

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 31 May 2019



### Brother Jason's Lasallian Reflection

Dear Lasallians,

Over the course of last week, I had a very interesting conversation with a teacher who asked me a simple, straightforward question: What does it mean to be Lasallian in this school?

Indeed, that was a question that needed an answer from the heart. And in typical form, I failed spectacularly at doing just that - I intellectualized my reply instead. I offered that being a Lasallian would mean different things to different people.

For me, in addition to the standard *party line* of Faith, Service, Community etc etc, being a Lasallian means *treating each other with respect and dignity* regardless of the role each person plays in the school. If I were to reflect further on this, this ideology of equality, love, brotherhood and sisterhood towards everyone has a Christian essence. Jesus taught that people should treat others as they themselves would like to be treated i.e. with *love, dignity and respect*.

This then should be our *Lasallian thermometer* to gauge if we are hot, or cold, or burning up with a fever or if the Lasallian temperature in our school is just right!

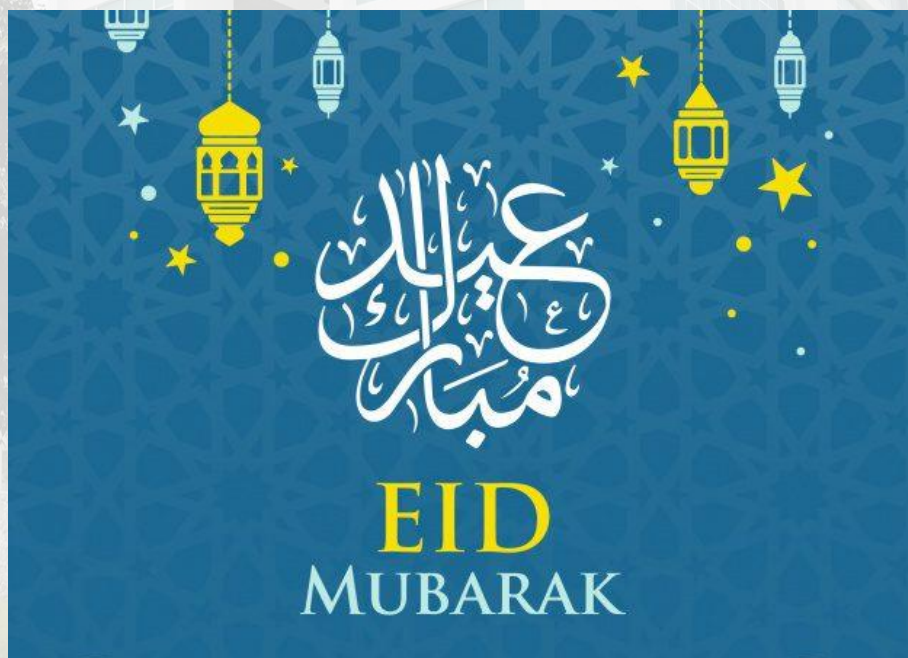
Of course, what I have written above is an ideal. We seldom ever are able to reach our ideals. We often fail. Nevertheless, ideals are meant to give us a direction; to *reach for the stars*, as it were. Ideals drive us to keep on trying, and to keep striving for the goal even though we (most certainly do) have shortcomings.

St John Baptist de La Salle often reminded the Brothers and their students to treat all people with respect and dignity. "Have great respect for each person you are with." (Part 1, Chapter 2 of 'The Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility').

Perhaps De La Salle's ideal of relating to each other with respect and love is still (and always will be) relevant for us.

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC





# Whole School Update

## **Hari Raya Aidilfitri Holidays**

Due to the Hari Raya celebrations, school will be closed on 5th June (Wednesday), 6th June (Thursday) & 7th June (Friday) next week.

