

SJIIM Weekly Update

25 January 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

It is often said – half jokingly, I'm sure – that we are getting quite good at '*talking the talk*' instead of '*walking the talk*'!

My conversations with the 4 students who returned from the 28th National Lasallian Youth Convention (on Lasallian fire, no doubt!) all centred around the above; around the ever constant challenge to '*walk the talk*' instead of just '*talking the talk*'. In other words, we must have integrity to do what we say we will do as Lasallians in a Lasallian school, the 4 student post-conventioners reminded me.

Well, *Together and By Association*, 99 Lasallians in the school community quite literally *ran the talk* at the recently concluded 12 Hour Run. Organized by Ms Kathy Smyth, and assisted by Zuriel Gan (Year 12) and her team, many thanks must be given to all who participated and also to our Security Guards for keeping the runners safe throughout the night.

This annual run is always held in aid of a Lasallian Project somewhere in the world via SECOLI (click [here](#) for more information) – our central organization based in Rome that contributes 100% of each dollar raised to the beneficiary.

This year a rural Lasallian boarding school in Karameno, Kenya was selected as the beneficiary of the 12 Hour Run. Brother Raoul Traore, FSC from SECOLI described the school:

The school opened its doors to students in January 2016, and this year is the third year of operations with 123 resident students. Courses are based on an innovative educational model, coupling instruction with a hands-on apprenticeship working on the school's cultivated plots and with livestock. They seek support for bedroom equipment and Kitchen & Dining room equipment.

In previous years, we raised around RM25,000. It is hoped that we will exceed this amount for our Lasallian friends in Kenya.



(from Left to Right: Starting off, Mr McKeown - new lap record holder, Ms Smyth - chief organiser and inspirator, post-run group photo)

Talk the talk? Walk the Talk? Let's Run the Talk!

Yours in De La Salle,
Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



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Whole School Update

2019 Chinese New Year Celebrations

We are delighted to invite you to our Chinese New Year celebrations on the 1st February 2019. Students are encouraged to dress up in Traditional Chinese costumes or wear all red on that day.

CNY Activities:

1. Chinese Cultural Activities at the foyer 10.30am – 3.10pm

- Tang Yuan (Glutinous Rice Balls)
- Nian Gao (Sticky rice cake)
- CNY Cookies
- Chinese Calligraphy
- Traditional Chinese Games
- Chinese Dumpling
- Chinese paper cutting
- Chopstick challenge
- Lantern Riddles
- Tea Ceremony

2. A Lion Dance will be performed for the students in the MPH at 2.00pm

Half term break/CNY break

Half term break is on 4-10 February. At the same time, all of our school's offices will be closed due to the Chinese New Year festive. We will resume on 11 February.

CCA

CCAs will start on Monday **28th January**.

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

Improving Security:

Following a number of meetings with parents on how best to improve the security of the school site we are introducing a new initiative. After Chinese New Year all parents entering the school between the hours of 8.30am and 2.00pm will be asked to park in the outside visitors car park - NOT the basement car park. They will then be required to sign in at the main desk and then report to the respective school offices. Parents should not be on the school premises during these hours unless it is for exceptional circumstances. Should it be raining parents will be permitted to park in the lane near the pitch so that they can use the shelter. We hope that this will be welcomed and supported by parents. We all endeavour to keep our children safe at all times.

Whole School Update

School Uniform

We would like to ask parents for their support in the implementation of our uniform policy. The uniform guidelines are enforced within school but uniform enforcement is a collaboration between the school and parents. Parents are requested to check the uniform of their child/children. The uniform guidelines are currently being clarified to ensure the phrasing is not ambiguous. A reminder of some main areas that we have noticed:

Hair:

- All long hair should be tied back
- Dyed hair is not allowed
- Haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other children. This includes the shaving of letters, logos or names into child's hair, Mohicans, steps/undercuts. Hair cannot be shorter than a number 2.

Jewellery:

On health and safety grounds the only items of jewellery we allow children to wear in our school are small single stud earrings and watches.

Shoes:

Canvas shoes are not allowed to be worn. Black polishable shoes must be worn. This can include PLAIN black polishable leather sports shoes without logos.

If ES children wear their PE kit to school as they have PE in the morning they may wear their trainers. However they must bring their school shoes to change into for the afternoon.

