

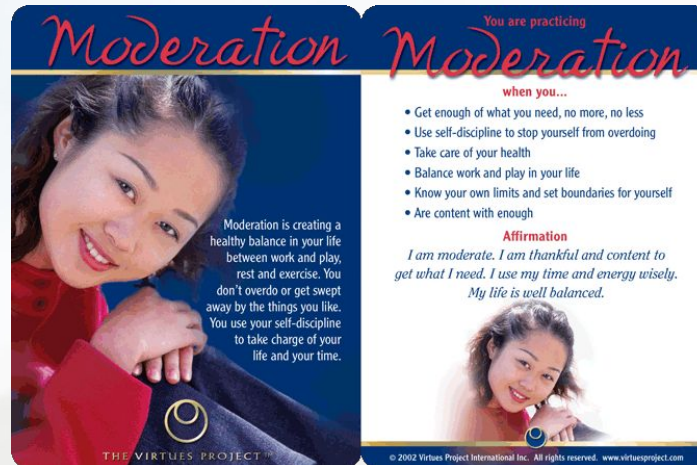
SJIIM Weekly Update

13 December 2019



Lasallian Reflection:

The Virtue of Moderation



Catholic Corner

A massive thank you to everyone who came and shared in our Christmas Mass and fellowship gathering. It was wonderful to meet as a community united in our faith.

Also a big thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Catholic charity stall and to everyone who was involved in setting up and working at the stall. It was a huge success. All proceeds will be going to the Rumah Kita and Zomi Education centre.

Catholic CCA

A Google sign up sheet was shared if you wish for your child to join Catholic CCA next term. Catholic CCA does not affect your normal CCA choices. Children from Year 1- Year 6 are invited to attend. If you did not get the Google 'sign up' sheet, just email me kwilloughby@sj-international.edu.my

Wishing everyone a peaceful and blessed Christmas.



Chapel opening hours

Our school chapel is open every **Tuesday and Thursday** before school (07:30- 07:50 am) Children from the ES must be accompanied by an adult.

Safe School Update: This week:



Social media apps have become a part of daily life for most of us and typically tend to be the first thing children look to download when they get a new smartphone device. They're a great way to keep in touch with friends, stay on top of news and learn new things online. But do children really understand the dangers? Do they know how to protect themselves from strangers? And do they know how to build a positive online reputation? Find out with this guide.

Created by experienced writer Pete Badh, this guide provides children with twelve safety tips intended to help them use social media safely and securely. Designed to be used as either a resource for first-timers or as a good reminder of general safety measures, the guide provides children with the best ways to keep themselves and their personal information safe. Click the button below to access your free guide now.

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12 Social Media Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

With Christmas only a few weeks away, many of you will be using social media to share your excitement with friends and family. Being active on social media is a great way to show others how much fun you're having, but it's important that you know how to use these apps safely and securely so that bad things don't happen. By following our safety tips below, you can make sure that your personal information stays private, your postings are positive and that your social media use overall is responsible, healthy and most of all enjoyable.

