

SJIIM Weekly Update

16 November 2018



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

Last week, I touched on the theme of Community and proposed that a Lasallian school community necessarily included not only the teachers and students but everyone who has access to the *children confided to our care*. Following this train of thought, it is right to view the cleaners, Security Guards, and other non-teaching staff as members of the extended Lasallian family as well.

I am pleased to share with you that last Saturday, some of our teachers offered an inaugural English Language acquisition lesson to the Security Guards. This effort is also being supported by the PSG – by providing tea and light snacks for our good guards during their tea break.

At the same time this week, I have been often asked what the Brothers were planning to do to commemorate the *Year of Lasallian Vocations* (which begins this Saturday <http://www.lasalle.org/en/2018/11/inauguration-of-the-lasallian-jubilee-year/>). I think that whatever we decide to do will be done as a Community, that is *Together and By Association*, and in union with the centre of the Institute, Rome. Already, so much is being initiated by various groups in the school – for instance, some ES teachers proposing a M.A.D. Lasallian [Make A Difference] gathering of teachers to explore educational opportunities for the less fortunate and marginalized children near SJIIM, the PSG will be rolling out a *Back to School Pack* for children at a small Lasallian School in Cambodia, HS students will be producing their annual *Community Project Video* for their selected Lasallian Country in preparation for the Christmas Season, Sodexo is going greener and donating their old tin cans and cardboard boxes to the *Trash for Cash Project*, a small gardening group hoping their produce can someday be put on the dining table at an orphanage, the many HS Year Group Camps with Service activities and so much more.

In short, there seems to be a growing movement (emerging systems and sub-systems, if you like) by parts of the whole **Community** towards some form of *direct* or *indirect Service* to others. And we must have **Faith** that these projects originate from a place where Love is at the centre of it all.

St John Baptist de La Salle, writing in his *Explanation of the Method of Mental Prayer* always reminded the Brothers to earnestly ask God to “set [their] hearts aflame with love for God and give [them] a burning love for [their] neighbours.” Surely, this is a sentiment that still rings true today!

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



Whole School Update

Swimming and Sports Update

Please see our Sports Website link at the end of the update to read about the school's swim meet that took place last weekend and football tournament on Wednesday, 14th November. Well done to all those that took part!

'NO Straw - Go Green' at our Dining Hall by Sodexo

In order to support the Go Green concept, the Sodexo team is currently using biodegradable straws instead of plastic straws, and using ice cream sticks to replace plastic stirrers. Soon, we will stop using plastic coffee lids as well and encourage staff to bring their SJIIM covered mug to purchase coffee/tea from the Dining Hall. Kindly refer to the NO Straw presentation slides [here](#) from Sodexo, let's commit to a Zero Waste Mind Set and save the environment!

KL Players

The KL Players would like to invite everyone to come and see our 2018 pantomime 'Aladdin'.

It is being performed at St Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia during the week commencing Monday 26th November. The show dates and times are as follows;

- Thursday 29th November - Show 1, 7:30 pm
- Friday 30th November - Show 2, 7:30 pm
- Saturday 1st December - Show 3 & 4, 1 pm and 6 pm
- Sunday 2nd December - Show 5, 2 pm

If you would like to purchase tickets please send an email to lwalton@sj-i-international.edu.my.

Tickets are RM70 for Adults and RM50 for Children.

Mandarin ICT Workshop 9th Nov

Please refer the slides [here](#) for the Mandarin ICT Workshop on 9th Nov.

Upcoming Mandarin Workshops

Date: 14th December 2018

Time: 8.15am -9.15am

Speaker: Prof. Aw

Venue: TBC

Audience: SJIIM Parents

Date: 15th December 2018

Time: 10.00am -12.00noon

Speaker: Prof. Aw & Dr Wong

Venue: TBC

Audience: Open for public

Back to School Pack - PSG

During the Christmas period, we will be encouraging students and families to support the 'Back to School Pack' project. This project is similar to the 'Shoe Box' project that we did last year, but we will be asking families to donate stationary for school children in a small Lasallian school in Cambodia. The PSG will be sharing more information about this in the near future.

