

SJIIM Weekly Update

15 February 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

These words are being typed at 6.08pm, Thursday evening. I am sitting in my office at the Lasallian Mission Centre while two teachers are volunteering their after-school, personal time teaching English to some of our security guards. Personally, I am touched by the *generosity* of our teachers who are *generously* spending their Valentine's evening with the guards.

Coincidentally, at the Year 7 RaVE classes this past week, we have been reflecting on the *generous* educational contributions of St Brother Miguel Cordero, FSC – patron of Miguel House – which this week's reflection is dedicated to. Unlike St Jaime Hilario (the Brother gardener-turned-martyr, you would recall), St Miguel was the learned scholar, passionate teacher and gifted linguist.

His story is as follows:

The future Brother Miguel was born into a family that had always been prominent in Ecuadorian politics. Crippled from birth yet a high achiever, he had to overcome family opposition to become the first Ecuadorian to join the De La Salle Brothers.

Brother Miguel was a gifted teacher from the start and a diligent student. When he was not quite twenty years old, he published the first of his many books, a Spanish grammar that soon became a standard text. In time, his research and publications in the field of literature and linguistics put him in touch with scholars all over the world and he was granted membership in the National Academies of Ecuador and Spain. Despite being a gifted academic, **his students admired his simplicity, his directness, and his tender concern for them.**

In 1907 he passed through New York on his way to Belgium, where he had been called to translate texts into Spanish for the use of the Brothers recently exiled from France. With his delicate health, he did not easily adjust to the rigors of the European climate. Shortly after he returned to Spain, he contracted pneumonia. He died in 1910 and was buried in Premia del Mar. His body was exhumed during the Spanish Civil War and was found to be incorrupt. In 1937 his remains were transferred to Quito where his tomb became a popular pilgrimage site. He left behind a remarkable reputation as a scholar, teacher, and saint.

Perhaps the life story of St Miguel prompts us to reflect on his many gifts and talents which he shared with others freely. What gifts and talents do we have? And how *generous* are we at sharing them with others?

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



Whole School Update

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. From now on, 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.

