

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 22 February 2019



### Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

I have been told that *patience* is not a virtue I possess in any large measure. While I tend to agree (somewhat), we all do strive to better ourselves for various reasons. That opening remark was an introduction to our third school house named after St Mutien-Marie Wiaux – **Mutien House**. Known for his virtue of *patience*, very often, poor St Mutien's name is mispronounced so I have added a helpful recording [here](#) for the curious.

The future Brother Mutien-Marie was born Louis Wiaux, the third of six children, in a small village in French-speaking Belgium where almost everyone was a devout Catholic. His father was a blacksmith, while his mother helped to run a small cafe in part of the family home, where no rough language was allowed and where the evening of Belgian beer and card playing always concluded with the recitation of the rosary.

Louis was neither physically nor emotionally suited to his father's trade; he was small of size and stature. No sooner had he met the Brothers in a nearby school than he determined to enter the novitiate at Namur. After two years, teaching elementary classes, Brother Mutien was assigned to the boarding school at Malonne where he would spend the next 58 years. He had difficulties at first coping with the demands of both teaching and his after-class duties at the boarding school. He was rescued by the Brother in charge of art and music. This was the turning point in his life. It is said that from then on Brother Mutien was not only an effective teacher of those subjects, a vigilant monitor in the school yard, and a catechist in the nearby parish, but a tremendous influence on the students by his **patience**, gentleness and by his holiness:

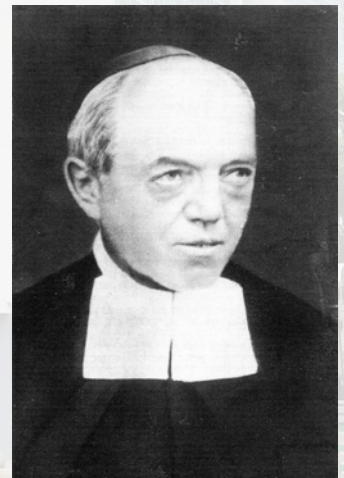
"I never remember him making the least movement or showing the least sign of impatience. He spoke with a voice full of understanding and mildness but with a firmness that none of us could resist. He would say quietly, 'Now get down to business.' And each of us would set about at once doing our assigned work." (PS, 615. *Simplicity*, pp. 46-47.)

He was known to spend whatever time he could in prayer. Among the Brothers, it was said that he had never violated even the smallest points in their Rule. He was also described as having a reliable sense of humour. After his death at Malonne in 1916, his fame began to spread through Belgium, where many miracles were attributed to him. Incidentally, these miracles are part of the criteria for canonization as explained [here](#).

Perhaps one learning point from the story of St Brother Mutien-Marie would be to reflect on what the gifts, talents and/or virtues that we are 'poor' at and asking ourselves how we respond to such perceived 'failings'. Basically, his story challenges us to examine our resilience and grit in the face of life's inevitable challenges.

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC  
Brother Director



Source: *Positio super virtutibus: Summarium & Brother Mutien-Marie Wiaux, FSC: Sanctity in Simplicity* by Luke Salm, FSC. Christian Brothers Publications, Romeoville, Illinois, 1989



# Whole School Update

## **Ash Wednesday Mass**

A reminder for all families that we will have Mass for Ash Wednesday on 6th March in our school chapel. This Mass will last for a duration of 45-60 minutes. The time of the Mass is 12:00pm.

## **PSG Coffee Morning**

PSG would like to invite all parents for a '[Virtues Coffee Morning](#)' on 8th March from 8.15am-9.15am at Lasallian Centre. Please RSVP at the Security desk at the main foyer by 1st March.

## **Parent Partnership Group Meeting**

This will take place on next Friday 1st March at 8am. Please send in any agenda items of the respective school offices by Wednesday 27th Feb.

