

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 27 September 2019



### Brother Paul's Lasallian Reflection

Dear Lasallians,

A few days ago, a Brother passed away in Philippines at the age of 95. His name is Brother Harold Reynolds, an Australian who arrived in Malaysia and served as teacher and principal until he retired at 65. From here, he went on to Philippines to serve the young people through education especially the poor.

In his funeral eulogy, our Brother Visitor, Armin Luistro, he highlighted an excellent virtue in Bro. Harold, "For Bro. Harry, kindness to another Brother is at the core of our fraternity. Kindness shown to a young person at risk is the best vocation programme. Kindness lived daily is the essence of sanctity."

As we are now in the midst of Lasallian Days for Peace, take the following reflective questions in your moment(s) of mindfulness;

- a) "Where have I expressed kindness to someone that resulted in a peaceful relationship?"
- b) "How can I do better tomorrow?"

Yours in De La Salle,  
Brother Paul



# Safe School Update: This week



## **PSG Coffee Morning - Student Wellbeing**

This week we welcomed parents to the Lasallian Centre to discuss the importance of student wellbeing. Mr Cairns and Mrs Fried delivered an informative talk about how we support wellbeing at SJIIM.

The different levels of support that are available to students was discussed and our newly trained para-counselors were introduced. Mr Cairns spoke of the importance that both school and family have on the wellbeing of the child and how we can work together to give the best support possible. Mrs Fried spoke about strategies that are used in the ES to support wellbeing, such as the Talking Corner.

We had very positive feedback from the PSG and parents who attended and will be doing more information sessions soon. Please see the attached [presentation](#) and [documents](#) that were used at the coffee morning.

## **Bullying and Cyberbullying.**

Please follow this link should you wish to find out more information about bullying and cyberbullying. This advice is given by the NSPCC- a UK based association for the protection of children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

## **A Safe School: Parental support**

A reminder that parents are not permitted to be on the school premises between 8.15 a.m and 2.15p.m. Should parents need to visit the school during the school day please park in the outdoor car park and report to the front desk where the guards will sign you in and take you to the relevant ES/HS Office. Guards have been asked to stop any parent/adult on the site who has not signed in.

Please remember that cars in the basement carpark are not permitted to leave their engines idling whilst waiting to collect children. This presents as a health hazard to all our community.

Thank you for your help and support.





# Whole School Update

## **Parent Partnership Group (PPG)**

Today we hosted our first Parent Partnership meeting for the academic year. We welcomed both new and returning parents to the group. We appreciate the importance of the class/year representatives and we look forward to working in partnership to develop our Lasallian community. We discussed how we are working to ensure that SJIIM is a safe school and the role that everyone plays in achieving this. There will be many notices on our safeguarding page in the update, our representatives have been told that they can bring up any concerns that parents have by either speaking directly to the Principals or completing a safeguarding concern form which you can find in both the ES and HS offices.

## **Replacement Mondays.**

Having missed 3 Mondays during September due to holidays, we will be replacing two of these during Term 1. Tuesday 8th October and Wednesday 27th November will both follow a Monday schedule. CCA's will however not change and will follow their normal schedule. 'Instrumental Music Lessons' will also not change from the normal schedule that can be found on the music website'.

## **Catholic Corner**

We were delighted to host our first Celebration of Faith this academic year.

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and to welcome new members to our circle. During our time together, we worked collaboratively in sharing problems and problem-solving. Through our discussions, we learned about the importance of asking the Lord for help, communication and doing things in small steps. We also reflected on the effect that the haze has had on our school community and we offered our prayers to the Lord for the countries who remain victims of environmental pollution. Our next gathering will take place on the last Wednesday of October.



## **Chapel Times**

Our chapel, located on the sixth floor, will be open every Tuesday and Thursday morning (07:30- 07:50 am) for students, families or staff who wish to go there for quiet prayer or reflection. Please note that students from the elementary school must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please feel free to visit the chapel during these times.

Our school masses will take place on the first Friday of every month.

Also we have planned a detailed programme of events for our ES and HS Catholic and Christian students for the year ahead. We look forward to sharing more about these events as the year progresses.



# Elementary School Update

## ODD SOCK DAY!

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we would like the children to wear odd socks next Tuesday, 1st October. This will symbolise how we are all unique and wonderful. Please see the video below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of5CxXz662Y&feature=youtu.be>

## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week we will be promoting Anti-Bullying week. The children will be carrying out activities as part of their PSHE curriculum and through their RaVE time.

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

ES PTCs will take place on October 12th with class teachers and on October 11th and 12th with ES language teachers. You will sign up for your consultations via two booking sheets, one for class teachers and one for language teachers, using our school system *Meet the Teacher*. All details will be sent to your SJIM family gmail account next week.

The ES will also be running Parent Workshops on Saturday, October 12th. You will receive more information about each workshop next week.

## House Captains

Excitement is in the air as 15 courageous and enthusiastic Year 6 candidates prepare to deliver their speeches to the rest of KS2. The students will then vote in their houses for the next house captains of 2019-20. Successful house captains will be announced next week. Thank you to each and every one of them for putting themselves forward for this.





# High School Update

## **Challenge Week Feedback**

In order to celebrate the successful completion of our Y13 students' respective trips, parents are invited to attend our Challenge Week Feedback evening where you can see and hear what the Year 13 students did whilst completing a vital component of their Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) project. The event will be held in the evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm on Tuesday 3rd October in the School Auditorium.

## **IGCSE Music Recital**

All parents and staff are invited to attend our first IGCSE Music recital for 2019 on Wednesday 2 October from 3:30pm in the Auditorium. Students will be showcasing their solo performances on this occasion and would love to have a supportive audience in attendance.

## **Curriculum Overview**

Please click [here](#) to access the curriculum overviews for. Information regarding the IB courses can be found here or on the school website. These overviews will serve as a guide for what will be taught during this academic year. Please do be aware that teachers may adjust or amend the overviews depending upon the unique character of every class.

## **Open Classroom Event Saturday 12 October**

Bookings for this event, to make an appointment with your child's teachers will be available through Meet the Teacher website. This booking system will open on Thursday 3rd October at 8am. Throughout the Open Classroom Event, Breakout sessions will be led by High School teachers, Heads of Department and the leadership team. A full schedule of these sessions will be published closer to the event.

## **Feedback in the High School: Sessions for Parents**

There will be information sessions held for parents at 8am and 4pm on Tuesday, 1st October and 8am and 4pm on Wednesday, 2nd October regarding the feedback students receive in the High School. An email has gone out to all parents giving a broad overview of the sessions. The session will include a more expansive presentation on what good feedback for students looks like in the SJIM High School, why it matters and how parents can help and support their children. The session will be led by our teaching and learning leader Mr Bayfield and will be in the Drama room on the first floor. Please email Mr Bayfield directly at [abayfield@sji-international.edu.my](mailto:abayfield@sji-international.edu.my) for any enquiries.

## **European Day of Languages**



On Thursday, 26th Sept, we celebrated the European Day of Languages in School. Since Spanish is the European language offered in our school, it was decided that this day be used to celebrate the Spanish language and culture. Year 12 Spanish students planned a scavenger hunt with questions about Hispanic culture and Language, and a Spanish song karaoke. There was as well a special menu prepared by Sodexo at the canteen.

# Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)  
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)  
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