

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 14 June 2019



### Brother Jason's Lasallian Reflection

Dear Lasallians,

Two Fridays ago, we bade farewell to our Year 13 students. They have completed their sojourn with us; they have graduated. At perhaps a deeper level, their graduation is but one of many *rites of passage* that our young ladies and gentlemen will have to go through in life. We thank them for journeying with us and for being part of our lives in our own *rites of passage* and in our own stint here in this world, especially in SJIIM.

It was personally nice to have caught up with Mr. Ian Chai (one of the three guests of honour) at this year's Graduation Ceremony. I was Ian's class tutor and taught his class English and Literature when he was in Form 1 (or Year 7 equivalent) in St Joseph's Institution, Singapore (established by the Brothers way back in 1852). His class was a nice group of rather vivacious boys. Many still keep in touch with me after all these years. I recall that it was hard letting go when they themselves graduated a long time ago.

Letting go is never easy for me. Ironically, I have had quite a bit of practice at letting go and moving on. The best analogy I've heard of this is – 'be like the water lily' - grow long roots, flourish and bloom, but the water lily is very easily transplanted from one pond to another pond. Perhaps, my own *rites of passage* have been hurled at me through my own *ponds*: 3 years in Sri Lanka, 3 years in Kenya, 13 years in Singapore.

I have been reflecting these past few weeks on how the Brothers are called to be like water lilies too. The excerpt below (from our Rule) illustrates the promises the Brothers make when pronouncing their vows:

*I promise and vow to unite myself, and to remain in society, with the Brothers of the Christian Schools ..., to go wherever I may be sent and to do whatever I shall be assigned, either by the Body of the Society, or by its Superiors. (The [Rule](#), article 25)*

300 plus years ago St John Baptist de La Salle, aware of the anxieties and uncertainties facing the Brothers running their newly formed schools, had this consolation for them: *Take care not to let yourself be discouraged by anxieties and ailments; life is full of them* (Letters).

In summary, rites of passage can be scary. One must be like the water lily!

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC







# Whole School Update

## **PPG Meeting**

Please take note that the next PPG meeting with parent reps will be held on 28th June and not 21st June as originally planned. It will be held at the 6th Floor Corporate Lounge at 8am.

## **End of CCAs**

Co-Curricular activities for this year will end on Friday, **June 21st**.

## **Chinese New Year break 2020**

The dates for the Chinese New Year break, 2020, have had to be adjusted as follows:

School will be closed from Thursday, January 23rd to Wednesday, January 29th inclusive.

## **Acceptable Use Policy**

All adults on the school site must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. We have had a number of exciting events in school in recent weeks. While parents/carers are welcome to take photos at these events, please do not post photos of children, besides your own, on social media. You will find the link to the school policy [attached](#).

## **School Sweater**

The school sweater is now available in the school shop (price range RM45-52).

## **Textbook Sale**

There will be a used textbook sale between 26th - 28th June at the ES Library.

Timings :

26th June ( Wednesday) - 8.30 am to 4.00 pm

27th June (Thursday) - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

28th June (Friday) - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm


Here is the purchasing procedure:

1. Parents should make their way to the ES Library on any of the dates stated above and collect an order form.
2. Parents should tick which used textbooks they would like to buy.
3. Payment must then be made at the Finance desk based on the completed tick list.
4. Books can be collected from the ES Library upon presentation of the list and the receipt.
5. Parents are required to check the books before leaving.
6. There will be no exchanges of books or refunds.
7. Books will be sold first-come, first-served basis as the stocks are limited.
8. Please bring a recycled bag for safe transportation.

## **Sodexo : Payment of School Meals**

Advance notice from Sodexo: From August 2019 students will not be permitted to have a negative balance on their cards. Parents will be notified if the card reaches a balance of less than 1 week of meals and will be asked to top up the card. In the event of the card having not being topped up we request that the children are provided with a packed lunch until the situation is resolved. Thanking you in advance for your support with this.

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





# Elementary School Update

## **Goodbye & Good Luck**

This week, we have bid goodbye to Ms. Siow Yin from the ES office. It is sad to see her leave as she has been with the school since before it opened. We thank her for all her work at St. Joseph's and wish her luck in her new role. The PSG kindly presented Siow Yin with a token of appreciation from all the parents today.



## **End of Year Reports 2018/2019**

You will receive your child's reports on Friday, June 21st, via the Parent Portal. The reports will be available from 4.00p.m. To log into the Parent Portal, please use your SJIM family g-mail account.

