

SJIIM Weekly Update

28 June 2019



Brother Jason's Lasallian Reflection

Dear Lasallians,

In Lasallian philosophy, the *first-person singular nominative case personal pronoun*, or the word 'I', is very seldom used. It is therefore irksome when phrases like "when *I* started this and/or that" or "*my* this and/or *my* that" are heard publicly.

Lasallians are about the 'we' – community. Quite frankly, it is never about the *I* or the *me*, or the *my*. But human nature is weak, I suppose. Often one lapses into *small-minded primitivity* and the need for *ego-boosting* kicks in, especially when one has such a huge inferiority complex.

There is much that is beautiful about being a community. However, living as a community can also be challenging. Having differences of opinion does not mean being in opposition, but having an opportunity to learn from the point of view of others that is different. Sometimes this results in conflict because the ego wants to control the situation and not work as a team. In other words, having the inability to *let go*.

In my years living at various Lasallian communities in various parts of the globe (I am now recalling the many Lasallians that have shaped my life in one way or another), I have been struck by the spirit of community. TABA is a catchy acronym that encapsulates this community spirit that I am referring to – *Together and By Association*. This simply means that we work together (and here I mean not only in Service Projects but in providing Quality Education). This has always been the Lasallian way right from Day One; for Lasallians, it has never been a one-man show or being a Lone Ranger riding in to save the day!

Case in point - St John Baptist de La Salle. He never started our schools alone. In 1682, the first Brothers community was established when De La Salle and his teachers moved into a rented house on the Rue Neuve located in the poorer section of Reims. This house has now become known "[the cradle of the Institute.](#)" It was here that the teachers first decided to call themselves *Brothers*.

In summary, we do education *Together and By Association* (never alone!) for those confided to our care having some belief that what we do will make the world a better place, "one by one, slowly by slowly!" (*sic*).

And I too, will be called to live in Community with the La Salle Brothers again.

Yours in De La Salle,

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC



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Whole School Update

School Photographs

School photographs have arrived in school today, you will receive the information on how to view and purchase your child's photograph early next week. Please note that the deadline for availing of the early bird discount is June 30th.

Parent Partnership Group Final Meeting

We held our final PPG meeting of the year this morning. Thank you to all those parents who have taken the time to send in their thoughts and also to the Class Reps who have attended the meetings and communicated the minutes. We will begin the process of recruiting new Class Reps and arranging PPG meetings early next term.