Uniform:

Please see the poster [attached](#) regarding our Used Uniform Sale.

A SPECIAL PARENT WORKSHOP BY
ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA
(TRAFICIANA PJ CAMPUS)

**CONNECTING 21ST CENTURY
LEARNING AND CHINESE LANGUAGE**

DATE: 15 December 2018
TIME: 10 am - 12 noon
VENUE: St. Joseph's Institution International
School Malaysia (Traficiana PJ Campus)

Chinese Language learning in the 21st century has reached an exciting point where the advancement of technology is changing the way our children learn. The focus of this workshop is to introduce the application of ICT in teaching and transforming children's learning skills.

Workshop Presenters

PROF. AW GUAI POH 吳桂寶教授
Prof. Aw Guai Poh is the Head of Department for the Asian Languages & Cultures department in the National Institute of Education (NIE) Singapore. She specializes in the teaching and learning of Chinese as a second language, teacher education, children's literature as well as Singapore Chinese Women's literature. Prof. Aw is an active practitioner in Singapore who works together with teachers from preschools, primary and secondary schools in the teaching and research of Chinese language.

DR. WONG LUNG HWANG 黃志強教授
Dr. Wong Lung Hwang is a senior Research Scientist in the Office of Education Research (OER) in the National Institute of Education (NIE) Singapore. He specializes in computer-supported collaborative learning, seamless learning, student-generated design and technology-enhanced language learning.

For potential parents who are keen to attend, kindly RSVP with Ms. Jin line at lwalton@sj-i-international.edu.my by 12 December 2018.

Elementary School Update

Emergent Readers Parent Meeting

This Tuesday, the drama room was packed with Year 1 and 2 parents eagerly learning how to support their children with reading at home. A big thank you to Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Davar for leading the session with so much enthusiasm. The teachers role-played how to support and read with students, and gave parents guiding questions. At the end, parents had a go in their own groups practising these important skills. Well done to the parents for trying something new. The key takeaway from the session was that most important aspect of supporting your child is to encourage a LOVE of reading!



KS2 Parents Reading Meeting

Next week, Ms Ho - our KS2 Literacy leader - will be hosting a meeting about developing and supporting KS2 children's reading at home. This meeting will be for the parents of students in Years 3 - 6 and will take place on Wednesday 21st November at 8:15 in the Drama room

New York Marathon

Ms. McCusker from 6S is back with us after successfully completing the New York Marathon in 4 hours and 12 minutes! Ms. McCusker was running in support of a charity funding Lupus research. The New York Marathon efforts raised over US \$38,000 for the organisation. Please join us in congratulating Ms. McCusker - she is an inspiration to her students and all of us!



Elementary School Update

World Children's Day - 19th November

This will be a day to celebrate kindness at SJIIM. All year groups will be undertaking activities that share kindness amongst the children and staff. Some year groups will be organising charity events such as Bake Sales and collecting donations for our local orphanage. Other year groups will be showing Random Acts of Kindness throughout the day and working collaboratively to fill our school with kindness. Please see Class Dojo for more updates about World Children's Day - we hope that your child will share what they did for this special day with you.



Coffee Morning with Mrs Quigley for EYFS Parents

Please do join us for this informal coffee morning, see the [link](#) for further information.

International Day celebration - Friday 23rd November

Next Friday the children will be asked to come to school wearing the colours of the country their year group is studying, e.g. red, blue and white for the United Kingdom, clothing themed to the country of their class or their home country's traditional dress. If you are unsure about the clothing of the year group, please contact your class teacher.

