

SJIIM Weekly Update

15 November 2019



Lasallian Reflection:

The Virtue of Caring

Caring

Caring is giving tender attention to the people and things that matter to us. It is being a compassionate witness, listening to another wholeheartedly and without judgment. We show that we care with thoughtful acts and kind words. When we do a careful job, we give it our best effort. We are not indifferent to things that matter. We care deeply about the principles we believe in. Caring is a sign of love. When we care for others, we notice how they feel and what they need. When we care for ourselves, we have more to give to others. Caring is a gift from the heart.



CATHOLIC CORNER:

In our Catholic CCA our students are busy preparing for the season of Advent. They are learning about why this time of year is so special. Our students enjoyed making their own Advent hats and are currently learning about what the Advent wreath symbolises.

Please note that there will be **no Catholic CCA next week- Friday 22nd**.

Chapel opening hours

A reminder that 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.

Other dates to note in your calendar:

- **Friday, December 6th- Elementary** Advent service -08:00-09:00-**Black box (venue)** for parents and students.
- **Friday, December 6th- High School** Advent service-12:30-1:30- **Black box (venue)** for parents and students.
- **Tuesday, December 10th-** Christmas Mass- 12:30- 1:15 pm in the chapel for staff, parents and students. A **pot-luck gathering** will take place afterwards in our corporate suite, located on level 6 next to the chapel. This is for adults only.

It is not the soul alone that should be healthy; if the mind is healthy in a healthy body, all will be healthy and much better prepared to give God greater service- Saint Ignatius.



Whole School Update



Interesting Date This Week: Universal Children's Day

United Nations Universal Children's Day was established in 1954, and celebrated on November 20th each year, this day seeks to promote international togetherness, awareness among **children** worldwide, and improving **children's** welfare. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Message from PSG

Save the date! PSG will be organizing the annual SJIIM Christmas Market on the 13th December, Friday 12pm-4.30pm. More details coming soon. Please refer to the link on the last page for with regards to Fundraising for Christmas.

Student Cards

Please ensure that your child's card is topped up so that they can continue to buy snacks and lunch in school. Cards that have not been topped up, or are in negative balance, are no longer able to be used in the Dining Hall. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

SJIIM Open Day | 17 November 2019

Following last weekend's Private International Schools Fair at Mid Valley, the school will hold an Open Day on November 17th. Please do inform any friends or family who may be interested in sending their children to SJIIM.

Safe School Update:

This week: Myths and truths



Truths and Myths

In recent weeks, we have shared a number of fact sheets about on-line risks which we have identified as causing problems for our students. To balance this we have put together a myths and truths fact sheet which will help parents engage safely with digital technology. Here are some popular myths about Internet safety -- and the truths that can support you as a parent:

Myth: Teaching children not to talk to strangers is the best way to keep them safe online.

Truth: Teaching children to recognize predatory behavior will help them avoid unwelcome advances.

In today's world, where children as young as 8 are interacting with people online, they need to know the boundary between appropriate and inappropriate conversation. Children are often pressured by their own friends to talk about sex, so they need to know it's OK to tell peers to back off. Go beyond "stranger danger" and teach them what kind of questions are not OK (for example, not OK: "Are you a boy or a girl?"; "Where do you live?"; "What are you wearing?"; "Do you want to have a private conversation?"). Also, teach children to not go looking for thrills online. Risky online relationships more frequently evolve in chat rooms when teens willingly seek out or engage in sexual conversation.

Myth: It's dangerous to post pictures of your children online.

Truth: If you use privacy settings, limit your audience, and don't ID your children, it can be done fairly safely.

Although it's true that posting anything online invites some risks, there are ways to limit them if you're smart about how you do it.

Use privacy settings. Make sure your privacy settings are set so only the closest people in your network can view your posts.

Limit your audience. Only share posts with close family and friends. Or use photo-sharing sites such as Google Photos that require a log-in to see pics.

Don't rush your children into social media. Obey the rules about keeping children under 13 off social media. Once your child has an online profile, they can be tagged in photos, which magnifies their online presence. If you're going to upload photos of them, don't identify them and don't tag them -- that way the photo can't be traced back to them.

