



SJIIM Weekly Update

30 August 2019

Whole School Update

Reflection from Br Paul- Chairman of the Board of Governors

Here we are, another new academic year at St. Joseph's Institution International Malaysia (SJIIM). To those who have just joined us, welcome and thank you for choosing SJIIM as your school of choice.

Like any first day of the New Year, we make resolutions to develop our personal skills so as to give ourselves joy to live each day. Resolutions can be a reality when we put our heart into them. For this year, I suggest you try to acquire mindfulness in SJIIM community. Have a mindful moment before any activity, it would help you look at your situation differently.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to convey our appreciation to Br. Jason Blaikie for his service as one of the founding Brothers at SJIIM for the past 3 years. His contribution to the school will be fondly remembered and we wish him the best for his new posting in Penang.

Welcome Back from the Principals!

Our staff induction programme focussed on the unique Lasallian Character of our school. Br Edmond and Br John joined us from the Philippines to deliver an induction programme to new staff. Br Michael Broughton, also delivered inspiring opening and closing addresses to all staff on the meaning of *Faith* in a Lasallian school. He equated faith with each person finding *purpose, meaning and joy* in their own life, whether affiliated to organised religion or not. In finding these three things each and every one of us can be enriched personally, and in turn become a better Lasallian enriching the lives of others.

We also spent considerable time further establishing our character education programme. Following this, building relationships has been the cornerstone of the work in all our classrooms this week. The "Connection before correction" catchphrase reminds us that, even on the busiest of days, connecting with each individual on a personal level must always be our priority. During our induction programme the sense of shared purpose from existing and new staff was palpable. Moving forward as a cohesive team, they are excited to develop our Lasallian Education Programme this year.

We are determined to embody the Lasallian values in everything we do at SJIIM - we must all strive to demonstrate the core values of faith, service and community in ourselves and nurture them in our children/students.

Mass to celebrate the New School Year

We will celebrate our first mass of the school year on September 13th in our School Chapel, located on the 6th floor. All Christian families are warmly invited to attend. We will also recommence our 'Celebration of Faith' gatherings. A separate message confirming this date will be sent later. We look forward to a blessed and wonderful year ahead. If you have any queries please contact kwilloughby@sjj-international.edu.my

CCA programme

Apologies for the delay in sending out the details, you will be receiving information about this shortly.

School Closure

School will be closed on Monday, September 2nd, for the public holiday and will reopen on Tuesday, September 3rd.

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SJII: A Safe School



As a school we are continuing to develop our safeguarding programme. All staff undertook training and share a good understanding of making SJIIM a “safe school”. We will be sharing safeguarding tips and information with parents through a link in this newsletter in the weeks to come. Parent workshops will also be run for parents who are interested in finding out more about our policies and procedures.

This week on Safe School:

