

SJIIM Weekly Update

23 November 2018



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

Two men, centuries apart – St John Baptist de La Salle and Venerable Brother James / Santiago Miller, FSC. Both *talked the talk and walked the Lasallian walk*; the latter even unto death as a martyr.

The much hyped, much anticipated Lasallian Jubilee Year which commemorates the Tercentenary of St John Baptist de La Salle's completion of his earthly life is upon us [click [here](#) for further reading]. Also, a free downloadable Lasallian font courtesy of La Salle University, Mexico can be found at <http://indivisafont.org/>



Another piece of celebratory news happened on 9 November. The Vatican has approved the beatification of Venerable Brother James / Santiago Miller, FSC who was killed on February 13, 1982, in Guatemala. Brother James was repairing a wall at the De La Salle Indian School when he was approached by three men, who shot and killed him. His brief story can be found [here](#).

As we celebrate these two events, it is always good for the dutiful Lasallian not to be lost in a *triumphalist mindset*, but rather to ask whether we 'walk the Lasallian talk' that we often like to talk about. In other words, it is always good to challenge ourselves if we are indeed doing all that we say we do, as enshrined in our school's Mission Statement: *Enabling people to learn how to learn, and to learn how to live, empowering them to become people of integrity and people for others.* And perhaps this challenges us to be brave to change what needs changing!

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



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Whole School Update

Parent Partnership Group Meeting

The meeting which was supposed to happen this morning has been postponed to 7th December. Please send any issues to the respective year group reps.

'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 (**SOLD OUT**)

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.

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

A SPECIAL PARENT WORKSHOP BY
ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA
(TRADICIANA ET CAMPER)

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

DATE: 10 December 2018
TIME: 10 am - 12 noon
VENUE: St. Joseph's Institution International
School Malaysia (Tropicana P2 Campus)

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

Workshop Presenters

PROF. AW GUAN POH 吳冠培教授
Prof. Aw Guan 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 HSIANG 黃志強教授
Dr. Wong Lung Hsiang 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, scenario learning, student-generated design and technology-enhanced language learning.

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

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.

Elementary School Update

International Day

What a fantastic day we have had! I would like to thank all the parents who have supported our International Day. We have had many parents creating stalls, games, preparing food and memorabilia for our children to enjoy. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and have had a fun filled day prepared by the teachers. Please ask your children what has been their favourite part of the day. Here are some pictures of the children working collaboratively with other year groups to share information about their country. Please see Class Dojo for more pictures.



Kindness Day

SJIM celebrated Kindness Day on the 19th November with a variety of activities across each year group, all demonstrating the virtues of kindness in a unique way. 4S organised a bake sale as their act of kindness, in order to raise money to adopt an endangered Malaysian animal supporting the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) in Malaysia. The bake sale was a huge success, with the children raising RM900, which has enabled them to symbolically adopt not one but THREE endangered animals through the WWF. The children have chosen to symbolically adopt a Malaysian Tiger, a Sea Turtle and an Orangutan. A fantastic achievement 4S, and may thanks to our amazing parents for the support of our act of kindness.

Elementary School Update

Advent Service:

There will be an Advent Service on Friday 30th November at 3.30-4.00 in the Black Box. Parents are welcome to attend. Children who attend the Catholic CCA will lead the service.

Parent Partnership Group Meeting

This has been postponed until 7th December- please send any issues to your class representative. Please can I remind parents that the class group email is to be used for all correspondence regarding the PPG. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

School Security

Following the recent incident in Tropicana Avenue I would like to assure parents that the school has reviewed its security procedures and have put some additional precautions in place. The Guards were given further briefing from the Head of Security at Tropicana and I have met with parents and staff and taken on board many of their suggestions. Parents can also help play a part and we would like to remind you of the following:

