

SJIIM Weekly Update 1 February 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians

Greetings!

We will soon enter into a new Lunar Year cycle, and after the holidays, most High School classes would have entered into their Service Project mode. They will be working with various groups such as orphans, refugee at-risk children living in shelters, children with cancer, disabled children with cerebral palsy etc etc.

After our first (and very powerful) Service Project experience with the children at SCAS&FT (<https://scasft.org/>) last Wednesday, I have been reflecting on the value of gratitude or gratefulness.

I would like to share a reflection on Gratefulness by Brother David Steindl-Rast, OSB (for the reflection, click [here](#)).

Finally, to all who celebrate, please accept a resounding *Gong Xi Fatt Chai* from me to you!



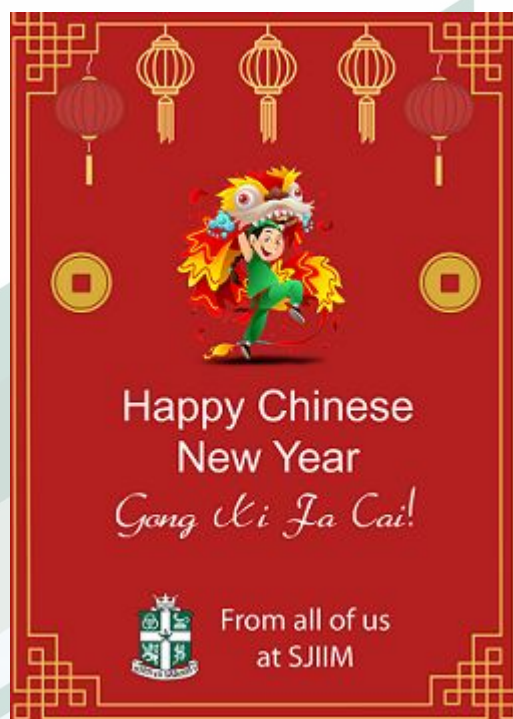
Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



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Whole School Update



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.

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.

Celebration of Faith

We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a 'Celebration of Faith' gathering on the last Friday of every month at 7.30 a.m. in our school chapel. Our first gathering will be on 22 February 2019. We would like to invite all our Christian students to come together to celebrate our faith in a meaningful manner. We believe that, by meeting with each other on a more regular basis, we can build a strong community of faith in our school. We hope that each student will make a commitment to attend these Last Friday sessions as well as to attend all masses throughout the school term.

Any queries, please email Karen Willoughby: kwilloughby@sjj-international.edu.my.

For more information, please click this [link](#).

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

Elementary School Update

Service Learning

On Feb 11th our elementary school will have a special visit from Mariani Ramli, who works at the heart of the Gibbons Protection Society Malaysia. She is solely focused on the conservation of animals in Western Malaysia and much of her work is dedicated to protecting gibbons. By being able to share the story of the gibbons in our school, we will help to raise awareness for these beautiful animals and educate our students on ways that they can make an impact.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Gong Xi Fa Cai! To all of our families who celebrate the Lunar New Year. We wish you a wonderful holiday to celebrate with family and friends. All the best for a prosperous New Year to come, as we welcome in the Year of the Boar.

A huge thank you to the Chinese language department for the wonderful festive day. The assembly was a great way to begin

Upcoming ES Movie 'Nights'

After the break each ES Key Stage will have the opportunity to attend a 'movie night'. The cost of a ticket is RM5 and can be purchased from Mei in the ES office. The price will include a snack and a film.

Key Stage 1: 15th February and Key Stage 2: 22nd February

Students will go from their last lesson to the Movie Venue (Year 1 Classroom for KS1 and Auditorium for KS2). They will watch their film with their friends and then be brought to the pick up point at approximately 4:45 pm).

ES Sports Day

The Elementary School Sports Day on Saturday was a fantastic day of events that tested students running, jumping and throwing abilities. It was great to see students demonstrating the virtues of confidence, determination and responsibility throughout the day. Friendly rivalry between students in Key Stage 2 resulted in **Mutien** leading the house competition and taking out the Sports Day Cup for the 2018/2019 year. Congratulations to all students in this house! We would like to pass on our thanks to all parents and supporters for their help in making this day a special event for our students. The humorous highlight of the day was definitely the Phase 3 mums versus teachers tug of war ... when the rope broke! A huge thank you to Ms. McKernan and the PE team for such spectacular organisation.





High School Update

IGCSE Exam Preparation Info Session and Service Trip

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 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, 19 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](#)

University Upcoming events

Please refer to the link at the last page for upcoming universities events by the University Counsellor. A few highlights will be the **UK universities Info Session** on **13 Feb** and **US Universities Info Session** on **18 Feb**. All Y12 students and parents are encouraged to attend.

EduCanada ASEAN School Visit Tour Winter 2019

The High Commission of Canada together with 19 institutions from Canada will be having a fair on 22 Feb on the 4th floor foyer area. Parents are encouraged to come to meet with such a good representation of the Canadian Universities. As well as being a high quality less expensive option for our students post-graduation, they are also amongst the most generous universities with their scholarships. Please refer [here](#) for the list of institutions and [here](#) for more info.

Message from Drama Department

1) NEEDED: DRAMA PROPS AND COSTUMES!

If you have any unwanted hats, glasses, scarves, gloves, costume jewellery, walking sticks, binoculars etc. please send them in to the Drama Department - we can always use these when we are performing as different characters!

2) OLA BOLA THEATRE TRIP!

Ola Bola the Musical is returning to KL after a sell-out run in 2018! SJIIM have managed to get 30 tickets for the performance on Saturday 2nd March @1:45pm, at the discounted price of only RM58! This is a wonderful opportunity to see live theatre based on a local story. If any students are interested they should collect a letter from Miss Pardo (Drama) or Ms Wong Yee Ping (Languages)

High School Update

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.

Leadasia Coaching

Please refer below from Leadasia Coaching.

Leadasia is organizing the world-class ***The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teenagers*** program this March based on Franklin Covey's newest and updated curriculum for teenagers. It includes the latest research from Franklin Covey Education US that was done for the various education offerings. Our upcoming *Teens* program has thus been tailored and uniquely customized with the Malaysian teenager in mind.

Highlights

- Every habit will be taught through fun games and activities
- Specific areas of current concern such as social media and smartphone addiction will be addressed
- Various aspects of educational psychology will be utilized to make the learning a fun experience rather than a dry academic exercise

Program Outcomes

- Improve relationships with family and friends
- Increase self confidence and self-esteem
- Gain greater control of their lives
- Make smarter decisions
- Define their values and what matters most to them
- Recognize and prioritize their goals
- Find balance between school, work, friends, and everything else

Program Details

- Place: Petaling Jaya (*Tentative venue: Shah's Hotel. Venue to be confirmed 1 week before the program begins*)
- Time: 8am - 5pm
- Date: 9th - 10th March 2019

We are offering an early bird rate for those who register before the 15th of February and those who register in bulk. The complete fee structure is contained in the registration form attached below. Also attached is the program outline.

Please inform us if your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies that we should be aware of.

For more information you may contact:

- **012-773 1159** (Ms. Kirthana) / **012-976 1159** (Ms. Saras)
- Leadasia Coaching FB Page (message us)

FB: fb.com/leadasiacoaching

Website: www.leadasiacoaching.com

Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Message](#)

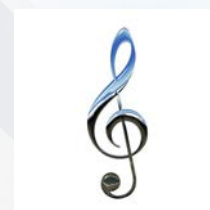


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