

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 30 November 2018



### Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

In the Christian tradition around this time, the Church marks a period of waiting and preparation - waiting for the time of celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas. This period of waiting is called *Advent* and is divided into 4 weeks with 4 themes. The theme for the first week is *God's people looking to the future with hope*. This sense of waiting with excitement and anticipation (and not dread, hopefully) is a sentiment that is rich for personal reflection. We could perhaps ask: what are we waiting for? How do we feel while we wait? Do we like or dislike waiting?

While we wait and while we prepare, I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to all to support the Parents Support Group's *Solidarity Christmas Bag Project*. This project is similar to the Shoe Box project from last year, but we will be asking families to donate much needed books and stationery for **Elementary School Children** at a small Lasallian school in Pouthum, Cambodia.

So, it's a time of waiting and preparation - waiting for more Brothers to arrive, waiting for a new Brother President, waiting for Christmas (and the Christmas break!) to come etc... What else might we be waiting for?

I will leave, as usual, the last thought to St John Baptist de La Salle, who no doubt, seemed to have been able to sense our impatience many years ago. Perhaps the reassuring sentiments of his letter of 1709 can calm us down as we wait, and wait with **Lasallian hope**. De La Salle reminds us to "*Leave the result in God's hands*" (Letter 11 - to Brother Hubert [probably at Chartres]: 20 July 1709).

Happy Advent!

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC  
Brother Director



### SANTA'S SOLIDARITY CHRISTMAS BAG

The **De La Salle Brothers** established Lasalle Pothum in 2011 to educate poor Cambodian and migrant Vietnamese children. And, the local community is beginning to appreciate the value of **education - the gift that keeps giving**. Today, Lasalle Pothum has 187 children between the ages of 4-6 years old. This Christmas, PSG is inviting contributions from our SJIIM children to help these early years scholars. PSG is aiming to provide every child with a Christmas gift bag of stationery, art materials and play aids. To support this Cambodian effort, just prepare a gift bag (about A4 size) filled with their school favorites, decorate the bag and pop in a note, drawing or gift tag. Besides **187 Santa Solidarity Gift Bags**, we also welcome toys, early years readers and educational games.

For more information, please contact the Parent's Support Group.  
St Joseph's Institution International Malaysia : [psg@sj-international.edu.my](mailto:psg@sj-international.edu.my)

**Contributions to the Santa's Solidarity Christmas Bag project can be delivered to the Lasallian Centre from 4 - 15 Dec 2018.**





# Whole School Update

## KL Players Pantomime - Aladdin

There are tickets remaining for the pantomime, Aladdin. Please contact Ms Laura Walton at [lwalton@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:lwalton@sjj-international.edu.my) in the HS if you would like a ticket. RM70 Adult, RM50 Child.

Shows remaining:

Friday 30th November - Show 2, 7:30 pm

Saturday 1st December - Show 3 & 4, 1pm and 6pm

## CCA End

All CCAs will finish on Friday 7th December.

## Parent Partnership Group Meeting

The next meeting will take place on 7th December (8-9am). Please send any issues to the respective year group reps.

## Drop Off

As you are aware we have further increased our security in and around the school. One of the consequences of this is the traffic jam at the entrance to the school in the mornings. We understand that this has upset many parents this week. We are looking at longer term solutions but in the meantime parents can also play their part in helping alleviate the situation:

1. Please do not drop off your child outside the school gate. All parents are increasingly frustrated as it makes the jam considerably worse.
2. Please do not park your car outside the school. We were horrified to hear that one car was parked in this lane and the driver was asleep!
3. In some instances the parent card does not work through tinted windows. This is why it helps if the windows are lowered. If this is the case please do be prepared in advance.
4. Please let cars out of the school gate and do not block the exits. Parents reported that they were reluctant to do this as other parents who were in the middle lane would jump in front of them. Please do show respect and consideration towards other parents. This is not a very good display of the schools' values being demonstrated in front of the children.

## School Shop operating hours during term break

Please take note of our School Shop operating hours during the term break as follows :

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
20.12.18	10am-2pm
21.12.18	10am-2pm
28.12.18	10am-2pm
03.01.19	10am-2pm
04.01.19	10am-2pm

2019/20 Calendar is available via this [link](#)

# Elementary School Update

## Mr Higgins' baby

On Sunday 25th November Mr Higgins and his wife Michelle welcomed their daughter, Matilda into the world. We would like to send our love and well wishes to Mr & Mrs Higgins. Another baby girl to join our St Joseph's family!