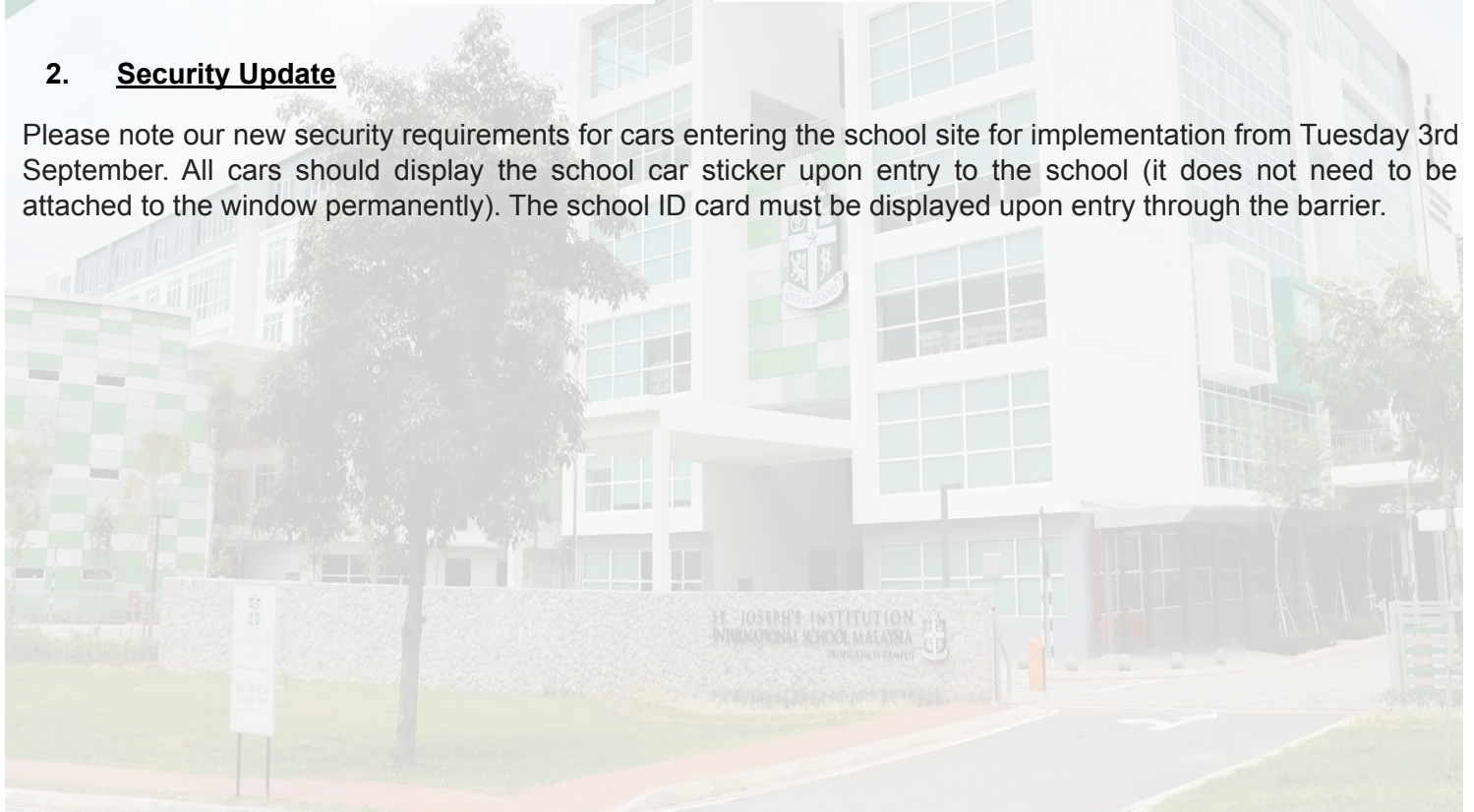
1. Washrooms

There are now designated separate student and adult washrooms. They are clearly signposted- please be observant. The washrooms near the Admin block are for adults only.



2. Security Update

Please note our new security requirements for cars entering the school site for implementation from Tuesday 3rd September. All cars should display the school car sticker upon entry to the school (it does not need to be attached to the window permanently). The school ID card must be displayed upon entry through the barrier.



Elementary School Update

Welcome!

Welcome to our new staff and students, and welcome back to all of our returning staff and students. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and look forward to continuing to build our Lasallian community. Our new students enjoyed an induction afternoon on Thursday, 23rd August. They met their new teacher, had a tour of the school and took part in many Lasallian activities. We welcome Miss Glory who is our new Admin Assistant, she will be based at the front desk in the ES office and will be available to answer your queries or direct you to the appropriate staff member. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her and all our new parents, staff and children to our ES community.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please start this year as you mean to go on, by ensuring that your child is in time for school every day. Children arriving late disrupt lessons, miss out on vital information at the start of the day and often feel self-conscious, so please do not put your child in this uncomfortable position. Similarly at the end of the school day please do be punctual to collect your children. It often causes anxiety and distress to children if they are not collected on time. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

For reminders of our attendance and punctuality policies and procedures please follow this link [here](#).

Uniform

The ES children looked very smart returning to school this week. Thank you to all our parents for their adherence to the [uniform policy](#); a reminder that shoes should be black and polishable. We appreciate your continued support in this regard.

Please ensure that your all of your child's personal property (including uniform, PE kit, bag, hat, water bottle etc.) is clearly labelled with their name and class. It may then be returned to them should they happen to misplace it.

Upcoming Parent information Sessions:

Venue : Drama Room

Yr 1 - Tuesday 3rd September, 8:15 am

Yr 2 - Wednesday 4th September, 8:15 am

Yr 3 - Thursday 5th September, 8:15 am

Yr 4 - Friday 6th September, 8:15 am

Yr 5 - Tuesday 10th September, 8:15 am

Yr 6 - Wednesday 11th September, 8:15 am

Early Years had their information sessions today and will be sharing their Slides on Class Dojo.

Our early Years teams enjoyed meeting the Early Years parents to day and shared information about the year ahead. Thank you to Mrs. Taylor for delivering an informative Parent Information session on the provision of music at SJIM yesterday. Other subject specific Parent Information sessions will be held once the year group sessions have been completed.

High School Update

New Student Induction

On Thursday 22nd August, we welcomed our new students to an induction day designed and delivered by our wonderful Student Representative Council. The purpose of the day was to make our new students feel welcome and help them take that first step in understanding what it means to be a Lasallian student at St. Joseph's. We hope that their time with us is an enjoyable one and we look forward to the contribution they can make to the school community. Many thanks also to our SRC (and the student volunteers that gave up that extra holiday time to help) for their dedication and hardwork. They even organised extra ice cream for all of the students just to make them feel really welcome!