## **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

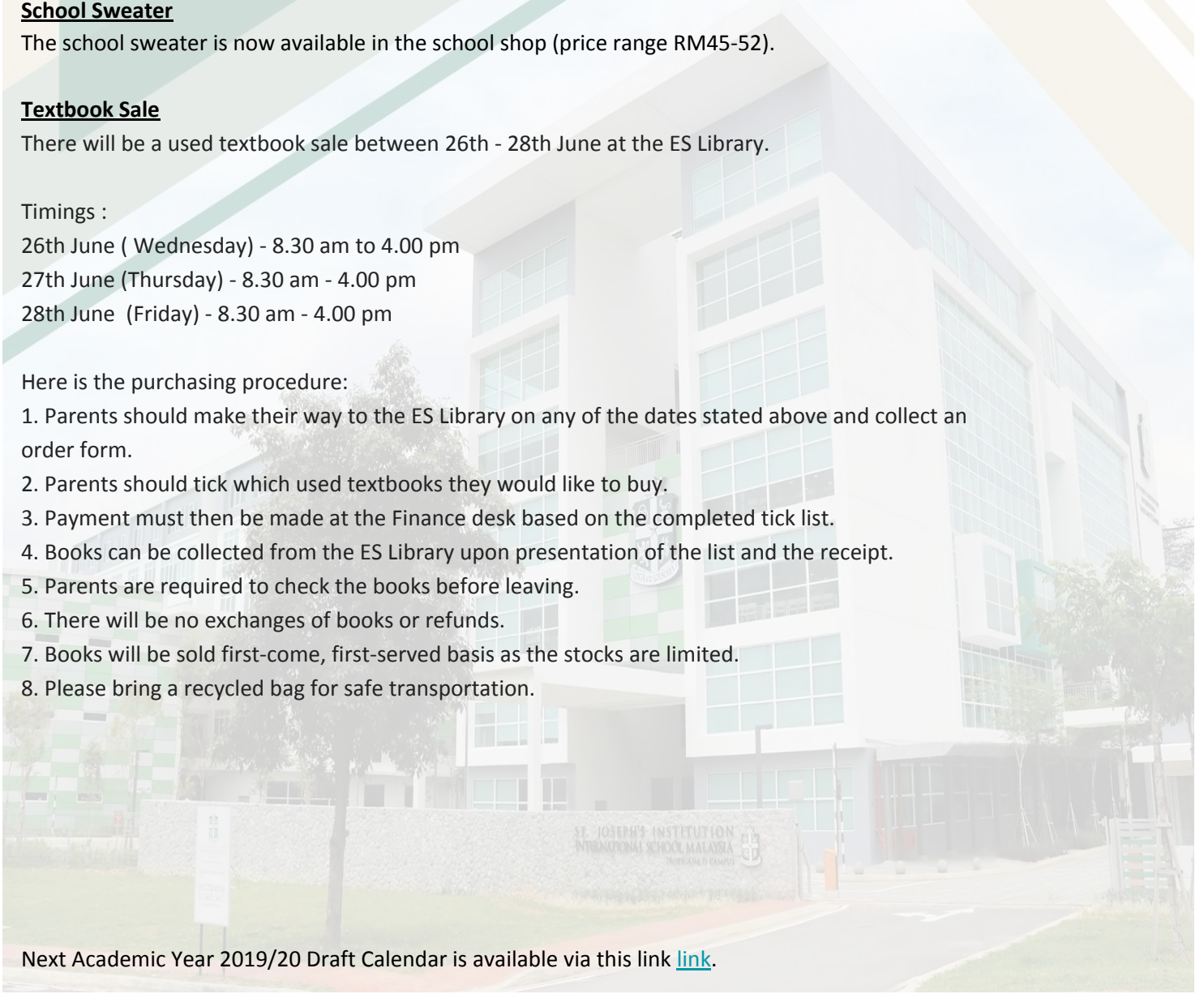
27th June (Thursday) - 8.30 am - 4.00 pm

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.

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



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## Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri from PSG

A small token of appreciation was gifted to our school helpers, guards and maintenance team, by the PSG, for the many great things they humbly do for the school. They have always extended their help and support to the PSG when approached. May God Bless them.

The PSG wishes each one of them and their families Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

## Riang Ria Raya Bazaar

There will be a Hari Raya Bazaar on 14th June, Friday from 11am-3pm. Please come and support us to do charity.



# Elementary School Update

## **Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri**

To celebrate the joyous occasion of Hari Raya within our school community, all children are invited to wear traditional dress, or the colour green, to school on Tuesday, June 4th.

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

Parents will make an appointment to accompany their child to school on this day. Together, they will partake in activities in the child's classroom to celebrate each child's growth over the year.

Please note that normal lessons will be cancelled to facilitate the conferences on this day.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.

## **Lost & Found**

There are many unclaimed water bottles and food containers in a box at the bottom of the stairs, outside the canteen. Please do check and collect them. After the Raya break, any unclaimed water bottles & food containers will be washed and donated to a good cause.

## **Pick Up Point**

Please ensure that your child's name card is visible to the staff on pick up point to ensure a smooth pick up without delays for all families.