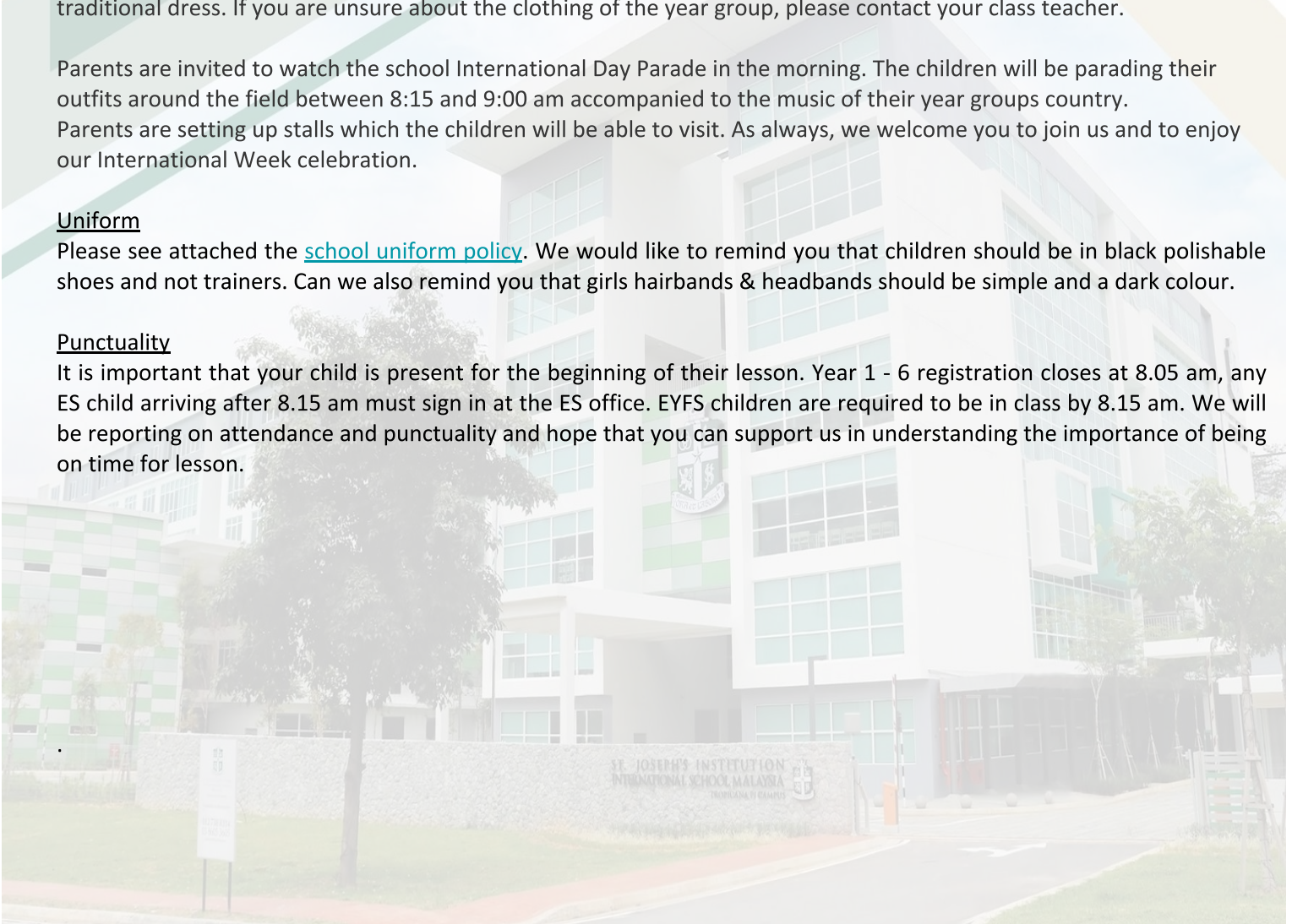
Parents are invited to watch the school International Day Parade in the morning. The children will be parading their outfits around the field between 8:15 and 9:00 am accompanied to the music of their year groups country. Parents are setting up stalls which the children will be able to visit. As always, we welcome you to join us and to enjoy our International Week celebration.

Uniform

Please see attached the [school uniform policy](#). We would like to remind you that children should be in black polishable shoes and not trainers. Can we also remind you that girls hairbands & headbands should be simple and a dark colour.