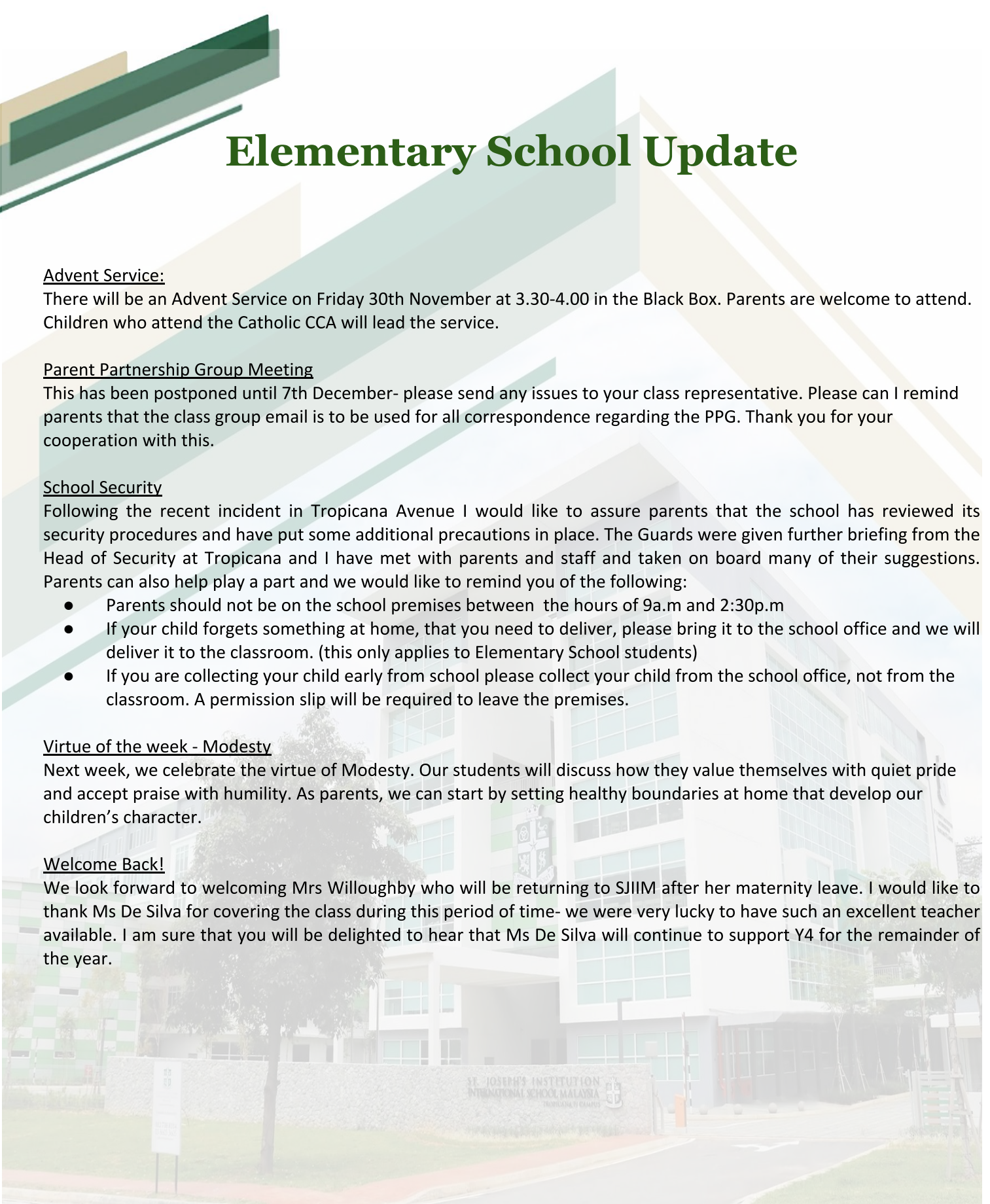
- Parents should not be on the school premises between the hours of 9a.m and 2:30p.m
- If your child forgets something at home, that you need to deliver, please bring it to the school office and we will deliver it to the classroom. (this only applies to Elementary School students)
- If you are collecting your child early from school please collect your child from the school office, not from the classroom. A permission slip will be required to leave the premises.

Virtue of the week - Modesty

Next week, we celebrate the virtue of Modesty. Our students will discuss how they value themselves with quiet pride and accept praise with humility. As parents, we can start by setting healthy boundaries at home that develop our children's character.