- DON'T ACCEPT FRIEND REQUESTS FROM STRANGERS**
Make sure that you set your profile to private so that people you don't know can't find you online. Always tell a trusted adult if a stranger or somebody you don't know sends you a message or a friend request.
- NEVER SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW**
Keep your personal information personal. Sometimes people online aren't always who they say they are and might ask you to share things that you don't feel comfortable sharing.
- DON'T SHARE EMBARRASSING PHOTOS OR VIDEOS OF OTHERS ONLINE**
This could really upset them and could get you into a lot of trouble. Always think twice before posting anything on social media and treat people online as you would in real life.
- NEVER SEND NAKED PICTURES OF YOURSELF TO OTHERS**
This is illegal if you are under 18 and you could get into trouble with the Police. If you are being pressured by someone, always say no and tell a trusted adult. Even if you think it is innocent fun, the photo could be shared with other people and you won't be able to control who else sees it.
- CREATE A POSITIVE ONLINE REPUTATION**
Always be kind and polite when posting comments on social media and only upload pictures and videos of things you are proud of. This forms part of your digital footprint. Everything you do online can be tracked and monitored and could affect what people think of you in real life if it is negative.
- LIMIT YOUR SCREEN TIME**
Social media can be addictive, and it is easy to keep checking newsfeeds or your notifications every 5 minutes which can affect your behaviour and stop you from doing other things. Remember to only use your phone at certain times of the day, turn notifications off at bedtime and go out and have as fun as much as possible. This will keep you fit and healthy and make you appreciate there's more to life than just what's on social media.
- BLOCK ONLINE BULLIES**
Sometimes people might say nasty things to you online or post offensive comments on your pictures or videos. If this happens, always tell a trusted adult who will help you block them from your profile and support you in taking further action.
- REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
If you see something on social media that you don't like, offends you or reports you, you should always report it to a trusted adult. You should also report it to the social media app who will be able to remove the content if it is against their user policy and can block the person who posted it.
- ONLY USE APPS WHICH YOU ARE OLD ENOUGH TO USE**
Before downloading any new social media app, always check the age-rating. If you need help, ask your parent or carer to make sure that the app is safe for you to use and never download anything which you are too young for as it may contain content that isn't safe for you to see.
- ALWAYS SECURE ALL YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILES WITH A PASSWORD**
This will help to keep your private information safe and won't allow others to access your profiles without your permission. Make sure your passwords are memorable and personal to you but something which other people can't guess, and always share them with your parents just in case you forget them.
- ASK PARENTS TO SET-UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS' FOR SOCIAL MEDIA**
When you download a social media app, you should always ask a trusted adult to help you set it up for the first time. This will help you control who sees what you post, who can contact you and make sure you are able to enjoy using the app safely and securely.
- ALWAYS TALK TO YOUR TRUSTED ADULT IF SOCIAL MEDIA IS MAKING YOU UNHAPPY**
Sometimes, social media can make us feel bad about ourselves or sad that we aren't the same as someone else or doing the same things as someone else. Remember, if you ever feel this way, it's really important to talk to your trusted adult(s) like your parents, carers, other adult family members or a teacher, all of whom will be able to support you and discuss your feelings with you to help make you feel better.

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Whole School Update



Last day of term

Our last day of term is on Friday 20th December. Please see below the finishing times for the different schools.

Nursery & Reception will finish at 12:30 pm

Elementary School at 12:45 pm

High School at 1 pm

There will be no ASCC in ES on this day, please arrange for your child to be collected at their finishing time from their pick - up point.

End of CCA

Last day of CCA for HS is on December 13th.

Elementary school CCAs finished on Monday December 9th.

Toilets in the Foyer Area

The toilets in the foyer area are designated as 'Adult Only' according to our safeguarding policy. The disabled toilet in the foyer can now be used by High School students in an update to the guidelines. Parents can accompany and supervise their children in using an adult toilet but no child should use an adult toilet without a parent present.

MOE Form

The Ministry of Education wish to complete a register of children who have participated in events at national or international level. If your child has participated in such events, please share the following information with your child's class teacher/tutor by Wednesday, December 18th.

Activity

Organiser

Date

Place (If Relevant)

National/International

Achievement Level

Student Information (name only)

Christmas Bazaar

What a fantastic day we had today with the PSG Christmas Bazaar. The festive spirit has well and truly arrived in SJIIM. There was a beautiful array of Christmas gifts and tasty treats on sale for all to enjoy. The highlight was, of course, the presence of Mr Claus! It was fantastic to see the children sharing their wishes for Christmas with him. More pictures will follow in next week's update. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on this event which was truly representative of our Lasallian community.

Elementary School Update



Penang Sports Weekend

SJIIM's participation in the annual ES Penang Sports weekend, hosted by St. Christopher's School, was a tremendous success! St. Joseph's brought 27 boys and girls from Years 5 and 6. Students took part in swimming races, athletic events, tee-ball matches and football games. Individual events were held on day one and team events on year two.

Students enjoyed meeting and making friends from other schools, while pushing themselves to use their virtues of determination and excellence on the sports field.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended the Penang Sports weekend.



Christmas Performances & Concerts

All of our ensembles will ALSO be part of the Christmas Concerts next week.

Tuesday 17th- *String Ensemble* joins Yr 1/2 Concert

Time: 9am

Venue: Auditorium

Tuesday 17th- *Concert Band* joins Year 3/4 Concert

Time: 4pm

Venue: Auditorium

Wednesday 18th- *Piccolo Singers* joins EY Concert

Time: 9am

Venue: Auditorium

Wednesday 18th- *Cantabile Singers* joins Yr 5/6 Concert

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Auditorium

For these performances, full **black performance shirts and black trousers/skirts** are required.