Myth: Parental controls are the best way to monitor my children's' online activities.

Truth: Focusing on only one Internet safety method lulls you into a false sense of security.

To keep your children safe online -- and to raise them to be responsible, respectful digital citizens -- it takes more than installing parental controls. For starters, parental controls can be defeated by determined children. They also often catch too much in their filters, rendering any Internet search useless, and they set up a "parent vs. kid" dynamic that could backfire.

By all means, use parental controls to help prevent exposure to age-inappropriate material and to manage time limits. But don't think they get you off the hook. Continue to discuss responsible, respectful online behavior, set rules and consequences for misbehavior, and train your child to manage his or her own usage.

Elementary School Update



Parent Information Sessions

REMINDER: ES PARENT WORKSHOP

Social Media Safety Information Session

Date: Tuesday, 3rd December

Time: Please choose one of the following times 8.00a.m, 2p.m or 6p.m.

Venue: Auditorium

We would like to request that every family is represented at **one** of the workshops. Each workshop is identical but we wanted to provide different times to meet the schedules of our parent community given the importance of the issue.

English- Developing Readers & Writers: Yr 3-6

Date: Tues, Nov 19th

Time: 8.15-8.45am,

Venue: Drama room

All parents are welcomed.

International Fortnight

International fortnight is well and truly underway in our classrooms. Children are learning about the year group's chosen country and comparing and contrasting it's features with Malaysia and other countries. This is an opportunity to discuss with your child their home country (where they were born), their host country (where they live now) and their heritage country (where their ancestry can be traced). The children will love learning about their family history from you!

United Nations Universal Children's Day falls within our International fortnight at SJIIM. Established in 1954, and celebrated on November 20th each year, this day seeks to promote international togetherness, awareness among **children** worldwide, and improving **children's** welfare.

We look forward to the Parade of Nations on Friday, **November 22nd** and hope to see many of you there. On this day, children are invited to dress appropriate to their country of study or their home country.

Morning Swim Squad

There will be no Swimming Squad Training on Monday 18th November as all swimming coaches will be involved in AIMS K Primary Swim Meet at IGB International School - good luck to all those competing.

High School Update



Department Open Afternoon Thursday 21st November 12-30- 4pm.

This event is for all High School parents to come in and meet the teachers and Head of Departments in their teaching teams. Heads of Department will present a short presentation regarding how Character and Values are being taught in their subject. Please click [here](#) for more details.

House Dodgeball

Whilst the Department Open Afternoon takes place, students in the High School will take part in the annual Dodgeball Competition. Students should come to school in their uniform but will be permitted to change into House colours and sportswear for the afternoon.

LIT - Learn, Inquire, Think Conference (22 Nov 2019)

The LIT Conference is an annual conference talk organised by the IB students to bring professionals across various fields to share a 10-15 min talk on their experiences. The theme of the conference is 'Shaping Decisions'. Our speakers will talk about the obstacles they faced in their career and how their actions and thought process helped them to overcome these obstacles. Audience will be able to interact with the speakers and all proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Hurry up and sign up now! "

Tickets, priced at RM30 can be bought from our IB students led by Chuah Yi Yang at a ticket booth outside the Dining Hall from 11 Nov onwards. Please see details of [LIT speakers](#) here.

World Scholar's Cup

Our World Scholar's Cup teams are currently on the way home from Yale University. They've had an amazing time and done incredibly well. They've won lots of medals as well as individual and team trophies. Huge congratulations to all of the students involved.

The destination for next year's Global Round has also been announced: Phnom Penh, Cambodia!



Student Representative Council: The application form is now live

Students are now invited to apply for a position on the SRC 2019/20. They can apply through the link that was sent out via email or the SRC Student Portal. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop character by making a valuable contribution to the community. The closing date for students in Years 7 - 10 is November 20th. After the deadline has closed, voting will commence. The deadline for Year 12 students has now passed.

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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[November 2019 Menu](#)
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[Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)
[Parent portal \(For ES\)](#)