

SJIIM Weekly Update

1 March 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

Before being accepted to join the Brothers' *Formation Programme* [which lasted for a good 7 years in total], I worked as a shipping clerk. I hated it as it was boring, repetitive and uninteresting! My first foray into the adult world of work was very different from my own exciting and eventful secondary school experience of crossing the Straits of Malacca twice a day while lugging a heavy school bag and a Great Highland bagpipe!

The dull repetitiveness of teaching in class would be apt to describe what our final Lasallian saint and patron of *Benilde House* – St Brother Benilde Romançon – had to contend with. Br Benilde overcame it creatively. Some scholars cite that he would invent creative yet practical ideas of recycling Brothers' old robes and convert them into trousers for his poorer students, as well as other ingenious ways of helping those in need.

Born in the village of Thuret in south-central France, the future Brother Benilde was so far ahead of his classmates in elementary school that when he was only fourteen years old the Brothers engaged him as a substitute teacher. Despite the objections of his parents, who wanted to keep him at home on their farm, and the reluctance of the Brothers, who felt that he was too short of stature and fail-looking, he was finally admitted to the novitiate. From 1821 to 1841 he taught successfully in the network of elementary schools conducted by the Brothers in France. No doubt, he picked up many educational experiences that shaped who he was to become.

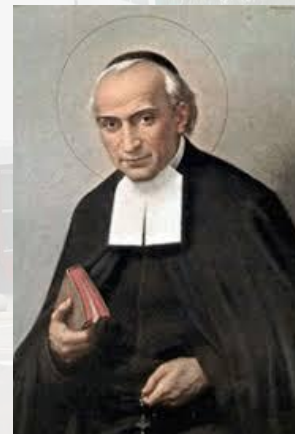
In 1841 he was appointed as the founding *Brother Director* of a school in Saugues, an isolated village in southern France. For the next twenty years he worked quietly and effectively to educate the boys in the village and some from the neighboring farms, many of whom had never been to school before.

Small as he was, he was known as a strict but fair disciplinarian. In time, the little school became the centre of the social and intellectual life of the village, with evening classes for the adults and tutoring for the less gifted students. Brother Benilde's *holiness* and love of people was evident to everyone: at Mass with the students in the parish church, teaching catechism, preparing boys for first communion, visiting and praying with the sick, and rumors of near-miraculous cures. At his death more than 200 Brothers and an impressive number of priests had been his students at Saugues. At his beatification, Pope Pius XII stressed that St Benilde's holiness was attained by enduring "the terrible daily grind" yet overcoming it by "doing common things in an uncommon way."

What are our own "terrible daily grinds" that we have to face daily? And what are some creative ways can we cope with the invariable, often boring routine: by "doing common things in an uncommon way?" Well, one cute example from the LYM is the *Project Hello* initiative on Fridays. Our students hope to be putting a smile on some faces as parents and students come to school.

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



Whole School Update

Celebration of Faith

We had our first Celebration of Faith gathering on Friday 22nd at 07:30 am in our school chapel. Staff members, family members and students from both elementary and high school attended the event. The atmosphere was very calm and welcoming. Students across all year groups engaged in meaningful activities that helped them to reflect upon their faith. We would like to thank everyone who attended and we look forward to building on this in our next meeting which will take place on **March 29th**.



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 '[Parents Coffee Morning](#)' on 8th March. ES "Virtues" will be conducted at Blackbox Room, Level 1 and HS "Character Development" will be conducted at Lasallian Center. Both talks will be held from 8.15am - 9.15am. Kindly email to PSG at psg@sji-international.edu.my if you have missed the 1 Mar RSVP deadline.

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.

Open Day

A poster for an Open Day event. It features a photo of students in a classroom. The text includes: "SJI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA (TAUFIKAR RIZI CAMPUS)", "10 MARCH 2019 | 10.30 AM - 2.45 PM", "Our President, Deputies, Principals, Teachers and Students welcome you to learn more about our Lasallian School. Please RSVP for space reservations below!", "OPEN DAY TIMETABLE", "INFORMATION SESSIONS 10.30 AM - 2.00 PM", "SCHOOL TOURS 11.00 AM - 2.45 PM", "1-10 From Our International Primary Connection Early Morning & Drop-off Room 10.00 AM - 10.30 AM", "Welcome Package available for RSVP only", "RSVP Application for admission for next year", "RSVP to: enquiries@sji-international.edu.my or call us directly at +603 55023500", "We are looking for International Students to join our Lasallian School. Please contact us for more information.", "We are looking for International Students to join our Lasallian School. Please contact us for more information.", "We are looking for International Students to join our Lasallian School. Please contact us for more information."

