

SJIIM Weekly Update

8 March 2019



Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason:

Dear Lasallians,

Welcome to the Season of Lent which began on Wednesday. But today, I would like to wish all the ladies a *Happy International Women's Day!*

For many people, Lent is a time of penance, repentance, and denying themselves of some small pleasure or other. St John Baptist de La Salle, in his meditation for Ash Wednesday [Meditation 16.1-16.3] reminded the Brothers (rather bleakly) that their time on this earth was limited and must be used for the betterment of others. Further to this, he reminded us that it was a good and wholesome endeavour to practice self-control.

To those of us who live in the 21st Century, this thinking may sound alien. This should not surprise us; it was the thinking of the time 300 years ago. In a more modern time, Pope Francis presents his ideas on fasting:

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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I guess my reflection, like that of Brother Arian's, is to reflect on what Lent means for us personally. Possibly, a rediscovering of God's love and goodness for us personally (Br Arian Facebook posting 6 March 2019). Or a season to mend and heal broken relationships with various people in our lives. Perhaps for some people, one form of honouring the *Unseen* can be by caring for the Environment. Click [here](#) for some suggestions.

Whatever the case may be, may these 40 days of Lent be an occasion of grace for us to be agents of change to make this world a better place in our relationships with each other as one Lasallian Community.

Yours in De La Salle

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Whole School Update

Lent

The season of Lent has officially begun. We celebrated a very special mass on Ash Wednesday in school. It was wonderful to see so many parents, staff and students in the church. In our Catholic CCA this Lenten season, we will focus on things that we can do to help others, rather than things we can give up. [Attached](#) are some ideas that you and your family can try at home too.

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

Open Day!
10 MARCH 2019 | 10.30 AM - 2.45 PM

Our Parents, Budding PUPs, Teachers and Students welcome you to learn more about our Lasallian School. Please RSVP for one of these slots.

OPEN DAY TIMETABLE	
INFORMATION SESSIONS	11.30 AM - 2.30 PM
SCHOOL TOURS	11.30 AM - 2.45 PM

3-15 Year Old International Primary Competition
City/Mission & Diversity Booth
100% and 100% Initiative Package available at lucky draw!

SPS Application for admission for secondary enrollment

RSVP to enquiries@sjj-international.edu.my or call us directly at +603 88022000.

We are hosting an Open Day this Sunday, 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@sjj-international.edu.my.

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!

PSG Coffee Morning

The PSG organised a Coffee Morning talk today with the topic “Character Development” for the HS at the Lasallian Mission Centre conducted by Mr Cairns. For the ES, a workshop conducted by Mrs Fried on “Virtues” was held at the Art Room on the 4th Floor. The slides for both sessions are attached to the PSG link at the end of this Update.

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

Elementary School Update

[MSSS Selangor State Swimming](#)

Please click on the link above for a review on the Selangor State swimming competition.

Parent Teacher Consultations

End of term 2 **Parent & Class Teacher Consultations** will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 2nd & 3rd from 3.00-5.30p.m.

Parent & Language teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday & Wednesday, April 2nd & 3rd from 3.00-5.30p.m. and on Monday, April 8th from 8.00-3.00p.m.

You will be able to book appointments with your child's class teacher and language teachers via the school's online booking system from Friday, March 15th. All relevant information will be sent to you via your school Gmail account.

CCAs

To facilitate Parent Teacher Consultations, the final day for non-paid CCAs this term will be Monday, April 1st. Paid CCAs will run until Thursday, April 4th.

Hongjiejie Work Station

Today our ES children had an amazing experience at the "Doo Doo is Missing" Mandarin musical theatre, performed by Hongjiejie Work Station in our school Auditorium. We were fortunate to have this production exclusively performed for SJIM students. The children enjoyed the experience and reflected on the hidden message delivered in the story, "Cherish the people at present! Treasure your loved ones!"

Service News

We are really pleased to announce that the sale of our contemporary cups raised RM600. This money will be donated to the Gibbons Protection Society. We would like to thank Mrs. Fiveash for sharing her artistic knowledge and skills with us on this project, our parents that gave up their time to help and our students who worked diligently at lunchtimes and during our Catholic CCA time to decorate each cup. A special thanks also to Enigma nail salon and Nevin nail salon for donating lots of colourful nail polishes. It really was a community effort.



High School Update

World Scholar's Cup

Huge congratulations to the students that participated in the Regional Round at Sri KDU international on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd of March. Once again, SJIIM performed brilliantly and all of our students qualified for the Global Round to be held in Beijing in June. In particular, huge congratulations to Alyssa Marcellus (Y8) and Abigail Lee (Y8). They were first place and second place, respectively, in the competition. Alyssa, Abigail and Nicklas San (Y8) were the highest scoring team in the Junior Division overall. Calvin Foo (Y9), Alden Teh (Y9) and Bryan Chen (Y9) achieved first place for debating in the Junior Division too. We're incredibly proud of all of the 47 students that took part.



Online IB courses via Pamoja Education

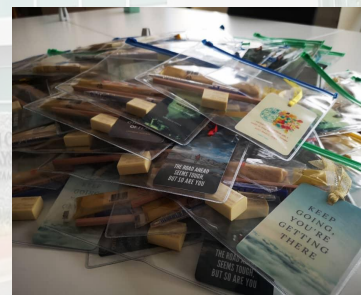
Starting in 2019/20, SJIIM is pleased to be able to offer additional IB subjects as options for Year 12 students via Pamja Education. Pamoja Education is the only online provider certified to offer online IBDP courses. Students and parents learned more about these at the options evening on Wednesday this week. Kate Richards from Pamoja Education will be holding an information session about these courses next **Thursday, 14 March at 5pm in the High School Conference room**, located next to the High School office. She will give a demonstration of the learning platform, and will be available to answer any questions from interested students or parents, including those from younger year groups within the school who are thinking ahead about their future IB studies.

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.

PSG Exam Care Pack

A big thank you and appreciation goes out to our beloved PSG for showing their love and care in preparing the Exam Care Packs for our students who will be taking the IB and IGCSE exams this coming May and June.



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG - Character Development for Parents](#)

[PSG - Parent Virtue Talk](#)

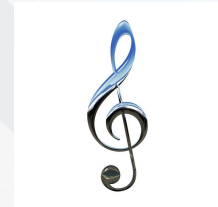


[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA Website](#)

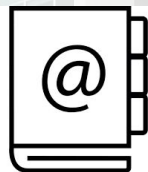
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[Music Website](#)



[ES Parent Calendar](#)



[Staff Email Addresses](#)



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[HS Parent Calendar](#)



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