Should you need assistance logging in to the Parent Portal please contact the [helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my).

The helpdesk is open from Monday to Friday, 8.00a.m.- 4.00p.m.

## **Student Led Conferences - Friday, June 28th**

Yesterday, you received an email regarding the upcoming Elementary School Student Led Conferences. Please sign up for an appointment via the school's online booking system. The system will open today at 4.00p.m. and remain open until Monday, June 24th at 4.00p.m..

Please note you must enter the information as recorded on our school system to access the booking form-we have sent you this information in the email.

Please note that there will be no normal lessons on this day.

## **Swim Meet at Alice Smith - Torpedo Attack**

At the beginning of the month, 65 students from St Joseph's took part in a swim meet at Alice Smith. Please click on the link to see the pictures and information from the successful week. Thank you to all the parents and staff who were there to support the children.

## **Music Ensembles.**

These will be held on Thursday 27th at 4.30p.m. All are welcome.



# High School Update

## SHReK The Musical Jr Audition

Next week we are holding auditions for our first ever High School Musical: Shrek Jr! This is a funny, entertaining show that offers fantastic opportunities for lots of students to get involved with the much-loved tale of the ogre with a heart of gold. Students from Years 6-12 (next year's 7-13) are invited to audition. Students can register either on the student portal or on the sign up sheets posted up in the school foyer/canteen. Auditions take place on Tuesday 18th June from 3:20-5:30pm. The performances will be at the end of Term 1. We look forward to seeing lots of our talented students there!

From : Miss Pardo & Mrs Cockerill



## HS Class Ensembles Concert

Please see this [link](#) for the Ensembles concert update.







# High School Update

## **New Staff - University and Careers Counsellor**

We would like to welcome Mr Sam Hollis as the new University and Careers Counsellor. His profile can be found [here](#). For Year 12 parents and students, please go to the last page and read the link under the Upcoming Events and University Counselling as there are due dates for request of letter of recommendation.

## **Student-Led Conferences (SLC) Yrs 7- 10 & 12 on Monday, 1st July**

As published in the Calendar, the final Student-Led Conference of the academic year will take place on Monday 1st July. The booking system: Meet The Teacher, will open on Friday 21st June at 9am and close on Friday 28th June at 4pm. The SLC will take place between 8am - 12.15. From 1.15 unto 3.00pm there will be a drop in session to meet subject teachers. No appointments will be necessary for this session. There will be no lessons for High School Students on this day. Students will be expected to attend their SLC appointment.

## **Character Camp Week 2019-2020**

Last week, a letter was sent out to all parents regarding our exciting camp week next year. The focus of the camps will be on both service and outdoor activities that aim to develop virtues. During camp week, students from next year's Year 12 & 13 will accompany the other year groups and teachers to one of five destinations. The IB students will lead reflections with the younger students whilst supporting them in their activities.

Your child's Head of Year will send out a more detailed letter, including an itinerary, in the coming weeks.

## **Year 11 Graduation**

As the IGCSE exam period begins to wind down, our thoughts turn to celebrating the achievements of the students in Year 11 over the last 2 years. They are an excellent cohort who have really become involved in many areas of school life including sporting activities, house events, service and of course academic student. This will consist of a ceremony on **19th June at 12pm** (note the change of time from the original communication). Details have already been sent to parents of Year 11 and formal invitations will follow shortly. There will also be 2 practices for Year 11 students at 1pm on the 17th and 18th June, and students should attend these in normal uniform (not Monday uniform).

## **Textbooks:**

New textbooks can be purchased from the school shop from July onwards. The information on recommended books has been prepared by the relevant Head of Department. Please contact them should you have any further questions. Please click on the relevant links below for the book lists.

[Year 7 Book list](#)

[Year 8 Book list](#)

[Year 9 Book list](#)

[Year 10 Book list](#)

[Year 12 Book list](#)

## **Aspiring Doctors Event - 29th June 2019 [Pullman Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur]**

For those who are aspiring to become doctors, this event will be beneficial. Spaces are limited and students are encouraged to put in their registration directly to [events@rcsiucd.edu.my](mailto:events@rcsiucd.edu.my) to confirm their seats. Please open this link for more details : [About the Event – Aspiring Doctors](#)

# Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG AGM 28th May 2019](#)

[Solidarity Project](#)



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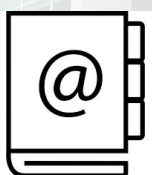
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