Musical

Performances:

Each morning this week we have been treated to a range of Christmas musical performances- it has been a delightful way to start the day. Parents and staff have been impressed by the standard of all the groups- Piccolo Singers, Cantabile Singers, Concert Band and String Ensemble. All have entertained us to an exceptional standard and helped us to embrace the festive spirit!

So many children are now participating in musical activities. Thank you to Mrs Taylor, Mr Leung, Miss Cheryl and Mr Alwin for their hard work and commitment -their passion for music is evident in all of the performances.



Elementary School Update



House Singing Competition for Year 3 - 6

On Thursday 19th December, year 3 - 6 children will take part in a House singing competition with the High School. Children can wear their House P.E. shirt to school. To get into the Christmas spirit children can also bring in a Christmas prop to wear for example, Christmas hat, reindeer antlers, glasses etc

Staff leaving

We would like to say a fond farewell to our Year 1 Learning Assistant, Kristin who will be leaving at the end of term. Kristin has been a part of the year 1 team since 2016, she has helped support the children with their learning, led fun and engaging CCAs and has been great support for the teachers. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours, I know the staff and children will miss her. Good luck, Kristin!

CCAs

This morning we had our PPG meeting there were a number of issues raised about the CCA programme for term 2 which I will address here:

Firstly, we apologise for the lack of communication regarding the end of CCA's for this term, the opening of the CCA's for term 2 and the closing date for CCA applications for term 3. We completely forgot to put this information in the update last week and our notice went out on Class Dojo rather late. We had been so well prepared and planned so that the CCA's would start on time next term- we just forgot to inform the parents! Apologies again for this oversight.

We have responded to parents requests for additional CCA's and there are now 14 more CCA's on offer. The number of free CCA's has increased by 8 and paid CCA's by 6. We have added more art/creative CCA's as requested.

All ES students can choose 3 CCA's- this is all that our capacity allows at present. This is generous compared to most international schools. All teachers and learning assistants do one or two CCAs each week. In order to meet the target we have had to include the choirs as one of the three choices. I know it is difficult to choose but it is not possible for the children to do everything.

SchoolsBuddy- we are still learning how to update SchoolsBuddy once the system has gone live with details such as different finishing dates for different CCA's. Please bear with us.

Parents needs to click 'COMPLETE and Send ALL to School'. Then they will receive a confirmation email. Our system shows that 20 parents missed the last step out. Over 350 parents did receive the confirmation email. 71 parents have still not logged into the system. If you are one of these parents and would like to request a CCA for your child please either come into the ES office or contact Nasron on nabsidik@sj-international.edu.my.

Mr Nasron is working hard to overcome all of the difficulties we are facing. Thank you for supporting them with your patience and understanding.

High School Update



The IBDP as Preparation for Success at University and Beyond - 19th Dec

We are pleased to be hosting this event, which will include speakers talking about the ways that the IB Diploma Programme prepares students well for university, but also for success beyond university. We are pleased to welcome the following special guest speakers:

Francine Dawson (International Officer) - Kings College London

Ng Wey Han - SJIIM Class of 2018

Claudia Chang - SJIIM Class of 2019

This event will take place on **Thursday, 19th December** from 4-5pm in the Drama Room on the 1st floor. All high school parents and students are encouraged to attend. There will be time for Q&A and to talk with the guest speakers following the event.

Hats and PE Lessons

There has been a request that HS students wear school caps for curriculum PE lessons. If you wish your child to wear a cap for PE lessons please send them to school with the item on the relevant school day. Thank you.

Year 10 Parent Information Session - 14th Jan

As we approach the end of Term 1, we would like to thank you all for your support in helping the Year 10 students settle so well into their IGCSE courses. We are aware that this is a very busy year and that it is easy to become confused about upcoming deadlines and other events during the year. To help with this we will be running a short 'recap' session on 14th January at 4:30pm in the Drama Room on the 1st floor.

Mock Exams Year 11 and 13

The Mock Examinations for Year 11 and 13 students will take place from Tuesday 7th January until Friday 17th January. These exams are an important part of the students preparations for the final exams in May/ June. Students have already received their exam schedule. We wish them 'all the best' for their study and exams.

Charity Concert with Young Malaysian Pianists

Two of our SJIIM students - Chan Jing Yuan and Chan Shao Yong - performed in this special charity event on Sunday, 8 December at Taylor's College. As well as playing two challenging pieces each on the piano, Jing Yuan and Shao Yong were joined by the other two performers at the event in a special encore performance on violins. All proceeds from the event - which totalled RM12,550 - will be donated to the Afghan Learning Centre.



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