

SJIIM Weekly Update

4 October 2019

Whole School Update



Anti-Bullying Week

This week the children have been involved in a number of activities related to bullying. The children have learnt about the meaning of bullying and who to inform if they are unhappy or worried about relationships with other children.

As a parent, what can I do about bullying?

- Encourage your child to talk to you if someone says something upsetting or hurtful to them
- Look for signs they may be being bullied, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep
- Tell our school about **any** bullying your child experiences

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/UnderstandingBullying>

Parent Partnership Group (PPG)

The PPG will communicate PPG issues via a class email. Please follow this [link](#) to find your class representatives' school email address. We would be grateful if this is used as the sole form of communication with your class rep. We look forward to working together in the months to come.

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'.

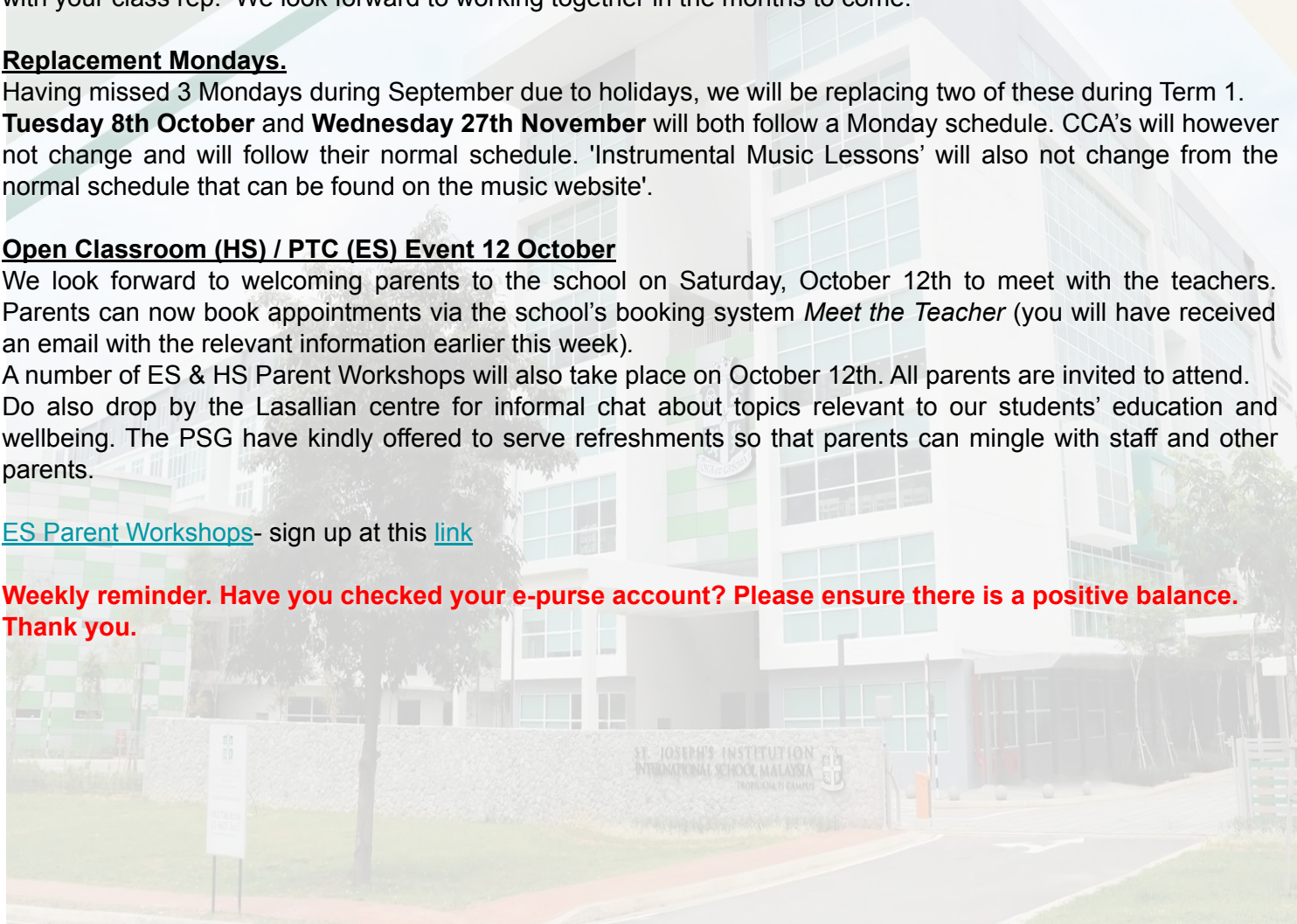
Open Classroom (HS) / PTC (ES) Event 12 October

We look forward to welcoming parents to the school on Saturday, October 12th to meet with the teachers. Parents can now book appointments via the school's booking system *Meet the Teacher* (you will have received an email with the relevant information earlier this week).

A number of ES & HS Parent Workshops will also take place on October 12th. All parents are invited to attend. Do also drop by the Lasallian centre for informal chat about topics relevant to our students' education and wellbeing. The PSG have kindly offered to serve refreshments so that parents can mingle with staff and other parents.