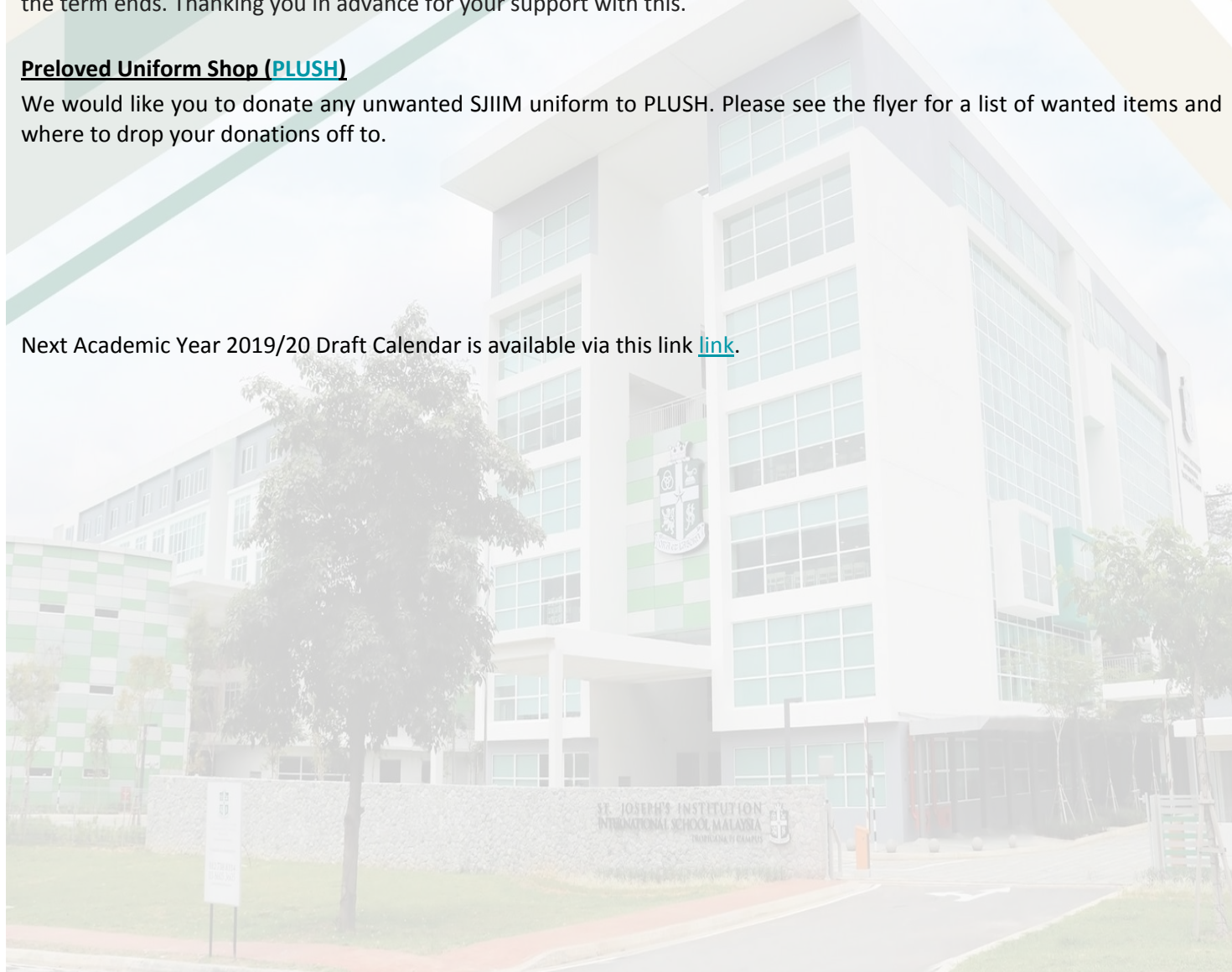
Sodexo : Payment of School Meals

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. In the meantime if your card is in arrears please ensure that you have topped it up before the term ends. Thanking you in advance for your support with this.

Preloved Uniform Shop (PLUSH)

We would like you to donate any unwanted SJIIM uniform to PLUSH. Please see the flyer for a list of wanted items and where to drop your donations off to.

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



Elementary School Update

Student Led Conferences

The conferences were a success! It was great to see the children discussing and sharing their learning with such enthusiasm and pride. Please continue to talk to your children about their successes of the year. If you did not receive your child's new class list, please speak to the class teacher.

End of Year Reports 2018/2019

Reports have been available on the Parent Portal since Friday, June 21st. If you have not accessed your child's report and require assistance, please contact helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my.

School Time -Last day of school (5th July 2019)

We are heading into our last week of term. School will finish at these times next Friday.

Early Year : 12:30pm

Year 1-2 : 12:45 pm

Year 3-6 : 12:50 pm

Please collect your child from their pick up point.

International Singapore Maths Competition 2019 Results

The results for the ISMC 2019 have been released and we are pleased to announce that students from SJIIM performed amazingly well! We had a total of 76 students participating from Years 3 - 7 with 31 students achieving either a gold, silver or bronze medal, meaning that they were in the top 30% of the students who competed in their age group. Based on these individual results, it also means that SJIIM was one of the top schools in Malaysia. Each and every child who competed should feel proud of their efforts as it was extremely challenging. I hope that this year's experience will inspire even more students to participate next year. Well done!

MyPals (Singapore Maths) text books

The Singapore maths books will be on sale from our school book shop. The year leaders will be sending out a Class Dojo explaining which books are needed for your child.

Farewell Letter

You will have received a letter today along with your child's class lists. This is a farewell to our teachers who are leaving this year. If you have not seen this please follow the [link](#) here.

Music Ensemble

We had a spectacular evening on Thursday listening to ensembles, choirs and bands. It was staggering to see how much had been achieved in the space of one year. It really was an outstanding achievement.. A huge thank you to Mr Leung, Ms Nozomi and of course Mrs Taylor for their hard work in producing such a great show.



High School Update

SJIIM IBDP Scholarships for August 2019!