## **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**

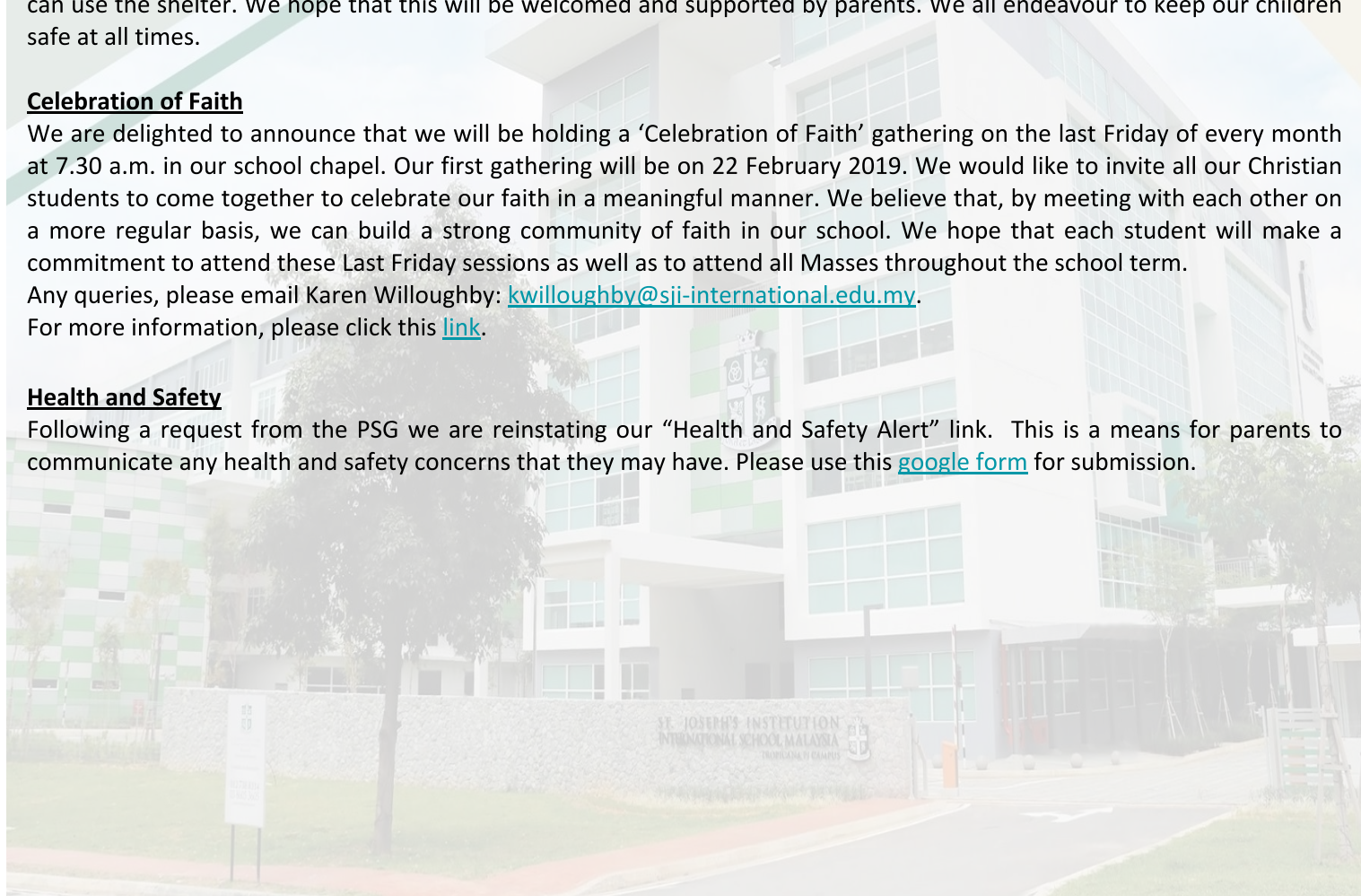
We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a 'Celebration of Faith' gathering on the last Friday of every month at 7.30 a.m. in our school chapel. Our first gathering will be on 22 February 2019. We would like to invite all our Christian students to come together to celebrate our faith in a 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@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:kwilloughby@sjj-international.edu.my).

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

## **Health and Safety**

Following a request from the PSG we are reinstating our "Health and Safety Alert" link. This is a means for parents to communicate any health and safety concerns that they may have. Please use this [google form](#) for submission.



# Elementary School Update

## **ISM**

The ISMC annual Singapore Maths competition is back! ISMC is an annual international mathematics competition open to students from 7 to 12 years of age. It fuels students' interest in mathematics and spurs them to reach for greater heights. It is open to students of all abilities and the emphasis is really on the enjoyment of maths and participation.

This year, the competition will be taking place on Friday 3rd May 2019. You will have already received a Dojo from Mr Odlin, but if your child wishes to compete, please complete the [registration form](#) and hand it back to either your class teacher or Mr Odlin (nodlin@sj-i-international.edu.my) before 15th April 2019. When choosing the level for your child, it will be one level below their year group.