An example :

Shirts:

Parents have also asked for clarification about the school shirt. The striped shirt is designed to be worn outside the shorts. It does not need to be tucked in. In the HS the white shirt worn on Mondays does need to be tucked in.



We would like to thank you in advance for your support in implementing our policy.



Elementary School Update

Sports Day

We look forward to seeing you and your children at Sports Day tomorrow (26th January). Details have been shared on Class Dojo. As a reminder, please ensure that your child wears their house colours, suitable sports shoes and a school hat. Students should apply sun cream at home in the morning and bring plenty of water! When students arrive on Saturday, they will report to their class teacher on the field to be registered.

The times are as follows:

EY / Year 1 and 2: Arrive at 8:00 am on the field, finish at 9:30

Year 3 and 4: Arrive at 9:45, finish at 11:15

Year 5 and 6: Arrive at 11:30, finish at 1:15

We apologise for the late notice of the timing of the different events but 50 new children started at SJIIM in January. We were unable to predict that we would have so many children and have to change our day to ensure that the children are safe. In future years we will use an alternative venue (like the HS) so that all of the children can take part in the Sports Day together.

Birthdays

We are happy that children are celebrating their birthdays with their friends at school. However, we have noticed recently that some children have been bringing in gifts, bags of sweets, etc for their whole class or year group. We would like to politely remind you that the school policy is that students may bring in one small cupcake or healthy treat, such as fruit, (one parent sent in fruit kebabs which were a huge hit with the children!) for each member of their class if they wish, not the whole year group. This is in keeping with our Lasallian values and will encourage children to show the Virtues of **gratitude** and **moderation**.

Virtues - Flexibility

The current Virtue in the ES is **Flexibility**. Flexibility is one's openness to change and willingness to listen to the points of views held by others. As we become more flexible we are better able find creative solutions and improve ourselves.

Reports

Your child's report will be available today at 3:30 pm. If your child is in Year 1 - 6, you will have to access the Parent Portal to download your child's report. If you are unable to access the Parent Portal, please do contact our IT Helpdesk (helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my). Should you wish to discuss the report please email the teachers directly for an appointment.

For our Early Years children (Nursery & Reception), your child's report will be emailed directly to your family Gmail account.

Waiting for High School Siblings and Late Children

A reminder to all parents - especially parents of Year 6 students:

All Elementary students who are waiting for High School siblings **MUST** wait in the After School Care Club (ASCC). This is a health and safety issue. Elementary students are not allowed to be unsupervised on campus. Also, if parents are late to collect their children in the afternoon, staff will bring students to the ASCC for collection.

Parent Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the new parents who came to the coffee morning with Mrs. Quigley last week. We are so happy to welcome you into our community. We hope to see you all upcoming PSG Coffee Mornings - more details will follow.



High School Update

Trainee IB Coordinators and District Supervisors from Korea Visit SJIIM

Following a very successful two days' visit in school last week by 10 teachers from Daegu, South Korea, who were training to become IB teachers, we hosted an additional 10 teachers from the same school district on Tuesday this week. These teachers had just completed their IB training to become IBDP and IBMYP Coordinators in their public school district. They were joined by 4 supervisors who will be responsible for ensuring the successful implementation of the PYP, MYP and Diploma Programme across their district. It was a pleasure to be able to share our experience and successes with the IB programme and to give service in a way that will impact other schools and students outside of Malaysia in this way.

Information Session on Applying to Universities Worldwide

Ms. Julie Davidson has now joined SJIIM to provide college and careers counselling to students, following her previous work for the United World College (Dover Campus) in Singapore. If students would like to make an appointment with her, or have any questions, they can reach her on juliedavidson@sj-international.edu.my. Students can also drop in to see her in school in her office in the IB Student Wellbeing Centre, located next to the IB Lounge.

On Tuesday, **29 January at 5pm** in the Auditorium, she will be leading a session for students and parents in Year 12 to introduce the process of applying to universities worldwide. In this, she will give an overview of the application process in some of the more popular country destinations for students, and will describe the range of universities from liberal arts colleges to those with more focused degrees in specific disciplines. All parents and students in Year 12 are most welcome. Her talk will be followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

IBDP Scholarship

Year 11 SJIIM students are invited to apply for our IBDP scholarships which close on this Sunday, 27 January 2019. Now that you are done with your mock exams, you can have a look at our application materials here:

<https://www.sji-international.edu.my/ibdp-scholarship-programme/>.

