

# SJIIM Weekly Update 6 September 2019



# Whole School Update

### Thank you

We would like to thank Mr Monnery for his great contribution to both the HS and ES. He was a founding member of staff who took on the difficult task of creating and running a CCA programme for a brand new school. Due to his hard work, the school is now in a position to move to a new school programme. Liam will of course remain part of our school community. We thank him for all his efforts and wish him every success going forward.

### **Parent Partnership Group**

We are looking forward to establishing our new Parent Partnership Group for 2019/20. Please follow the <u>link</u> to this letter which gives you information about the PPG and how to become a class representative.

#### Mass to celebrate the New School Year

We will celebrate our first mass of the school year on September 13th, 12.30pm, in our School Chapel, located on the 6th floor. All Christian families are warmly invited to attend. Parents of children in year 3 and below will need to collect their child and accompany them to mass. If your child is in year 4-6 and you would like them to attend, please let the ES office know via this <u>link</u>.

We will also recommence our 'Celebration of Faith' gatherings. If you have any queries please contact <a href="mailto:kwilloughby@sji-international.edu.my">kwilloughby@sji-international.edu.my</a>

### **School Closure**

School will be closed on 9th September, a public holiday for the celebration of Agong's Birthday

### **Date for your diaries**

We will be hosting an Open Classroom/ SLC(HS)//Parent consultations (ES) Event on 12 October in both schools. More details to follow.

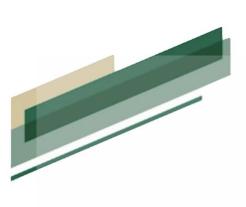
### **Instrumental Music Lessons**

Instrumental music lessons will commence next week. Timetables can be found on the music website <a href="https://sites.google.com/sji-international.edu.my/instrumental-music/home">https://sites.google.com/sji-international.edu.my/instrumental-music/home</a>

Any questions regarding instrumental music lessons can be directed to Nicki Taylor (ntaylor@sji-international.edu.my)

### **Parents Coffee Morning**

PSG first coffee morning on the 26th September at 8.15am. More details coming soon.



# Safe School Update: This week





# **Staff Training**

This week all our instrumental teachers and support staff completed safeguarding training. All staff have an understanding that it is the responsibility of all adults in our community to ensure that any concerns must be reported to the designated safeguarding officers.

# On-line safety

# HS: 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. bulletin.

ES: Teachers in the ES will be educating the children on this at the level appropriate to the age group.

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

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware

#### You Tube

Please see this very informative leaflet on how to protect your children from watching inappropriate material.

### **Swimming Pool and Changing Rooms**

As part of our Safe School policy, there should be no parents or helpers at the swimming pool and in the changing rooms. The swimming staff and ES staff are on hand to support the children in the swimming pool and in the changing rooms.

# **Elementary School Update**

### CCA's

Firstly, please can I thank parents for your patience! I am now in a position to give you further information about the CCA programme for term 1. As the school has grown we now have almost 500 children and over 70 staff who are involved in the CCA programme. We have therefore purchased a new system which will hopefully assist the choosing and delivery of the programme. I would like to ask you for your patience for approximately one more week. We hope to send detailed information about the programme and how to use it by the end of next week. During the following week parents will be able to choose their options. We will therefore have to delay the start of the CCA programme by one week- CCA's will begin on Monday 23rd September. Our After School Care Club (ASCC) however, will be running so if any parents have child care issues which are affected by the CCA's please follow the link for more information on how to register for the ASCC. I apologise if this causes any inconvenience but we do not want to launch the new system until we are completely sure that it will work effectively. The HS have sent out their programme as the students choose their own CCA's and will be migrating to the new system next term. Thanking you again for you patience and support.

#### Communication

Class Dojo appears to be the most effective form of communicating with parents. Teachers have been uploading lots of information- curriculum overviews for the half term and details of procedures and policies. Please do look at these as it is a way of us sharing valuable information with parents.

# Virtues Programme

This week Mrs Fried led assemblies on our Virtues programme. She reminded the children how important it was to display virtues and to recognise the virtues in others. We will continue to read out peer nominated "thank yous" for virtues in our Friday assembly as part of our Lasallian education programme. The children are rightly proud of their behaviour and are always delighted when one of their peers has recognised their virtues. The slides from the assembly are shared on Class Dojo.

# Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons have started for all year groups, please ensure that your child has a swimming hat for their lesson. Please be reminded that children will rinse after their lesson but do not need shampoo and shower gel.

### **Upcoming Parent information Sessions:**

**Venue: Drama Room** 

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

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

ES Bahasa - Tuesday, 17th September, 8:15 am

ES Mandarin - Wednesday, 18th September, 8.15 am

ES PSHE - Thursday, 19th September, 8.15am

Thank you for the parent support that was shown during this weeks information sessions.



# House Meeting and election of new House Captains

Today, students had their first House meeting of the year during tutor time. The session was led by our current House captains and included a welcome to our new and returning students and staff.

During the meeting, students were also notified about how they can put themselves forward to be House Captain for 2019/20. The application form will go live on the SRC Student Portal this afternoon and applications will close on 17th September. Students will have the opportunity to vote their new House Captains on the 20th September.

Each House will vote for a House Captain (Year 12), a Senior Vice Captain (Year 11/10) and a Junior Vice Captain (Year 7-9).

### Reference Request

Parents who would like to request for School Reference can email to Bee Ling at beelingpeh@sji-international.edu.my who will disseminate to the relevant Head of Year.

# **High School CCA**

Following on from the email sent to all HS parents on Thursday, the registration form for HS CCA's was sent to all HS students at 4pm today. Registrations for HS CCA's will close on Tuesday 10th September at 8am. The CCA programme will commence on Tuesday 17th September.

# **CAT4 for Y7 & Y10**

All students in Years 7 and 10 will retake their CAT-4 tests over the next two weeks. This helps guide our internal school data. The exact dates and time have already been shared with the students.

### **Y7 Parent Info Session**

On Wednesday 11th September, Year 7 parents are invited to meet Ms Meakin, Head of Year 7 who will provide an overview of the life of a Year 7 student at SJIIM, alongside important administrative details they will need to be aware of. Later parents will also have the opportunity to casually meet their child's teachers over tea and coffee. The event will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 pm beginning in the Auditorium.

#### **Y8 Parent Info Session**

On Tuesday 10th September, the Year 8 parents are invited to meet Ms. Keary in the Auditorium at 4 pm for a parent information session. This session will give details on the expectations of Year 8 students for the year ahead, some important administration details, how our pastoral programme works and our vision for character development of SJIIM students. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### **Y13 Parent Info Session**

There will be an information session for parents of Year 13 students on Thursday, 12 September from 4-5pm in the Drama Room on the 1st floor. Mrs. Fitzgerald will highlight for parents the key aspects of the students' experience in Year 13 at SJIIM. There will be updates about developments in the school's character education programme, including the upcoming character camps in October, as well as how to support students in their second year of their IBDP studies. Parents are encouraged to attend, and students are most welcome to join us.

# **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 ES Staff Email 2019/20



September 2019 Menu Term 1 meal charges



Update from University and Careers Counsellor



PSG Update



Music Website



**Sports Website**