Year 3 = P2

Year 4 = P3

Year 5 = P4

Year 6 = P5

## **Ash Wednesday Mass**

A reminder for all families that we will have Mass for Ash Wednesday on 6th March in our school chapel. This Mass will last for a duration of 45-60 minutes and starts at 12:00pm. Our Catholic children in years 4-6 will attend. If your child is younger than year 4 and you would like to attend Mass with them, please let Siow Yin in the ES office know.

## **Hongjieje 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.

## **Growth Mindset Challenge**

Resilient kids are prepared for life's challenges. When they encounter a difficult problem, they solve it instead of giving up. When they make mistakes, they grow and *learn* from them. So while you can't shield your children from life's difficulties, YOU can make sure they learn resilience. Resilience is learned through experiences and examples.

**Books** are a great source of inspiring stories with resilient characters. Follow the link to find a list of the Top 30 Children's Books about Resilience. <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1OogvYsC2OrF8-pSb6bhe-iDtbLJERWW3>



# High School Update

## Year 7 One Day Trip

On Tuesday, 19th February, as part of the Languages Week Activities, Science, Humanities, Art and Languages departments had successfully organised a One Day Trip to Sekinchan and Sungai Besar for Year 7 students.

Students visited the Paddy Processing Factory & Gallery and learned about the rice cultivation and processing process. The tour ended with a visit to a Gallery where early days' equipment for harvesting and processing rice are on display.

At the second stop, learners learned about the process of producing Nata De Coco, a chewy, translucent, jelly-like substance produced by the bacterial fermentation of coconut water. Learners were given the opportunity to taste the freshly made Nata De Coco. Learners has started with a Science Project regarding Nata de Coco by Mr. Robert Hazlehurst.

When we visited Dorani Kampung, learners learned and experienced traditional milling by hand pounding of paddy in a mortar with a pestle. They also learned to winnow in a woven bamboo tray. The result of the house competition for this activity is:

- 1 Miguel
- 2 Benilde
- 3 Mutien
- 4 Jaime



Finally the last activity was catching catfish in a paddy field! Learners overcome the barrier and obstacle and were engrossed in the muddy paddy field to catch the slithery catfish with bare hands! It was an authentic learning experience for learners that provided the opportunities to connect directly with the real world.

Reflection written by learners:

### Victoria Wong

"This field trip was definitely a trip to be remembered as we were given many opportunities to experience events that we couldn't experience in our daily life. It was a really great field trip and I would really love to thank the teachers who organized it :) I would definitely love to go again as it was a memorable trip. Thank you for having us Kuala Selangor!"

### Alyssa Kong

"This school trip, we went to Sekinchan. It was a very interesting trip as we caught catfish in the Dorani Homestay. It was a very memorable trip as this is our first field trip in year 7. I enjoyed this trip as it was very fun and it is a once-in-a-lifetime trip because we hardly get to do this. In this trip, we went to the Paddyfield, Dorami homestay, and we saw how the Nata de Coco was made. Thanks for the amazing trip!"



# High School Update

## Poetry Slam (Languages Week)

Friday afternoon saw SJIIM's first Poetry Slam event, with performances from a divergent range of students from across the school and performed in English, Mandarin, Malay, Spanish....and a mixture of all four! This event concluded our Languages Week.