[ES Parent Workshops](#) - sign up at this [link](#)

Weekly reminder. Have you checked your e-purse account? Please ensure there is a positive balance. Thank you.



Safe School Update: This week: WhatsApp



WhatsApp says the **minimum age** to use it is **16**, but younger children can still use it easily.

What's the problem?

- There's a risk of bullying, particularly in group chats
- There's a risk of seeing content of a sexual nature, or showing violence and hatred
- There's a threat to safety if your child shares their live location, particularly with people they don't know in person
- They may receive spam or hoax messages
- In group chats, any users who aren't in your child's contacts can see messages they post in the group, and your child will be able to see messages they post

5 steps to help your child use WhatsApp safely

1. Keep their personal information and location private

By default, WhatsApp shows profile photos, status and when you last used it to all users.

Encourage your child to only share this information with their contacts, and to only talk to people they know in person on the app, as anyone could pretend to be a child online.

To check and change these settings:

- Tap the 3 dots in the top-right of the home screen, then > Settings > Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to

WhatsApp also has a feature that you can use to share your 'live location' with others. Tell your child to keep this turned off, or to only share their location with people they trust.

To check this:

- Tap the 3 dots in the top-right of the home screen, then > Settings > Account > Privacy > Live location

2. Remind your child to be careful about what they share

It's easy to forward messages, photos and videos to others via this app. Even if your child deletes an image from their phone after sharing it, this won't delete the image from other people's phones.

So encourage your child to think carefully about what they share and with who. Before they share anything, tell them to ask themselves: "would I want others to see what I'm about to send?"

3. Remind your child they can leave group chats

If they see something they're not comfortable with in a group chat, or are in a chat with someone they don't know and are uncomfortable with, they should leave the group. To do this:

- Go into the group chat, tap the 3 dots in the top-right, then > More > Exit group

4. Make sure your child knows how to report and block people

Whenever they first receive a message from an unknown number, WhatsApp will give them an option to report the message.

If someone in your child's contacts is upsetting them or making them uncomfortable, they can report or block them at any point. (WhatsApp won't tell the user they've been blocked/reported.) To do this:

- On an iPhone, open the chat, tap the contact's name, then > Block contact > Block (or Report and Block)
- In Android, open the chat, tap the 3 dots in the top-right, then > More > Block (or Report)

To report issues like offensive or abusive content or spam:

- In Android, tap the 3 dots in the top-right of the home screen, then > Settings > Help > Contact us
- On iPhone, go to Settings > Help > Contact us

5. Encourage your child to be alert to spam and hoax messages

These can appear to come from contacts, as well as people they don't know. Tell your child to watch out for messages that:

- Ask them to tap on a link, or specifically to click on a link to activate a new feature
- Ask them to share personal information like bank account details, date of birth or passwords
- Ask them to forward the message
- Say they have to pay to use WhatsApp

Elementary School Update

IPC (International Primary Curriculum) Parent Information Session

Date: Wed, Oct 9th, 2019

Venue: Drama room

Time: 8.15 a.m.

All parents are invited to come along to learn more about the IPC and it's delivery at SJIM.

Deepavali

Our plans for Deepavali are underway with a whole school celebration planned for November 1st. Children will dress up in traditional dress on this day and we will have a celebratory assembly as well as cultural activities within the classrooms.

In planning school meals, Sodexo had kindly considered an appropriate menu for Deepavali on October 30th. To streamline the event, Sodexo has agreed to deliver the Deepavali menu on November 1st to coincide with the whole school celebration. Many of you who have already pre-ordered your child's meal. As such, Sodexo will switch the menus so that children will receive the menu of October 30th on November 1st and the November 1st menu on October 30th.

Glass Water Bottles

We have had a number of glass bottles break on corridors this week. You will appreciate that this is hazardous in a school environment. Please ensure that the water bottle your child brings to school is made of plastic or metal.

Sports Fixtures

What an exciting week for some of our sports teams. It is the start of the season and our U11 girls and boys basketball teams and U9 Bench Ball team played their first tournaments. Please see the link at the end of the Update to access the P.E.website for full reviews and photographs.



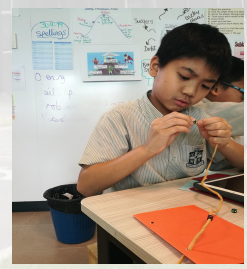
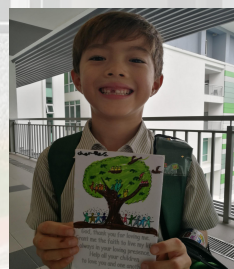
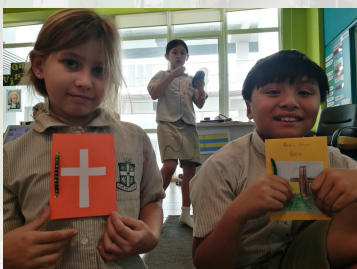
Catholic Corner

It was lovely to welcome our students into our Catholic CCA this term.