Punctuality

It is important that your child is present for the beginning of their lesson. Year 1 - 6 registration closes at 8.05 am, any ES child arriving after 8.15 am must sign in at the ES office. EYFS children are required to be in class by 8.15 am. We will be reporting on attendance and punctuality and hope that you can support us in understanding the importance of being on time for lesson.



High School Update

Service Camps

On Friday 16th November, students from Year 7 returned from their Service Camp. Despite students having visited this location before, the vast majority of the year group attended. We hope the students had a great time but also reflect on the way that their participation in the trip has helped others, developed their character and reflected the values that are important to us at SJIM. I would like to thank all of the students, parents, Heads of Year and teachers from Years 7, 8 and 9 who have supported us by participating in these trips, or by making donations of clothes, toys, games and books. Your contribution is highly valued.

High School Subject Departments Open Afternoon

Following on from the successful Student-Led Conference event, on the afternoon of Thursday 29th November the High School Subject Departments will be opening up their classrooms for parents to come and meet the teachers. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's teachers and learn more about the subjects taught at SJIM. The afternoon will commence at 12.30pm with a short presentation explaining the event and giving an overview of the Term 1 reports and new login details. Please click [here](#) for the full schedule.

Scholarship Information Session

There will be a Scholarship Information Session on the 23rd of November from 3.30pm-4.30pm. We would like to encourage everyone who are interested to apply for the IBDP Scholarship to attend. As we have limited seats for this session, please register your attendance using our google form [here](#). Thank you.

High School Term 1 reports

Term 1 reports will be published on Friday 14th December 2018. These will be in a different format and style. New login details will be issued at the start of December along with a step by step guide, screencast guide and parent workshop dates.

World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions

Best of luck to our World Scholar's Cup team who left this week to attend the Tournament of Champions at Yale University, USA. Over a year ago, these students joined the World Scholar's Cup CCA and their appearance at this esteemed competition is a testament to their hard work, commitment and dedication.

Junior Division

Allison, Hui Xin, Yee
Meagan Motha
Kwang Wei Tan
Zhen Yi Tan
Jeslyn Sophia, Yan Ching, Goh
Jarebb, Sze-Chun, Gan

Senior Division

Ying Xuan Chong
Rachel, Li Jue, Ong
Kelynn Lee



High School Update

High School Christmas Concert

Come gather with our community on 12th December from 4:15pm - 5:30pm as we celebrate the Christmas Season with music performances as well as the chance to raise your voices and sing along.

Performances by HS Orchestra, Concert Band, Choir, Drama Group, Duets and Soloists.

Please follow this link to secure your tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sjiim-hs-christmas-concert-tickets-52297668735>

Student Representative Council - Halloween Event

Huge congratulations and thanks to our SRC for organising a wonderful Halloween event. The event, which took place on Friday 9th November, featured a terrifying ghost house experience, a Neon Frights disco, games booths and fancy dress. It was a great opportunity for the students to come together as a community. We look forward to the next event organised by our dedicated SRC.