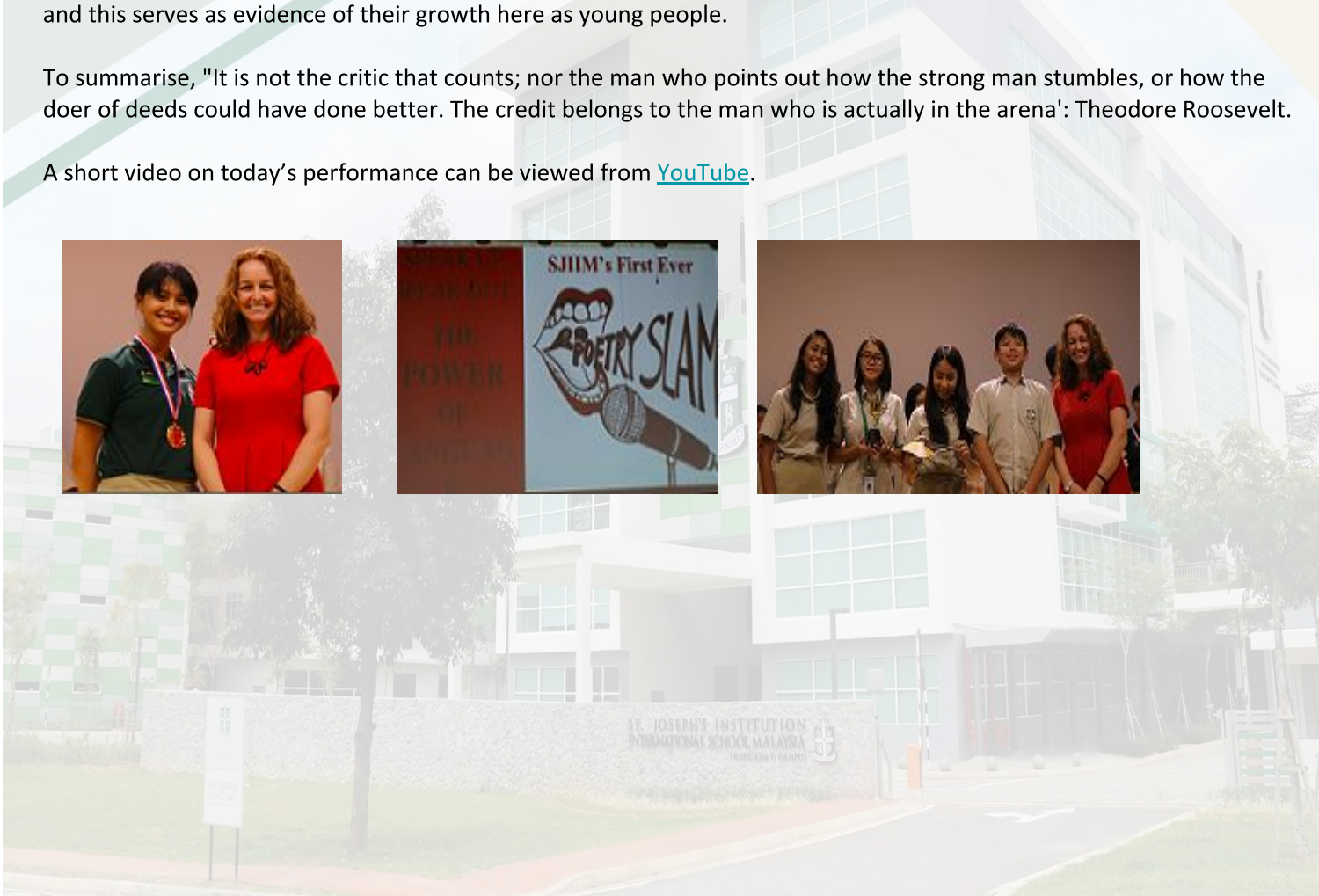
Performing in front of the High School as well as some keen young performers from Year 4, the courageous participants held their nerve and, highlighting the character development we wish to see within our students, some poets were performing for the first time in front of an audience or in their second, or sometimes third, language.

**Sandra Ong** was crowned queen of the junior division with the teacher judges impressed by her command of complex vocabulary and the use of metaphor, simile and extended metaphor showcasing this poem as a treasure trove of writer's technique. **Rachel Ooi** triumphed in the senior division, displaying her usual assurance on stage as well as taking the audience on a unique poetic journey which utilised anecdote and repetition, as well as maturity, to challenge the listeners in a unique way. The group category saw Kyra Chellam, Weng Choo Cheah, Alyx Chuah and Zen Ng wow the audience with their witty, wry and brilliantly choreographed routine.

All performers triumphed over nerves though a special mention should be made of Weng Choo Cheah, Wayne Lau and Emmeline Leong, who either took to the stage for their first time here at SJIIM or battled through performance fright, and this serves as evidence of their growth here as young people.

To summarise, "It is not the critic that counts; nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or how the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena": Theodore Roosevelt.

A short video on today's performance can be viewed from [YouTube](#).





# High School Update

## HS Sports Day

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

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

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

## SEA Forensics at ISKL

Last week, students from SJIIM participated in a public speaking competition at ISKL. There were a range of events including debating and speech making. The students did really well and it was another example of students putting themselves forward to develop themselves and represent the school. Rachel Ooi (Year 12) was awarded a gold medal for achieving first place in her category.

## Canadian Maths Competition

Selected students from Y9-Y12 will be participating in the Canadian Mathematics Competition on 27th Feb at 8am.