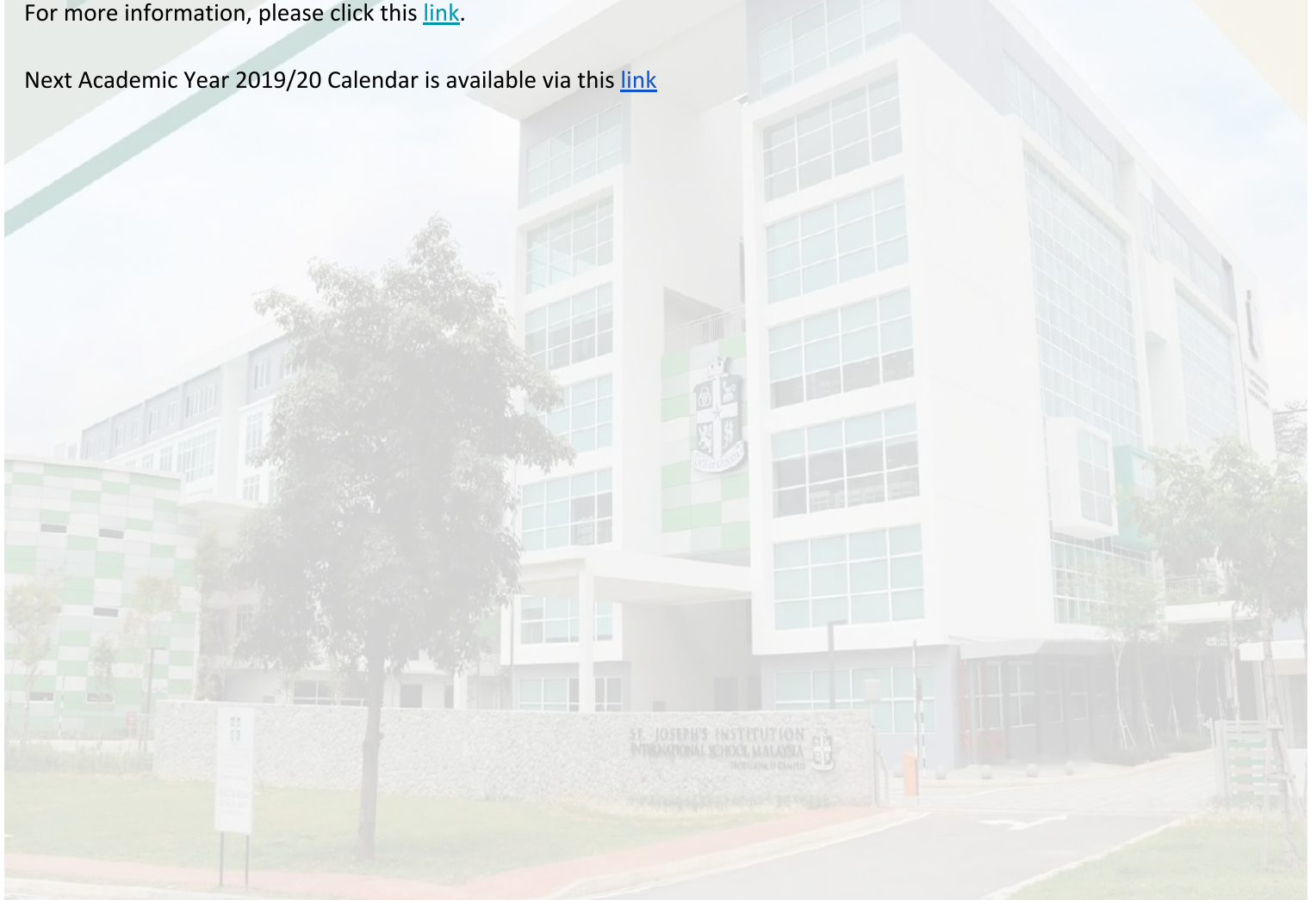
Celebration of Faith

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@sji-international.edu.my.

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

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



Elementary School Update

KS2 Movie 'Night'

Key Stage 2 Movie Night is on Friday, 22 February from 3pm - 4:45pm. Student will go from their last lesson to have snacks and go to the Auditorium to watch their film. The cost of booking is RM5 and can be paid to Mei in the office. You will need to book a place by 19 February, so that we can arrange for catering.

Yr 1 & Yr 2 Parent Chinese Workshop

Our Mandarin Team will conduct a workshop for parents next Thursday, 21 February on Learning Mandarin via Quizlet Apps. The workshop will be held in the Drama Room from 8am- 9am.

Hongjiejie Musical Theatre

The Mandarin department will be organising a Mandarin musical theatre show in our auditorium for Elementary students. Please click the [link](#) for more information.

Virtues

This week, we celebrate the virtue of Purposefulness. Purposefulness is making conscious choices to accomplish our goals. Talk about how you can be purposeful as a family. (This could be in making dinner or even doing the shopping.) Write down the steps that need to be taken and ensure everyone is on board! Next week we will be looking at the virtue of Courtesy.

Growth Mindset Challenge

This 5 Day Friendship Challenge will encourage our children to think about what it means to be a good friend. They will also share their love with friends and family while having fun! For more info, please click the [link](#) here.

Book Fair

We'll be hosting a Book Fair in the school foyer between **20 -22 February**, from 8.00am to 4.30pm. There will be two companies participating, *Popular Bookstores & Our Enterprise*, and they will be selling a large variety of books.

Students may reserve their books with the vendor and parents can pay & collect the books during pick up. We encourage you to visit the Book Sale with your children.

Service Learning

We enjoyed an educational talk from members of the Gibbons Protection Society Malaysia. Click the [link](#) for more details.



High School Update

2019 CNY Celebration

The SJIIM community held a joyous CNY celebration just before the half term break. There were various activities and performances and everyone had fun dressing up in their CNY colours.

For the CNY Assembly, we had a skit by the Year 12s, Jerry from Year 12 singing a solo beautifully and 2 separate bands from Year 8 and Year 10 singing 恭喜恭喜 and 童话 respectively. The finale performance was the 24 festive drums 24 节令鼓 by Year 7, 8 and 9 students. The audience was amazed by the virtuosity of the performance.

After lunch, the whole school proceeded to the MPH for an exhilarating lion dance performance and then adjourned to the foyer where all sorts of Chinese Cultural Activities were held with the support of our PSG. There was the Tea Ceremony, Chinese Calligraphy, Dumpling Making, Lantern Riddles, CNY Paper Cutting and Traditional Chinese Games. Everyone was having tons of fun kicking the Jianzi 毽子 around. It was definitely an intense game. Many missed having it kicked into their face by a mere inch or so! On the whole, it was a fun, exciting and definitely memorable celebration.



IGCSE Exam Preparation Information Session and Service Trip

Last Tuesday, 12 Feb, Mr Bush led a session on the preparation for the IGCSE examinations for year 11 parents and students. The session covered key revision strategies (including strategies that he had used himself in preparation for exams), along with other advice about keeping preparations sustainable during what is bound to be a stressful time for all involved.

Reminder to check entries and make payment

A reminder to parents and students to check their statements of entry for IGCSE carefully. You should ensure that the name on the entry is correct (I recommend that it matches your passport) and that you are entered for all of the examinations that you expect (at the appropriate tier where appropriate).

Thank you to all parents who have settled the invoice for the examinations, as we cannot register your child with the exam board until the monies are transferred. Remember that the **deadline** for any entries/changes to entries is **21 February**. Any changes after this time will incur extra costs from the exam board, CIE.