We look forward to receiving your applications by 11.59pm this Sunday. If you have any questions, please feel free to write to scholarships@sj-international.edu.my.

IGCSE Exam Preparation and Service Trip

Well done to our Year 11 students who recently completed their mock exams. The students clearly prepared well and worked extremely hard during the exams. The results of these exams will be shared next week. In preparation for the IGCSE summer exams there will be a session for parents and students on **Tuesday 12 February at 4:45pm** in the Auditorium. This session will include advice on:

- Revision Strategies
- Managing workload
- Successfully navigating the exam period
- What to do when you get your results

This session is designed to help students to prepare for the SLCs which will be held in the following week. The evening will be combined with an information session for the Year 11 service trip to Cambodia which will be running in June.

Year 13 Mock Examinations

The Year 13 students successfully completed their mock examinations this week. These will help the students to prepare well for the final exams in May, and to understand their current strengths and weaknesses in relation to these papers. The students worked really hard to prepare for these, and can be commended on their efforts. The results will be published for students and parents in the mock exam report on 1 February.

High School Update

Year 7 Honours Band

In Term 1 and for the remainder of the year, all the Year 7 students are learning a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument that they have not previously learned.

In honour of the efforts of students who demonstrated excellent progress and commitment last term a number of students have been invited to be members of our the SJIIM Honours Band. Students participating in the Honours Band meet for additional rehearsals each week and have extra performance opportunities.

We want to congratulate these students and are looking forward to sharing the students musical talents with you in the New Year as we work towards our Class Ensembles concert in Term 3.

Tjun Eu Lai	7K	Sheane Hor	7M
Rui Qic Yang	7K	Alyssa Kong	7M
Mike Liu	7K	Andrea Alaimo	7M
Louise Dumpor	7K	Tyler Greiss	7M
Kaylyn Goh	7K	Jiwon Choi	7M
Lara Gan	7K	Pierre Donsimoni-Windley	7M
Bernice Lau	7K	Li Xin Ng	7Y
Shaun Wan	7K	Amira Catherine Marcellus	7Y
Melody Lee	7L	Ronan Koh	7Y
Rayden Lim	7L	Elijah Lim	7Y
Adeline Goh	7L	Sadie Im	7L

12 Hour Run

The third SJIIM 12 Hour Run took place last weekend from Friday evening until Saturday morning. The 99 participating runners, comprising 14 teachers and 85 students, ran a total of 2,282 laps. Congratulations to all runners and especially to Mr Allan McKeown on his record-breaking 66 laps and to this year's top student runner, Justin Hew, for his 50 laps.

We would like to thank parents for their support; for allowing your children to participate in the event, for sponsoring the students and, especially, for coming to school on Friday evening or Saturday morning to lend support to the runners by your actual presence. The funds raised will help refurbish an old school in Kenya which is now a Lasallian school. Please do encourage your children to collect their sponsor money as quickly as possible.

Year 7 One Day Trip

Languages, Science, Humanities and Art Department are organizing a one-day trip to Paddy Processing Factory & Gallery and Dorani Homestay for Year 7 students on **Tuesday, 19th February**.

Students will visit a number of factories which specialise in local produce such as a Paddy Processing Factory & Gallery and a Nata De Coco factory. Learners will also experience a traditional way of processing rice and finally they will go catch catfish in a paddy field! For their lunch they will also experience a traditional Malay spread. Learners will continue with a Trip Project in Science, Humanities, Art and Languages after the excursion.

Please refer to the link for the details of the trip. [Link](#)

HS Sports Day

HS Sports Day will be held on **Saturday, 23 February** at Stadium Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ). Please refer to this [letter](#) for more information on that day.

Useful Links



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[HS Student Absence Form](#)

[PSG Message](#)

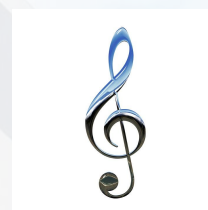


[Sports Website](#)



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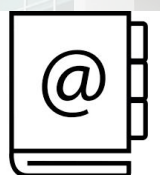
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