## University Upcoming events

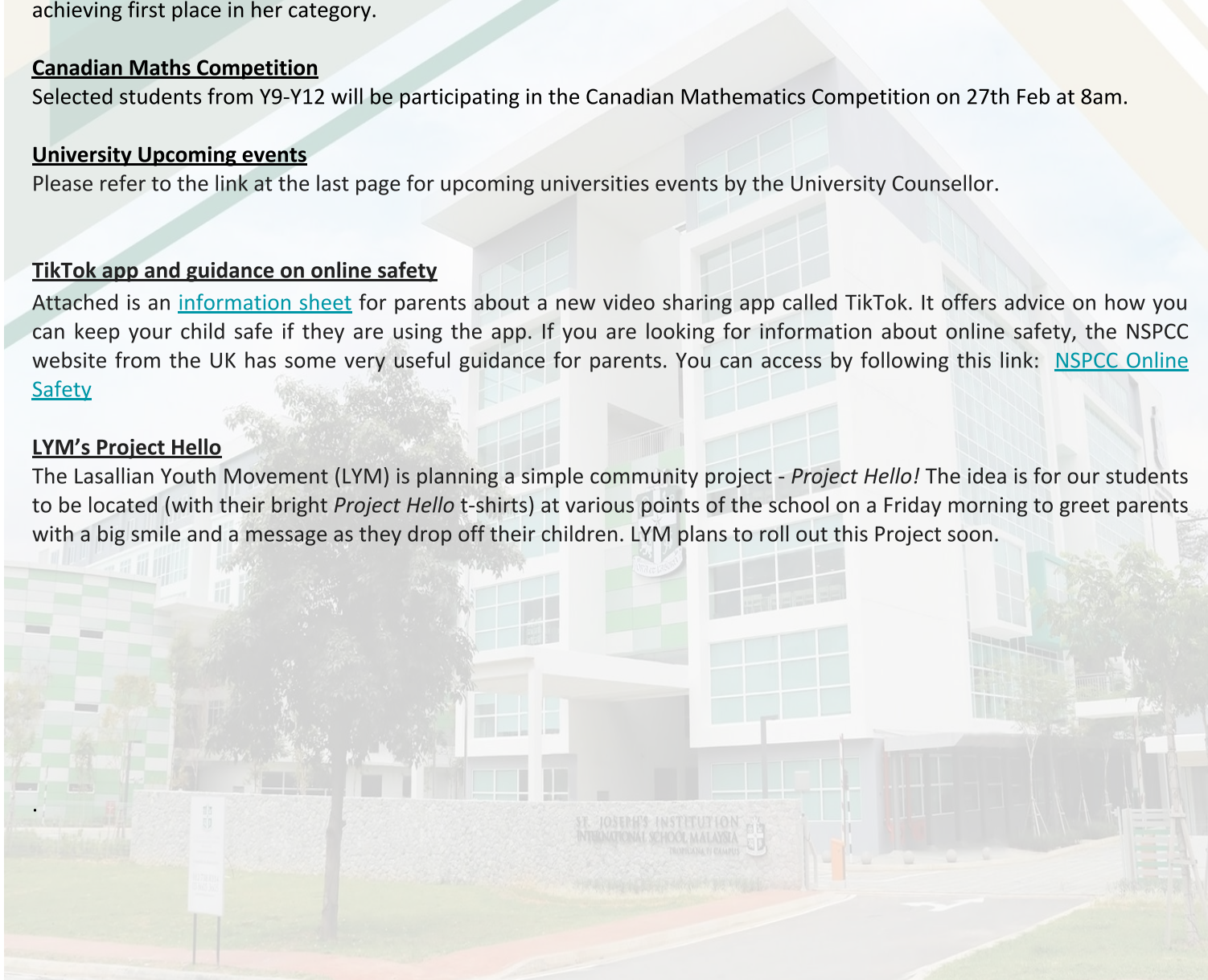
Please refer to the link at the last page for upcoming universities events by the University Counsellor.

## 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](#)

## LYM's Project Hello

The Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) is planning a simple community project - *Project Hello!* The idea is for our students to be located (with their bright *Project Hello* t-shirts) at various points of the school on a Friday morning to greet parents with a big smile and a message as they drop off their children. LYM plans to roll out this Project soon.



# Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Coffee Morning](#)

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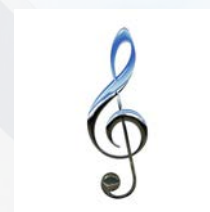


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