## **Farewell**

We bid a fond farewell to Mr Tika today, our Early Years guard. Mr Tika has given above and beyond to our school since it opened in 2016. He knows the name and families of all the children- he has truly lived out our school value of building community. Parents, children and staff wish him a safe return to Nepal and a happy future with his family.



## **Contact information**

If you are travelling/working abroad please inform the ES office and Nurse station with a contactable number. In case of an emergency, we will need the name and number of the person who is taking care of your child in Malaysia.

## **Jogathon**

Thank you to all who took part in with the recent Jog-a-thon. It was a hugely successful event and very much enjoyed by all who took part. The idea for this event came from our ES house captains and we are very proud of their achievement. The total distance ran by all our runners reached almost 3000km, stretching from Kuala Lumpur to Chittagong in Bangladesh. Congratulations to Benilde who ran the furthest on the day. However, all four houses put in a fantastic effort. You can read more about the event at the link above.

To facilitate the Jog-a-thon, it was decided to cancel the house swimming event scheduled for next week.



# High School Update

## **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. Further details will follow closer to the date. There will be no lessons for High School Students on this day. Students will be expected to attend their SLC appointment.

## **Year 6 Transition 2019-2020**

In the last few weeks we have begun the exciting process of welcoming our current Year 6 students into the High School community. Ms Sophie Meakin, Head of Year 7 has been visiting classes to meet the children and answer their burning questions. On Wednesday evening, she gave the Year 6 parents a taster of High School life. They received a specially designed 'Transition to High School' Handbook and gained an understanding the High School student experience. However this is only the beginning! Shortly the Year 6 students will have their High School taster day, where they can sample different subjects across the curriculum. They will be accompanied by team of Year 7 students who have volunteered their time to help them. This will be followed by sessions ran by Year 7 students. Watch this space for further updates!

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

On Wednesday 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**

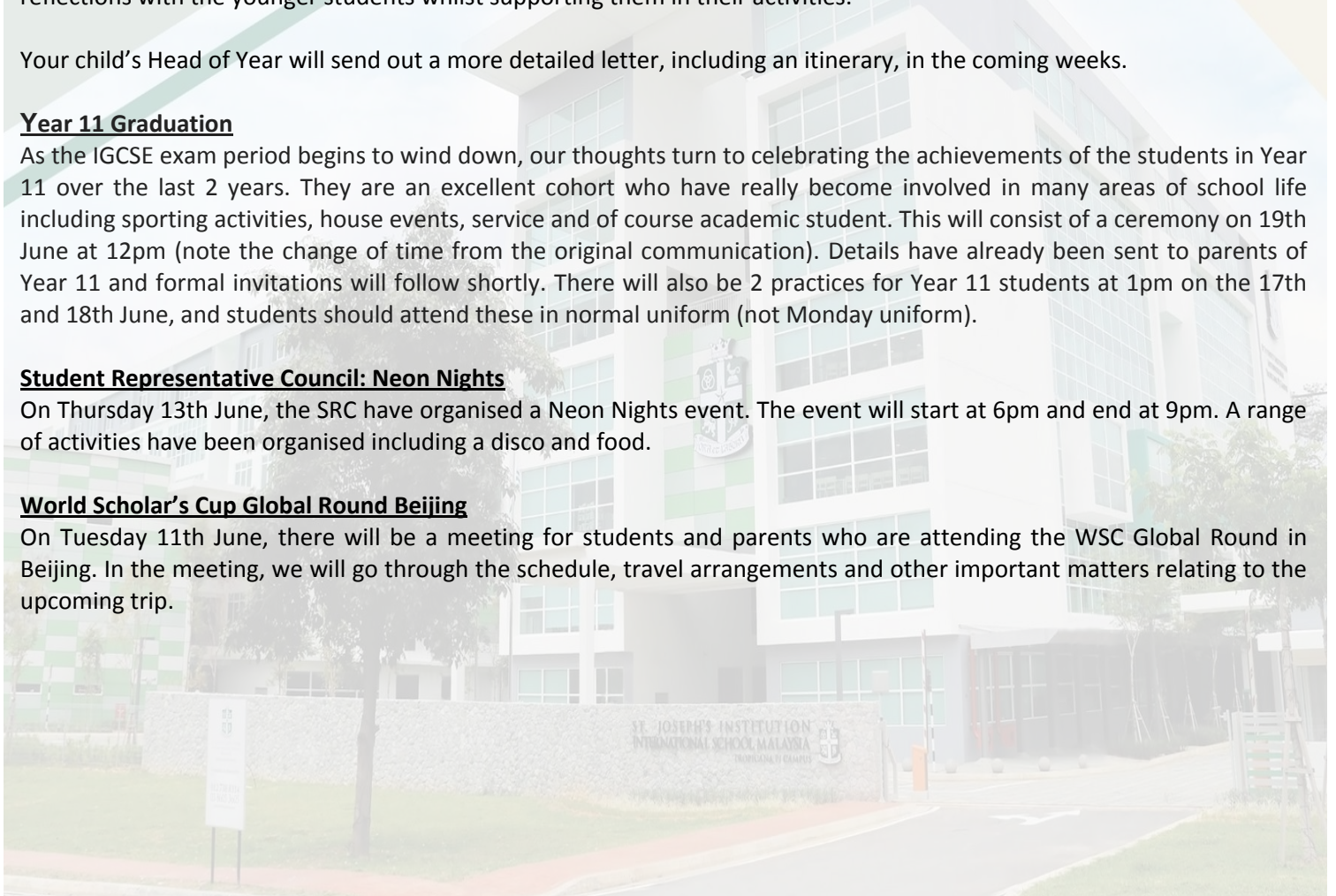
As the IGCSE exam period begins to wind down, our thoughts turn to celebrating the achievements of the students in Year 11 over the last 2 years. They are an excellent cohort who have really become involved in many areas of school life including sporting activities, house events, service and of course 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).