Service Trip

On Tuesday, 12 Feb, we launched the IGCSE Cambodia service trip. This is an exciting opportunity for our students to work alongside Camps International's local staff to improve the lives of the local community, whether it be helping to improve the surroundings in the local school, or supporting the teaching of English to children there. They will also enjoy the opportunity to experience the warmth and local culture of the Cambodian people.

Whilst we launched this trip to Year 11 it is also open to any students in Year 10 who wish to participate. Please contact Mr Bush at abush@sji-international.edu.my or Mr O'Connor at joconnor@sji-international.edu.my for further details.

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SLC/PTC

As a follow up to the Mock examination reports, Student Led Conferences will take place on Thursday 21 February 2019 (2pm to 4.30pm). This is a great opportunity for students, to reflect on their revision, examination results and plan ahead for actually IGCSE examinations. Additionally, a Parent Teacher Conference will take place on the same day from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers to discuss their son or daughter's progress.

The Student Led Conferences will take place in the tutor rooms and the parent teacher conferences will be located on the 2nd floor of the High School block. Appointments for both events should be made through the Meet The Teacher Website. Bookings open on Tuesday 19 February at 2pm and close on Wednesday 20 February at 9am.

Please use the link below to make the SLC and PTC appointment:

<https://sjiim.meettheteacher.com>

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.

IGCSE and IB Diploma Options Evening- 5pm to 7pm 6 March 2019.

This event is primarily for Year 9 and Year 11 parents and students to give them the opportunity to hear about the IGCSE and IB subject options available next academic year. Subject teachers will also be available to answer questions regarding the courses.

Languages Week

Next week is Languages Week in the High School and will see a series of activities take place led by the English and Languages Departments and supported by the other departments within the school.

The aim of the week is to highlight the importance of the differing languages spoken and taught within our school community, and how those languages work across a range of disciplines. On Tuesday, 19 Feb, Year 7 will experience a cultural trip organised by the Languages, Humanities, Art and Science departments. Across the week, departments will be injecting their lessons with language based activities that highlight how language functions in their subject. For example, Art and Drama have collaborated on a performance where students create a character with roots in one of the languages taught at SJIIM, before creating portraits of those characters, whilst students in their P.E lessons will mentor members of the ES; History will see a focus on how the English Language was formed through Old Norse and its Viking heritage. These are but a few examples of the way the power of language will be fused into students' lessons next week, across all departments.

To conclude the week, a school book sale has been organised, with a wide range of suitable titles available to students, followed by the week's exciting conclusion: SJIIM's first Poetry Slam! This event will see students of all ages expressing themselves through poetry, working of the prompt **Speak Up, Speak Out: The Power of Language**. The students who have entered have interpreted that prompt in a range of creative and divergent ways, and as importantly have taken healthy risks in volunteering to perform in front of their peers. Though there will be a winner, the fundamental aim of the Slam is to allow students, collaboratively and individually, to use the magic of poetry to express the ways they perceive language and its importance. Already, the entrants' submissions have shown huge effort, free expression and creativity.

High School Update

Year 12 Valentine's Day Performance

On Thursday, students from Year 12 organised a surprise musical performance at lunch time to celebrate Valentine's Day. A number of students sang and performed music for the community - we really appreciate them taking the time to prepare, perform and brighten our day. The performance ended with all of the students giving a rousing rendition of 'We are Lasallian.'



University Upcoming events

Please refer to the link at the last page for upcoming universities events by the University Counsellor.

Year 7 One Day Trip

In line with the Languages Week Activities, Science, Humanities, Art and Languages department will be organising a One Day Trip for Year 7 students on next 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 catching the 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.

Learners need to assemble at the foyer at 7.45am as the bus will leave at 8.00am. The bus will return to SJIIM around 5.30pm-6.00pm, parents and guardians please arrange for your child to be picked up at that time. Please refer to the link for the details of the trip. [Link](#)

World Scholar's Cup 2019

The Regional Round of the World Scholar's Cup will be held at Sri KDU International School on the 2 and 3 March. For the parents of those participating in the competition, there will be a short information session in H2-01 (Mr Cairns' classroom) on Wednesday 20 February at 3:45pm. There will be an overview of what to expect, and how to support students as they prepare for the competition. We will also discuss preparation for the Global Round which will be held in Beijing. 'Hidden Figures', this year's movie selection, which students will be tested on, will be shown in the auditorium for students on Friday 1 March from 3:10pm - 5pm.

TikTok app and guidance on online safety

Attached is an [information sheet](#) for parents about a new video sharing app called TikTok. It offers advice on how you can keep your child safe if they are using the app. If you are looking for information about online safety, the NSPCC website from the UK has some very useful guidance for parents. You can access by following this link: [NSPCC Online Safety](#)

Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)

[PSG Message](#)

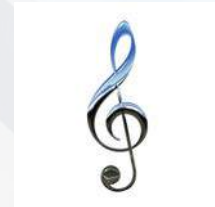


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