## Parent gmail Vs Whatsapp

Please can we remind parents to use their school gmail accounts as a way of communicating with each other. The gmail allows all parents to be a part of the class community to share ideas, plans and messages with one another.

## Parents at school

Please can we remind parents that they should not be in the school canteen during the children's snack and lunchtime. As a continued part of our security we would appreciate that parents follow this procedure.

## Christmas Show Tickets

Tickets for the Christmas Productions are now available in the ES Office. Tickets for each show are RM15 and Ms Mei would appreciate the correct change when purchasing the tickets!

Show times are as follows:

Year 1 and 2 - Thursday 13 December, 9am

Year 3 and 4 - Thursday 13 December, 5.30pm

Year 5 and 6 - Friday 14 December, 5.30pm

No tickets are required for the Early Years show on Friday 7 December, 9am.

## Thank you from Early Years!



The Early Years would like to thank the Year 6 parents for donating the amazing hobbit house they made for International Week. It has found a place in the Early Years outside area, and is very popular in the children's play. It turns out it's a perfect place for a pretend picnic!!





# 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 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>

## Congratulations to Joey Chee - Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards



Last week **Joey Chee** attended the prestigious 'Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards' where she received the award for the best 'International Mathematics IGCSE' performance in Malaysia. This award recognises her talent, dedication and commitment to learning and her excellent approach to her studies. Joey's very impressive overall contribution to school life also reinforces that our school's values of character and community can contribute to academic success.

The ceremony itself was held in Subang Jaya with the guest of honour being Ahmad Lofti bin Zubi, Deputy Director, Private Education Division, Ministry of Education Malaysia, who delivered a very interesting speech.

Once again, congratulations to Joey and I am sure that she will continue to excel in her studies, and hopefully we will see some more of our students celebrating similar successes in the future.

## Term 1 reports Login Details.

The High School will be using a new reporting programme called Managebac. The reports will be issued on their portal on 14th December. Please click [here](#) to access a short video and 'How To Guide' on how to set up access to this portal and create a password. An email from Managebac will then arrive on Monday 3rd December at 9am providing the link to set up a password. **This email is only active for 24 hours.** Several drop in sessions are also available in school.

**When:** 8am to 9am. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

**Where:** High School Conference Room/ Lounge (Beside the High School Office).

## Message from Mr Anton Bush (IGCSE Coordinator)

It is a pleasure to announce that Mr Joseph O'Connor will be taking on extra pastoral responsibility within the year 10 and 11 team. I would like to thank Mr O'Connor for all of his work with 10L and I look forward to working with him as we support and guide the students through their 'IGCSE' years.





# High School Update

## Student Representative Council Elections

On Monday, students in the High School will vote to elect their new SRC President. Four candidates will take to the stage during assembly and deliver speeches to the High School. We wish the Presidential candidates the best of luck. In addition to that, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are also in the process of presenting speeches to their peers in the hope of gaining a place on the SRC. It takes a lot of courage to put yourself forward and we appreciate the efforts of all thirty seven students who applied to be on the SRC this year. We will announce the results of the SRC elections before the Christmas holidays.

## House Spirit Week

On Thursday afternoon, students took part in a SJIIM House Dodgeball Competition. The students had lots of fun participating, cheering on their Houses and showing their House spirit. Congratulations to Miguel who took first place in the competition. More points are up for grabs though as students continue to produce their short video entries 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

We are pleased to announce that 30 students have signed up for the Xi'an Trip and all places are taken up. Thank you for the overwhelming response.

For students who has signed up for this trip, please submit the Parental Consent Form, Medical Form and provide quality copies of their IC and Passport ID pages to any Chinese Language teachers by Monday 10 Dec. More details will be given about the trip during a parent meeting in March.





# Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Christmas Bazaar](#)

[PSG International Week](#)

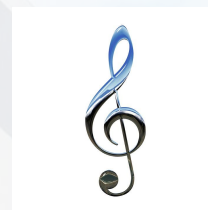


[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA website](#)

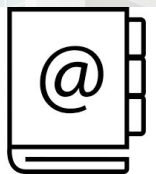
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