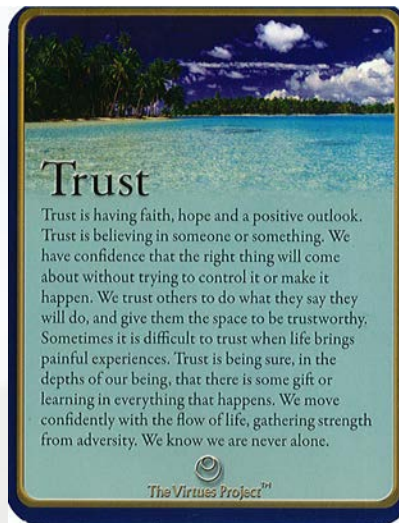


# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 6 December 2019



### Lasallian Reflection:



### *The Virtue of Trust:*

### Catholic Corner

Today we celebrated our elementary and high school Advent services. It was wonderful to see our students, families and staff members joining together in prayer at this special time of the year. The music from the Cantabile singers was also heavenly. Thank you to Mrs Quigley for leading these services and to all other staff members who contributed.

### A Christmas Wish/Prayer

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 'Christmas Wish/Prayer' project. Please do take a look in the foyer area at the heartwarming display of prayers and wishes made by our school community. A sincere thank you to our CAC members who worked so diligently on this project.

### Future Dates and events- Christmas Mass and the Christmas Bazaar

- **Tuesday, December 10th** - Christmas Mass, **12:30-1:15 pm** in the chapel for staff, parents and students. For all our Catholic and Christian parents/carers, there will be a [fellowship gathering](#) afterwards (1:15 pm) in the Lasallian Mission Centre, located on the ground floor. This is for **adults only**.
- **Friday, December 13th- Christmas CAC Charity Stall** - This will take place from 12:00- 4:00pm. We are looking for contributions to our stall. If you would like to contribute, please click on the [link](#) for more details.

### 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.

*'There is nothing small in the service of God.'*— Saint Francis de Sales

# Safe School Update: This week:



## **Technology Guidelines in the High School**

High School students are permitted to bring a mobile device to school if it is stored safely in their locker during the day. When school finishes at 3.10pm HS students can use their devices in the foyer. Playing games on the device is not permitted at any time of day or in any location. Devices used at other times in the day will be confiscated.

If teachers wish students to use a laptop during class the teacher will provide the laptops. Students in Years 10 - 13 can their own laptop to use in class, if they have permission from their parents to bring it in. Laptops brought in from home must be connected to the school WiFi and signed into our G-Suite domain, no data access or VPN administration is permitted. If students are following these guidelines they are protected from inappropriate content and this is our ultimate aim. All students are taught these guidelines at the beginning of each year and sign an annual agreement to abide by the guidance. Any student who circumvents the protection put in place by these guidelines will receive an appropriate sanction in line with the severity of the action they have taken.

## **Elementary School: On-line Safety Meetings**

Thank you to all the parents who attended our meetings on Tuesday, and thank you to Mr Woodhams and Ms Wright for delivering this very important information for parents. The content of session covered a number of key issues including clear guidance about the age restrictions for various social media, communication and gaming apps, advice on gaming, using parental controls on devices and raising awareness of the dangers of online grooming in Malaysia. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and parents said what was useful was “watching the videos, an awareness of the age appropriate levels for the various apps, and being shown how to implement the restrictions on our gadgets”. The presentation has been emailed to parents directly.

We were slightly disappointed that not all families were able to attend as there was some very important information. However, following on from this, a number of parents who missed it have expressed an interest in attending a repeat of the session. If you would like us to run it again please complete the form [here](#). We have emailed the presentation to parents rather than share it via class Dojo. We did not feel that some of the content was appropriate for children to see.





# Whole School Update



## Message from PSG

We invite all parents, teachers and students to join us for a fun-filled afternoon next Friday 13th December at the school foyer from 12pm onwards. Parents are welcome to accompany your child during their lunch time to visit the stalls. Do bring your own shopping bag and enjoy the delicious treats, games and performances planned.



We are also pleased to announce our very own Parent Cheer Squad T-Shirt which will be on sale at the Christmas Market on the 13th December, Friday from 12pm - 4.30pm. Kindly refer to the [size](#) specification table .



## Public Holiday

Wednesday, 11th December is a public holiday and school will be closed.

## Medical

If your child has a fever, flu or is unwell, please do not send them to school where infections and viruses will spread. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Information:

## 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 on this day, please arrange for your child to be collected at their finishing time from their pick - up point.

## SHREK JR THE MUSICAL!

Final rehearsals are underway and the excitement is building. Tickets are on sale NOW for our first ever High School Production; Shrek Jr! Show dates 12th-14th December.

Click on the [link](#) to book your seats for this fun family show!