In Year 1-3 the children discussed the meaning of gratitude and shared their ideas on what they are thankful for. In Year 4-6 the children learned about the importance of prayer and how we can pray anywhere and at any time. Later they designed and made their own personal prayer books.

October 4th is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We remember his work on Earth and we pray for peace in our world today.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy"



High School Update

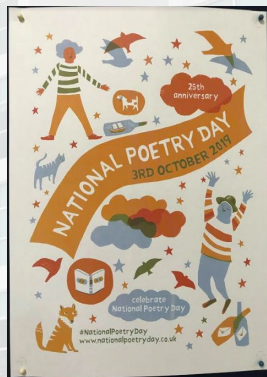
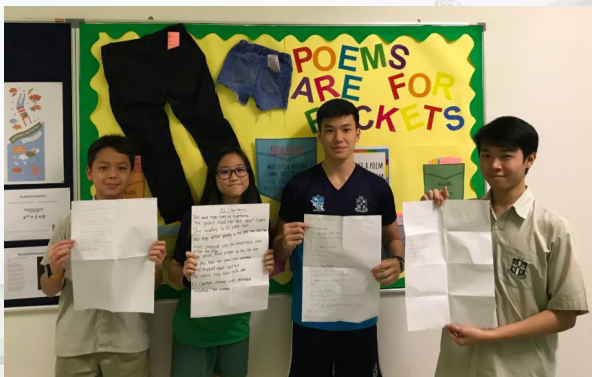
IGCSE Music Recital

On Wednesday 2 October 10 IGCSE music students performed in their first recital for this academic year. The standard was very high and the dedication to preparing for these performances ensured a treat for our audience. We enjoyed a range of repertoire from popular songs to hits from the Classical period and beyond. Thank you to Mr. Lee for accompanying the students, and all those who supported these performers.



National Poetry Day

Thursday 3rd October was the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Day in the UK, so SJIIM staff and students decided to take the opportunity to share their love of poems! This year's theme was 'TRUTH' and this allowed the school to deliver some very meaningful lessons around the character virtues of truth and integrity. During one of their English lessons, students from Year 7-12 were also engaged in a number of creative poetry writing tasks that will result in many of them entering a school-run poetry competition. The entries so far have been thought-provoking and extremely well crafted. The winners from KS3, 4 and 5 will be decided after half term... watch this space!



House Captains

A huge well done to those students that had the confidence to put themselves forward for a House Captain position. This year, we had more applications than ever before (almost fifty)! The students have been notified of the outcomes of the results and, in an upcoming assembly, our new House Captains will receive their badges. We're already planning our first term's House events! Although some students were not elected as House Captain, we are grateful to all of them for showing House spirit and that willingness to serve the community.

In November, we will be looking for students to put themselves forward for next year's Student Representative Council!



High School Update

IB Challenge Week

On 3rd October evening, the Y13 students completed their Challenge Week Feedback evening in front of their parents, guardians and Y12 peers. The students worked together in three groups, displaying their photographs and videos and delivered a 20 minute presentation on their various experiences and activities completed. Challenge Week was initiated, planned and executed by the Y13 students during the first week of the July vacation and it is a vital component of their Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) project. The key takeaway of the evening was the need to adapt to unforeseen circumstance and to always remain resilient in the face of challenges, and the life-long learning skills and memories acquired by these students as a result of their CAS project will be invaluable in their future. Thank you to all those whom attended and a very big thank you to the Y13s in delivering a most impressive evening.

Art Expo - Sheena

Ms. Kelly and Mr. McKeown will be leading the visual arts students of year 10,11, and 13 on an excursion to the 13th annual Art Expo next week on Friday, 11th Oct. The International Art Expo Malaysia (AEM), is the longest-running art fair in South-East Asia, with 60 galleries represented and up to 1,500 pieces of art. Students will come face to face with the curators from leading galleries and in some cases the artists themselves. Educational visits like this serve to inspire the student's personal artworks and inform them of the endless opportunities in visual arts. This trip is particularly useful for the Year 13 students as they will view a wide variety of curated exhibition spaces as they will be putting up with their own exhibitions in March.

Donation drives for camps

As part of our service element and visits to the local houses for the camps, we are having [donation drives](#)! The locations at which students can leave items are:

Year 7 ----Ms Meakin's Office (Books only)

Year 8 ---Foyer (books, canned/dried food, sports equipment, any games, old books (age 5-13), stationery and bags) See the poster here---->>>>>>Year 8 poster for donations

Year 9--- Books for ES (English and Bahasa) and sports equipment, games, clothes, stationery. Drop off to their tutors.

Year 10 --- Drop into their tutors rooms (List of items needed here)

Year 11 ---Mr Bush's Office (sports equipment and stationery)

Curriculum Overview

Please click [here](#) to access the curriculum overviews for. Information regarding the IB courses can be found 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

To make an appointment with your child's teachers, please book through the [Meet the Teacher](#) website. Booking has now opened and will close on Thursday 10th October at 4pm. 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 has already been sent out by email earlier in the week. No booking is required to attend these sessions..

Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)
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[HS Staff Email 2019/20](#)
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