The SJIIM IBDP Scholarships are open again for August 2019! We would like to invite any recently graduated Year 11 students to apply if they are interested. Also, if you know of any other students who may be interested, they can also submit their applications at: <https://www.sji-international.edu.my/ibdp-scholarship-programme/>. If you would like to know more about the benefits of the scholarship, you can click this link below to watch a video of our SJIIM IBDP Scholars who have recently graduated.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E0x5Qf_qSH4dK121jGFR2RYWERVZ4RUg/view?usp=sharing.

For any questions, please feel free to write to scholarships@sji-international.edu.my.

Final IBDP Results for Year 13 - 6 July

Next Saturday on the 6th of July, our Year 13 students will receive their final IBDP results. Although students can access these online from 7pm that evening, they are invited to come into school from 2-3pm to collect these in person, along with Dr. Brown, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. Hollis. Snacks and drinks will be provided in the high school conference room. As the culmination of 2 years of hard work and dedication from students, we are anticipating good results for all. We are looking forward to celebrating this occasion with them!

Year 12 Introduction to Predicted Grades and Cialfo

Date: Monday 1st July 2019. This is during at SLC day.

Venue: Drama room 1st Floor

Time 9.30- 10.30

Led by Mr Hollis the new University and Careers Counsellor and Ms Maureen Fitzgerald IBDP Coordinator.

This session is aimed at parents of Year 12 students, who are just beginning the university application process. During the session, the process for predicted grades and the use of Cialfo will be explained. Cialfo is the university counselling platform that we are using with students to support their university research and to track their work on university applications. All parents of Year 12 are encouraged to attend this important session.

Learner Profile Activities

This week on Tuesday and Friday, Year 12 students carried out activities with all of the students in Years 7 to 10, in order to develop their understanding of the Learner Profile. Year 12 students planned these activities in groups of two or three, carrying out presentations, discussions, games, and quizzes. As the final product of this work, the younger students produced a set of posters illustrating the 10 Learner Profile characteristics to decorate their tutor's room, so that they can continue to be inspired to work towards developing these aspects of themselves in a personalised way. Next year, we will be following up with further activities across the high school to continue supporting students in developing these characteristics in themselves. Well done to the Year 12 students for their leadership and care for others in their work on planning and leading these activities!

The IB Learner Profile is a set of 10 characteristics that the IB curriculum aims to develop in students across their learning experiences in an IB school. At SJIIM, the Learner Profile forms part of the schools focus on character development. Please see [here](#) and [here](#) for more information.



High School Update

Last day of school - 5th July

On the last day of school on 5th July Friday, school will finish at 1pm. There will be no lunch.

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. Booking for the SLC part of the day is now closed. The SLC will take place between 8am - 12.15. From 1.15 until 3.10pm there will be a drop in session to meet subject teachers. No appointments will be necessary for this session. Full details regarding tutor and teacher rooms have been emailed previously. **There will be no lessons for High School Students on this day.** Students will be expected to attend their SLC appointment.

YTextbooks

New textbooks can be purchased from the school shop from mid 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](#)

Y12 IB Biology/Geography Trip

Last weekend our Year 12 IB Biology and Geography students went on a field trip to Sedili Besar, Johor where they conducted their internal assessment research. The students threw themselves into the wilderness where they came face-to-face with a variety of flora and fauna, some they were more comfortable with than others! They worked tirelessly to formulate research questions and used specialist techniques to collect and analyse their data but had a lot of fun in the process. For the Geography element of the trip students collected a variety of data to assess the level of tourism in Kota Tinggi. They visited a range of primary and secondary tourism sites including Kota Tinggi market, the Riverside, Kota Tinggi Waterfall and Panti Recreation Forest. The students represented the school with pride, rose to the challenges they faced and proved themselves to be true Lasallians throughout. We would like to congratulate the students on a very successful trip and wish them the best of luck with their write ups.

World Scholar's Cup

Huge congratulations to our WSC teams that participated in the Global Round. Our students performed incredibly well at both Junior and Senior division.

Whilst we are sure the students are a little tired this week, all of the students found it a rewarding experience and many of our teams qualified for the Tournament of Champions at Yale University in November.



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)

[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[PSG AGM 28th May 2019](#)

[Hari Raya Bazaar](#)



[Sports Website](#)



[ES CCA Website](#)

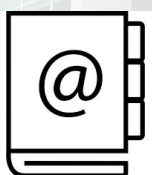
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