

SJIIM Weekly Update

22 March 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

Fortunately (or unfortunately), I grew up in a family of teachers: grandmother, father, mother, aunts, uncles, cousins, and granduncles. Everyone, at some point or other, was involved with our *alma mater* St Xavier's Institution in Penang. As a teenager I would be enthralled almost every other night (when *Dallas* or *Dynasty* wasn't showing on TV) by stories of schooling life and the Brothers in St Xavier's. I remember feeling curious that each 'generation' of Xaverian in our family had a slightly different view of what *the Brother* should be. For instance, for my grandfather, the Brothers with their black robes, were bastions of discipline and shouldn't be approached unless they approach you! They were to be respected and admired from afar. That was who the Brother was in the 1920's.

My uncle had a different view of the Brothers in the 1960's and 70s: Of unique, sometimes eccentric, character, they were always very happy and happily involved with the students especially in CCAs like the school band (SXI Corps of Pipes and Drums). The story is often told of Br Charles (former Br Director of St Xavier's) who would often be seen on the school field directing the boys in the school band while they were doing formations and drills. To prove that it could be done, he was also a Malay Language SPM candidate with the inaugural cohort that had to take BM in their SPM.

The point is, the Brothers were actually involved – hands on. The saying of the day was, *what they asked the children to do, they did by example too*.

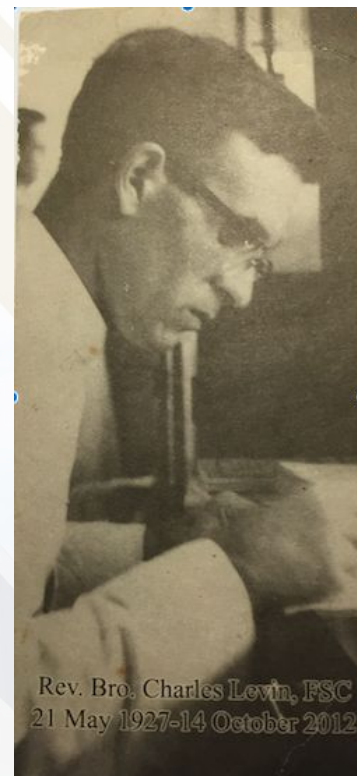
I am pleased to announce that our staff are keeping that tradition alive as well, in our own small way.

The *Make A Difference (MAD) Professional Learning Community (PLC)* – a group of teachers – after conducting site visits and needs analyses, has decided to support a Children's Shelter at nearby Kota Damansara and Taman Mayang. By passing the hat around to other staff, they plan to raise funds to systematically address the basic needs of the children there (food and toiletries) for the long term.

I am heartened to reflect that the saying of today is, *what we ask the children to do, we do by example too*.

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC
Brother Director



Whole School Update

Message from PSG

Please refer to the message at the last page under PSG Icon. A few parents visited UMMC (Paediatric Cancer Unit) together with Ms Willoughby from ES and Mr Cairns from HS to handover the cheque amount of RM5,000.00 that was raised at the Christmas Bazaar last year.



Founders Day Community Event- 16 May 2019

We will be celebrating our Founders Day on Thursday, 16th May. This will be a celebratory day with a school Mass, musical ensembles, dancing and much more. More details will follow over the coming weeks - please save the date!

CCAs

The final day for non-paid CCAs this term will be Monday, April 1st. Paid CCAs will run until Thursday, April 4th.

Lost and Found

There are many lost and found items in the High School Office. This includes watches, glasses, headphones, sneakers, and water bottles. If you have misplaced anything, please stop by the High School Office to have a look. At the end of term, any unclaimed water bottles will be washed and donated to a good cause.

ES lost and found is placed in a box at the bottom of the stairs, outside the canteen.

Celebration of Faith

We will have our second Celebration of Faith gathering on March 29th at 07:30 am in our school chapel. Christian parents and siblings of all ages are welcome to attend.

Use of the Chapel

Our school chapel is open from 2 pm for parents who wish to visit before the end of the school day. Please sign in with security and follow the normal security procedures beforehand.

Goodbye Fiona



This week we said goodbye to Ms Fiona who has been catering for all of us at SJIIM since August 2016. Our House Captains presented Fiona with flowers and handmade cards. We wish Fiona well in her new endeavour and she has promised to come back and visit soon.

Elementary School Update

[Singapore International Swim Meet](#)



Congratulations to all of our swimmers who took part in the Singapore Swim Meet. Thank you to our parents who came to support the swimmers and the dedicated PE staff for accompany the children. Please click on the title for the Swim Meet report and more pictures!

ES Parent/Teacher Consultations

60% of parents have now booked Parent/Teacher Consultation appointments via our online booking system, *Meet the Teacher*. The booking system will remain open until Friday, March 29th at 6.00p.m.

Workshop for Nursery Parents: Language Development

Nursery parents are invited to the workshop, "Developing Language through Storytelling," on Tuesday, March 26th, 1.00-1.30p.m. in the drama room (Floor 1, above HS offices).

Willy Wonka Production- Thursday 4th April - Saturday 6th April 2019

Tickets are now on sale from the ES office.

Catholic CCA

For the season of Lent, the students in our Catholic CCA thought hard about the different ways in which we can help others. We all agreed that making someone smile is quite a special thing. We also thought about our planet and about some of the things that we can do to help Mother Nature smile.

To this end, the children gathered old plastic bottles and we upcycled them to create colourful plant pot holders. The children enjoyed creating their own pot plant holders and planting their flowers. Once finished, each child gave their pot plant to someone special in their lives.

The Catholic CCA would like to thank the mums who generously donated plants, spray paint, patience and their time in helping our students to spread a little kindness during the Lenten season. Please click to see the [pictures](#).

Together we can change the world, just one act of kindness at a time.

High School Update

HS Music Showcase

Thank you to all who attended to support the students and ensembles on Wednesday 20th March.

We were treated to commanding performances across a range of genres with Bach's Violin Double Concerto in D Minor, Rewrite The Stars from The Greatest Showman to Can't Stop by the Red Hot Chilli Peppers amongst a feast of musical delights.

Our students are blessed with many talents and have cultivated them with dedication and commitment. Congratulations to all involved on such a polished evening of wonderful music. We look forward to seeing you all next term at our HS Music Ensembles Concert on Wednesday, 12th June 2019.



Y7/Y10 Geography trip

All parents of students in Year 7 and those enrolled in Year 10 Geography are kindly reminded that permission forms and payments for the field trip to the Sungai Inki are due back by 25th March at the latest. This field trip, which was also done last year, will involve fieldwork to do with rivers and river systems, which will be the next unit studied in Geography in both year levels. We greatly appreciate your support with your child's attendance of what is bound to be a highly engaging and memorable learning experience. Attached photos are from last year's trip.

Mr. Glanz & Mrs. Moden



Useful Links



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[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG - UMMC Visit](#)

[PSG - Character Development
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[PSG - Parent Virtue Talk](#)

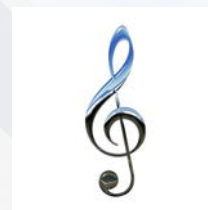


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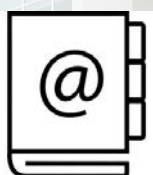
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