## **Student Representative Council: Neon Nights**

On Thursday 13th June, the SRC have organised a Neon Nights event. The event will start at 6pm and end at 9pm. A range of activities have been organised including a disco and food.

## **World Scholar's Cup Global Round Beijing**

On Tuesday 11th June, there will be a meeting for students and parents who are attending the WSC Global Round in Beijing. In the meeting, we will go through the schedule, travel arrangements and other important matters relating to the upcoming trip.



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## 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. ***"Students gain insights on our speakers from Ireland and alumnus, experience hands-on demonstrations, and find out what it takes to become a medical student."*** Please see posters attached.

## About the Event – Aspiring Doctors

Venue: Pullman Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Time: 10:00AM to 4:00PM (Registration and morning break starts 9:00AM)

Participation Fee: A minimal fee of RM50.00 per pax



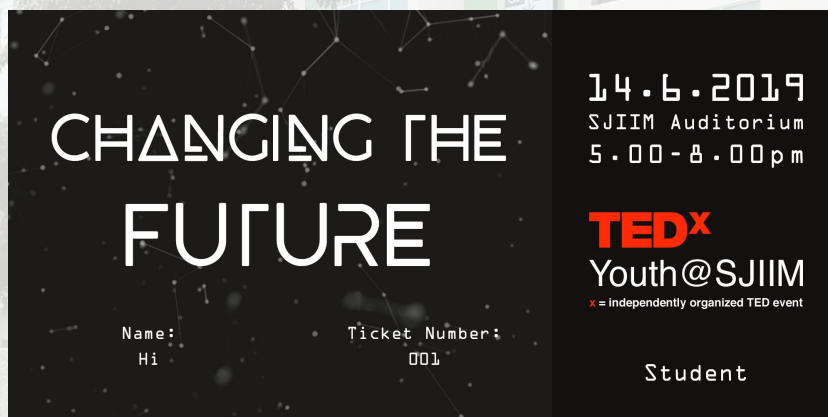
## TEDx Event (TEDxYouth@SJIIM) - Changing The Future

Dear Parents and Students of SJIIM! On behalf of the SJIIM TEDx team, we would like to invite you to an inaugural TEDx event (TEDxYouth@SJIIM) on the 14th of June from 5pm-8pm, at our School Auditorium. The price of a ticket costs RM20. The theme for our event is: ***"Changing The Future"***

Our event will star 4 speakers: Dr Carol Yip, Mr Christopher Wong, Mr Eshaan Menon and Ms Joyce Lai. Here is some [brief information](#) regarding the speakers. If you are interested in attending this event, please email Ms Bee Ling at [beelingpeh@sj-international.edu.my](mailto:beelingpeh@sj-international.edu.my) in the High School Office to book a ticket, after which, please have your child pay us the ticket fee of RM20 during our ticket sales time, at lunch. Shortly after, an e-Ticket will be emailed to you.

We thank you for your support!

The TEDx Team



# Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG AGM 28th May 2019](#)

[Solidarity Project](#)



[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA Website](#)

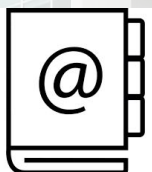
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