experiences and that you will form many new memories here. I know you will enjoy Year 5 like how I did. Good luck next year!

Keira - I want to tell the future year 4 students that Year 5 is a fun year to be in. You should always persevere in learning new things. Some things to look forward to are camp, the trampoline park, and laughing with your friends and teachers in class. I am sure you will have a great time.



Nusaibah – Year 5 will be a very big part of your life. You will have amazing friends that will always be there for you. Moreover, wonderful teachers are always going to keep you company, so there is nothing to worry about. You should give your best effort in everything you do and always be proud of your work. If you take my suggestions, then Year 5 will always be a memorable experience that you will never forget.

Year 6 - Reflection

The Year 6s of 2017 - 2018 have gone out with a BANG! They are an amazing group of young people and have led the Elementary School as role models, school council members, play leaders, singers, performers, sports captains and much more. The Year 6 team are sad to see them move on, but look forward to hearing of their achievements in the High School.



Year 6 rounded out the year with three major celebrations: a graduation party at the Royal Chulan Hotel, organised by their parents; a pool party at school with their classmates and a touching Moving Up Assembly, celebrated with the whole Elementary School.

Also at the end of term, students showed off their presentation skills and reflected on their learning with their parents at Student-led conferences. Students were really mature and articulate, expressing their learning growth and development points extremely well. One parent said, 'You are teaching them so much, how am I supposed to give them tuition at home?'



'The pool party was amazing! I loved soaking my friends with our water guns and playing on all the floaties!' - by Hou Yienn

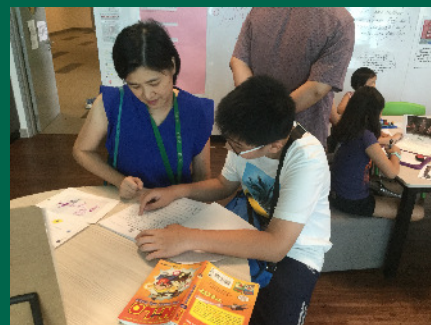
'We loved having so many parties!' - by Grace

'My favourite part of the end of Year 6 was our pool party because it was a once in a lifetime thing to have a pool party at school with all my friends.' - By Bo Wen

'The graduation party was amazing - my first ever graduation party to celebrate me and my friends. The carnival games and lucky draw were great fun!'

- By Hugo

"I was amazed by our students who gave speeches in front of all their peers and their families - it was so brave and heart-felt!" - by Mrs. Fedorowicz



Success for SJIIM at the World Mathematics Championships



After all of their hard work and tremendous achievements at the SEAMC qualifier in Manila earlier this year, four of our IB students, Daryl Ryan Chong, Peace Foo, Vu Minh Dang and Dang Khoa Pham Xuan, accepted invitations to the inaugural World Mathematics Championships at Trinity College in Melbourne, Australia. The week long competition was comprised of 12 rounds designed to test the best of the best in all of the skills categories that make a great mathematician – Knowledge, Strategy, Creativity, Challenge, Collaboration, Communication and Cooperation.

With an elite group who had all distinguished themselves in the qualifiers in Singapore, Manila, Beijing and Seoul, the competition was always going to be fierce. With the increase in the level of difficulty in the questions and the addition of 3 new rounds of competition, each competitor had to perform at their best to ensure success.



For the team from SJIIM, that success came in many forms:

- Peace Foo – Finalist for the Duel Round, Bronze Medal
- Dang Khoa Pham Xuan – Finalist for the Codebreaker Round
- Daryl Ryan Chong – Bronze Medalist for Strategy
- Vu Minh Dang – Finalist for the Codebreaker Round, Silver Medalist for Challenge, Silver Medalist for Creativity

With events like this, the greatest success comes from the experience of being part of the event. When the team members were asked what was the most enjoyable part of the WMC, Minh said it best: “I was able to make friends with so many people from so many different countries and that really made the experience very memorable. I learned a lot from the workshops and from interacting with the mentors and other competitors.”

Well done to Peace, Khoa, Daryl and Minh and we hope for even more success in the years to come!

Music Ensembles



What a year it has been for the SJIIM Music Department as music has infiltrated its way into more and more of our lives together. We have seen an increase in student involvement, including performances in formal concerts, pop-up performances around the school during breaks and pick-up/drop off times as well as in assemblies and presentation ceremonies. This term has been no different and we have seen the fruit of student commitment combined with carefully planned programmes

Sowing seeds for the future growth of our music ensembles in the school, this year the Year 7's were all provided with an instrument to loan and learn, flute, clarinet, trombone, trumpet or percussion. On 27th June 2018 at our HS Class Ensemble Concert we saw the first fruits of this immersion programme as the three Year 7 classes, the Year 7 Honours band and all the year 7's combined performed concert band repertoire demonstrating their growing technical ability on their instruments and their unity of purpose. In what other context would you see 60 year 7 students focused and united with a common goal, activating both hemispheres of their brains and strengthening the connections between them. This programme will form the backbone of our HS Concert Band in years to come.

Other class bands performing were the contemporary ensembles formed from year 9 class projects and a group of motivated year 8's who played a convincing rendition of the a video game theme. Prior to these we had the pleasure of being serenaded by both the HS Choir and String Ensemble demonstrating increased confidence and projection.



In a new initiative for High School assemblies this term we have had live musical performances as the student body arrive. This has set a wonderful tone for the remainder of the assembly and provided valuable opportunities for students to get performance experience and exhibit their talents and commitment. One of our performers, Chan Shao Yong, has been recognised outside of our school community as a finalist for the AIMS Young Musician of the Year competition.



We will enter the next academic year with musical momentum and ready to maintain a steady tempo as our students unite in expressing themselves with purpose and passion and we look forward to sharing that with you all.

SRC Carnival



On Friday, June 22nd, the High School Student Representative Council, SRC, hosted an end of year celebration for the HS students. This Carnival was not a fundraiser, rather it was designed to allow the student to come together and have fun.

The SRC had many different booths to chose from. There was a photo booth, ring toss, balloon darts and a life size Snakes and Ladders game. The basketball throw competition and FIFA game competition had prizes that were awarded in the HS Assembly. The teachers also got involved by being targets for the sponge toss and also sat in the drenching chair. Even the thunderstorm at the end did not dampen the students' good time. It just

became the source of more water.

Thank you to the SRC students for organizing the event as well as the teachers who came out to support the event. As you can see in the photos, the objective was met: fun was had by all.



Community Event



The end of year was particularly busy in SJIIM as we wished a fond farewell to Br. Thosmas. It was fantastic to see and hear the children celebrating Br.Thomas' contribution to our school.

The highlight were the school dance and a rendition of "The Lasallian Call," specially adapted for the occassion. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who attended to make the event so special. It was a fitting tribute to Br. Thomas and a true celebration of our Lasallian Community at SJIIM.

We wish Br. Thomas every good wish in his new venture safe in the knowledge that his legacy at SJIIM will be an enduring one.