Character in the classroom Week

The first week of term has seen the High School teachers explicitly teach the moral character virtues of integrity, respect, courage, honesty, compassion and gratitude through the different subjects. Amongst others this week saw the P.E department highlight the virtues made explicit through rock climbing, the Maths team think about how those virtues function when solving complex problems and English lessons focussing on how differing characters display these virtues in literature.


Our students are now beginning to deeply understand the meaning and importance of these virtues, and by explicitly teaching how these virtues function across the subjects the virtues become taught, rather than caught. The week was first conceived by our Head of Year 7 Miss Sophie Meakin, who saw the value in the school's character education programme working within the context of, for example, a Science or Business studies lesson.

This week has highlighted the imagination of our teachers as well as their investment in our character education programme, and is part of future learning activities that will both maintain the academic rigour the school offers whilst developing our students as young people of values.

Moral Virtues

Compassion
Courage
Gratitude
Honesty
Humility
Integrity
Respect

"Virtue lies in our power, and similarly so does vice, because where it is in our power to act, it is also in our power not to act."
- Aristotle



1. With a partner, discuss and then define each virtue.
2. Order them from 'easiest' to exhibit to 'hardest'.
3. Circle the virtue which you think you exhibit the most confidently.
4. Put a box around the virtue you feel is still an area you are working on.

Physical Education 2019/2020 - Camp 5 Trip

"As part of the curriculum program for the 2019-2020 year, the Physical Education department is bringing all secondary classes to [Camp5 1Utama](#). Students will be partaking in both individual/team rock climbing challenges that align with the learning outcomes for our introductory unit - Adventure Based Learning. This trip will cost 60RM per student. This will cover all fees at the venue, as well as transport to and from. Payment can be made to the finance department, online, or with cash during the first week back."

Befrienders Training

During the teacher induction programme, in line with the schools belief in the importance of student wellbeing, all teachers in the High School participated in some active listening training delivered by Befrienders KL. Befrienders KL provide free 24 hour confidential support to people experiencing emotional difficulties. The training, which was incredibly powerful, focused on how to better support those in need of somebody to talk to.

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Upcoming Parent Information Sessions

Y9 - 5 Sept, Thursday 4-5pm (Venue : Auditorium)

Y10 - 4 Sept, Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm (Venue : Auditorium)

Y11 - 3 Sept, Tuesday 4-5pm (Venue : Auditorium)

Y12 - 6 Sept, Friday 4-5pm (Venue : Drama Room)

Year 9 Parent Information Session

Come and meet new Head of Year, Mr Chris Sheahan, as he provides an overview of the experience of a new Year 9 student at St Joseph's. Points of discussion will include:

- Support structure for your child
- Why character education is important and what we do to foster growth in character
- Our expectations for Y9 students
- Cornerstone habits as students build towards IGCSE
- Some important administrative details

Y10/11 Parent Information Session

We would like to invite you to a Parent Information Session where we will address:

- Our vision for character development of SJIIM students
- Opportunities for students to contribute in leadership positions over the coming year
- Y10 - An outline of the transition from Year 9 to IGCSE including study skills and our expectations
- Y11 - An outline of strategies to make your child's preparation for the upcoming IGCSE exams as effective as possible
- An opportunity to meet you all and answer any questions that you might have regarding the upcoming year.

For Y10 parents, there will be an informal opportunity from 4:00pm to 4:30pm to meet the teachers..

If you plan to attend please RSVP to ypeng@sjj-international.edu.my

Year 12 Parent Information Session

Mrs. Fitzgerald will highlight for parents the key aspects of the students' experience in Year 12 at SJIIM, both day to day and across the year. There will be information about the school's character education programme, including the upcoming character camps in October, as well as how to support students in their first year of their IBDP studies. Parents are encouraged to attend, and students are most welcome to join us.

Technology Acceptable Use Agreement

At the start of this new academic year, all students have been asked to sign the updated Acceptable Use Agreement.

This policy ensure that the standards and expectation for all students are very clear. As the policy states:

I understand that I must use school ICT systems in a responsible way to ensure that there is no risk to my safety or to the safety and security of the ICT systems and other users.

A full copy of the agreement can be found [here](#).

Reference Request

Parents who would like to request for School Reference can email to Bee Ling at

beelingpeh@sjj-international.edu.my who will disseminate to the relevant Head of Year.

Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)
[ES Parent calendar 2019/20](#)



[HS Staff Email 2019/20](#)
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