Student Representative Council Applications

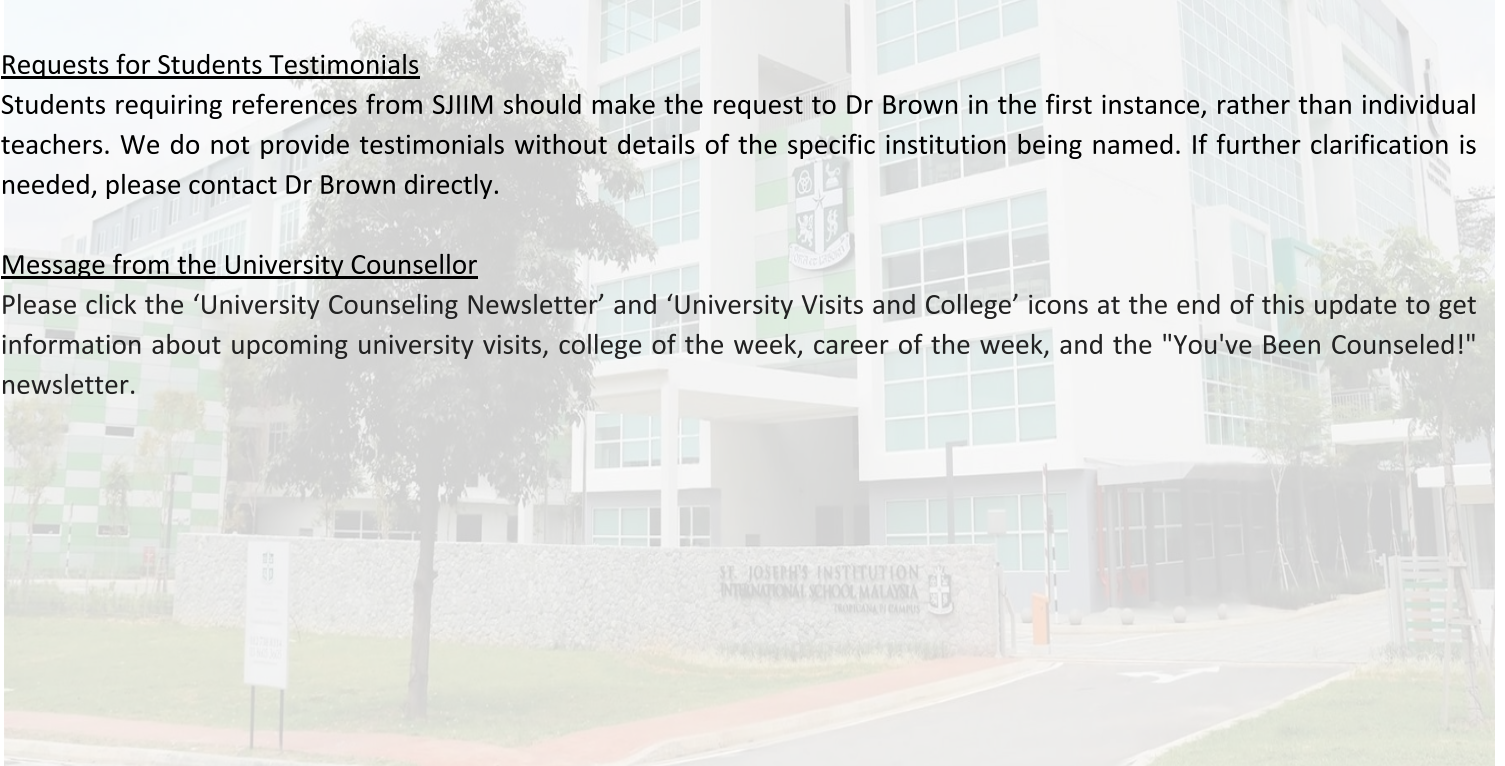
Applications for next year's SRC are now live. Students can apply to be a member of the SRC through the SRC Student Portal. The closing date for applications for students in Years 7, 8 and 10 is the 25th November. The closing date for applications for students in Years 9 and 12 is the 28th November. Being a member of the SRC is a great way to make a contribution to the school community and demonstrate civic virtues.

Requests for Students Testimonials

Students requiring references from SJIIM should make the request to Dr Brown in the first instance, rather than individual teachers. We do not provide testimonials without details of the specific institution being named. If further clarification is needed, please contact Dr Brown directly.

Message from the University Counsellor

Please click the 'University Counseling Newsletter' and 'University Visits and College' icons at the end of this update to get information about upcoming university visits, college of the week, career of the week, and the "You've Been Counseled!" newsletter.



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Christmas Bazaar](#)

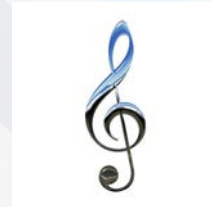


[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA website](#)

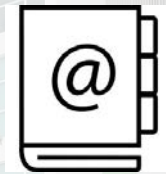
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