Welcome Back!

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Willoughby who will be returning to SJIIM after her maternity leave. I would like to thank Ms De Silva for covering the class during this period of time- we were very lucky to have such an excellent teacher available. I am sure that you will be delighted to hear that Ms De Silva will continue to support Y4 for the remainder of the year.



High School Update

SRC Elections

At SJIIM, we have a thriving Student Representative Council who have been responsible for organising some wonderful events (most recently The Haunting) and other student led initiatives. Deadlines for next year's SRC are approaching so, any student wanting to get involved and represent their year group, should apply through the student portal. For Years 7, 8 and 10, the deadline is Sunday 25th November. For Year 9, the deadline is Tuesday the 27th November.

For the first time at SJIIM, students from Years 7 and 8 are invited to apply. As a school, we place great value on student voice and the development of leadership. In addition to that, this is an opportunity for students to make a valuable contribution to the school community and shape the day to day experience of others.

Submitted by Tzu Kit (Y13 Philosophy at SJIIM)

In the fashion of ancient Greek philosophers preaching about Philosophy (where they're actually paid just to share ideas!), The Philosophy Lunch Sit Ins were hosted in the cafeteria every day of the week to engage students in philosophy by imparting some provoking thoughts distilled from thought-provoking ideas. The discussions thus far included introductions to Chinese Philosophy, Existential Philosophy and the powerful ideas of Friedrich Nietzsche. We certainly hoped this would strip away Philosophy's seemingly-intimidating reputation, by inviting students to be in conversation with humanity's greatest thinkers and their grand ideas. We hope philosophical thinking and inquiry would eventually become a norm as it would arguably be a necessary foundation for a well designed society of the future.



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 SJIIM. 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.

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 singalong. 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>

High School Update

World Scholar's Cup

Well done to all of our students who competed at the World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions at Yale University in the USA. We are very proud of your efforts and delighted that those efforts were rewarded with medals. It is a fantastic opportunity to compete at such a prestigious university. I would also like to thank all of the parents and teachers who have supported the team through every stage of the competition. We begin again in the new year with a regional round that is due to take place in March before heading off to Beijing for the Global Round. Any students interested in joining the team should speak to Mr Cairns. All are welcome!



House Spirit Week

This week, our new House Captains, Senior Vice Captains and Junior Vice Captains got the chance to organise their Houses in preparation for House Spirit Week which will start on the 26th November. Well done to them! On Thursday afternoon, House points will be up for grabs when we have a SJIM House Dodgeball Competition. As well as that, students were tasked with creating a short video showing what the School Rally means to their House. The winning House will be the one that shows the most House and School Spirit!

China - Xi'an Educational Trip, 10-16th April 2019

HS Chinese Language Department is pleased to announce that we are organising a Cultural Exchange Programme for students in years **Year 8, 9, 10 and 12** to Xi'an, China on 10th - 16th April 2019. Although this trip is an optional trip, we strongly recommend that students participate in it. The educational objectives of the trip are to build up and nurture an interest in learning and to explore Chinese Culture. Please view our letter to parents [here](#).

U18 Lasallian Sports Exchange

Please come and support our students playing against St Joseph's International Singapore. The football match tomorrow is from 9.30am-12.30pm.

CLASH OF THE SAINTS
LASALLIAN EXCHANGE
SJIM VS SJIS

FRI 23 NOV | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
SAT 24 NOV | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
VENUE: SJIM SPORTS FIELD & MPM

SJIM High School welcomes the football and volleyball teams of St Joseph's Institution International, Singapore to the Lasallian Exchange, which SJIM is hosting for the first time. To reciprocate the warm welcome SJIS gave us last year, please join us at the matches featuring our Year 8 - 15 boys & girls teams. All are welcome, parents and students, to cheer on both teams. GO SAINTS!

Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Christmas Bazaar](#)

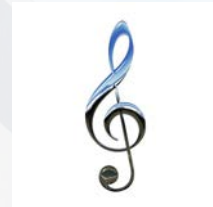


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