We are hosting an Open Day on 10th March. There will be 2 sessions, 10.30am and 2pm. Do help us to share and invite your friends to come and visit. Kindly RSVP to

enquiries@sji-international.edu.my.



MSSS Selangor State Swimming

Congratulations to all our swimmers on their fantastic results this week at the MSSS! This is a state swim meet for Selangor, so the competition has been tough! It has been four days of hard work and excitement for our swimmers. Today were our relays and the children have been highly successful! Mr Boyes will give us a full report next week!

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

Elementary School Update

Welcome back Mrs Bayfield

We would like to welcome Mrs Bayfield back from Maternity Leave.

Drug Awareness Week

Next week the children will begin their PSHE topic on drug awareness. Dr Ruben will be visiting the school to talk to the children about staying healthy and the importance of taking the appropriate medication. Children will learn about prescribed and over the counter medicines and how to do this safely. Older children will learn about unsafe drugs and will be introduced to the dangers of drinking alcohol and smoking.

ISMC

Just a reminder to register for the [ISMC](#) maths competition - it is a really valuable experience for the children. Please email Mr Odlin for more details. nodlin@sjj-international.edu.my

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.

Purchases from the School Uniform and Bookstore

It has come to our attention that many children were purchasing stationery without their parents permission. As a result ES students will not be allowed to make purchases from the school uniform and book shop during the school day. Should they wish to purchase items, this needs to be done outside of school hours.

Art exhibition

We hope you had the chance to visit the ES Art exhibition this week! Student work from years 1- 6 has been proudly on display in the foyer. All ES classes visited the exhibition this week, casting a 'People's Choice Award' vote for their favourite piece. There will be an Art assembly soon where the 'People's Choice' will be awarded.

Newspapers

We would like you to donate your unwanted newspapers and magazines for our STEM week. The children will be involved in a House event and your old newspapers will come in very handy for their STEM challenge. All donations can be taken to the classroom or left in the ES office.

MSSS Selangor State Swimming

The ES swimmers have been working hard and doing an excellent job - more updates on results to come.



High School Update

HS Sports Day

On Saturday 23 March SJIIM hosted the second annual Sports Day at MPSJ Stadium. The House spirit was electric; with students & staff alike representing their House colours with pride. Although the temperature rose into the upper-30's, the pupils showed grit & resilience to give their best effort in a range of track events, along with football, touch rugby, & volleyball. 14 school records were broken within the track events, & the participation/spirit during the sporting events was exceptional. A huge congratulations to **Jaime House**, who claimed a resounding victory in the overall inter-House competition. The PE team thank all staff who contributed to the smooth running of the events, parents/supporters who came along to cheer the kids along, & the students for giving their all on 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.

Y13 IB Art Exhibition 11th-15th March

We would like to invite family, friends and our school community to the Y13 Visual Art Exhibition. Work created over the two year IB course will be on display. Please view the [invitation here](#). Congratulations to Claudia Chang, Anastasia Ardiyanti, Rie Wong, Chalu Jugo and Kelynn Lee.

MSSS Golf Competition

We have had some golf successes this week at the MSSS Golf Competition held at Uniputra Golf Course. Three of our students, Ng Li Xin, Y7, Poon Jia Hao, Y9 and Kelly Low, Y9 competed at the 2-day tournament and their hard work, practice and commitment to the game has seemed to pay off, as you can see from the results below. A great achievement by all students - well done.



From right : Boys U12 - Ng Li Xin - 5th place
From left : Boys U15 - Poon Jia Hao - 3rd place
Middle : Girls U15 - Kelly Low - 4th place

University Upcoming events

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

Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG Coffee Morning](#)

[PSG Christmas Bazaar
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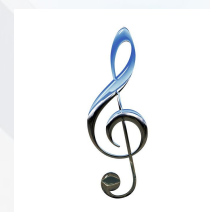


[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA Website](#)

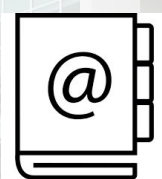
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