# Elementary School Update



## Notice from Mrs Quigley

As many of you are aware, my five year contract as Principal of SJIIM Elementary School comes to an end next year. After much deliberation - and to be honest, a few tears - I have made the decision not to extend my contract for a sixth year. The Board have already started the recruitment process to find a new Principal and they are determined to engage someone who will continue to develop our Lasallian values and the highest quality education for the children of this school. To have been the founding principal at SJIIM has been a real honour for me, and I have been privileged to work with wonderful children, parents and staff to build up the amazing community we have today. There are of course many months to go before my departure, so in the meantime it is, 'Business as Usual!' I will not share this news with the children just yet as it is much too early and will just confuse some of the younger children! Br Paul's announcement can be found [here](#).

## Penang Sports Weekend

Yesterday, 27 children left school to attend a sports weekend in Penang. We would like to wish them good luck in all their events and look forward to hearing about it on Monday. Thank you to the parents and staff who have attended.

## Smart/GPS Watches

It has come to our attention that a number of children are wearing smart watches to school. As you know, this is against our school policy and we would request that the children do not wear these in school. Many of the watches are very expensive and can easily be lost or damaged. We thank you for your continued support with the implementation of our school uniform policy.

## Christmas Performances & Concerts

<b>Monday 9th - Piccolo Singers</b>	<b>Time:</b> 7.30am	<b>Venue:</b> School Foyer
<b>Tuesday 10th- String Ensemble</b>	<b>Time:</b> 7.30am	<b>Venue:</b> School Foyer
<b>Tuesday 10th - Concert Band and String Ensemble</b>	<b>Time:</b> 2.50pm	<b>Venue:</b> School Foyer
<b>Wednesday 11th - PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		
<b>Thursday 12th - Cantabile Singers</b>	<b>Time:</b> 7.30am	<b>Venue:</b> School Foyer
<b>Friday 13th - Concert Band</b>	<b>Time:</b> 7.30am	<b>Venue:</b> School Foyer
<b>Friday 13th - Cantabile Singers</b>	<b>Time:</b> 2.50pm	<b>Venue:</b> School Foyer

For these performances, **the black performance shirt and normal school uniform shorts** are required.

All of our ensembles will ALSO be part of the Christmas Concerts in the last week of school.

<b>Tuesday 17th- String Ensemble</b> joins Yr 1/2 Concert	<b>Time:</b> 9am	<b>Venue:</b> Auditorium
<b>Tuesday 17th- Concert Band</b> joins Year 3/4 Concert	<b>Time:</b> 4pm	<b>Venue:</b> Auditorium
<b>Wednesday 18th- Piccolo Singers</b> joins EY Concert	<b>Time:</b> 9am	<b>Venue:</b> Auditorium
<b>Wednesday 18th- Cantabile Singers</b> joins Yr 5/6 Concert	<b>Time:</b> 5.30pm	<b>Venue:</b> Auditorium

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

## Personal, Social, Health Education Programme

This week every child discussed using medicines and drugs in an appropriate way as part of their health education programme. Thank you to Mrs Komal Chopra (Mindfulness and Meditation coach) who helped the children to focus on self awareness and self management through a series of assemblies and a lunchtime mindfulness session in the school foyer.





# Elementary School Update



## Our Student Representative Council (SRC)



Back row: Dylan Lim-Yeap (5J), *Secretary* Caleb Ewe (4I), Joshua Kong (6I), *Vice Chair* Eugene Goh (6J) , Roy Yim (3I)

Middle row: Isabel King Cejas (3S), Mika Adams (3M), *Treasurer* Henry Monnery (3J); Rania Demnati (5I), Danya Chellam (5S), *Chair* Alexa Teo (5M)

Front row: Jen-Lynn Wong (4S), *Treasurer* Samuel Lee (4J), *Treasurer* Adrienne Ramesh (4I)

Missing from photo: Olivia Koh (6S)

The SRC are a committed, dedicated and enthusiastic group of KS2 children who meet regularly with one goal in mind: to make the school a better place for everyone. Many suggestions from their classmates have been shared and discussed during these meetings including installing a water fountain on the field; building a friendship bench for children who are feeling lonely; opening the Calm Zone at break times; introducing more CCAs and tidying up the litter on the field. The SRC have been busy writing an assembly about litter and are looking forward to sharing it with the whole school next week. They are pleased to share with everyone that the Calm Zone is now open at break times to KS2 children and in Term 3 the CCAs will be chosen based on student's suggestions! The SRC are currently writing a letter to invite the SJIIM bursar to attend their meetings in order to discuss the water fountain on the field. They have had a busy term but are looking forward to working hard in Term 2.

# High School Update



## **The IBDP as Preparation for Success at University and Beyond**

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 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.

## **Feedback in the High School - Mr Andy Bayfield**

Our different departments have been working on helping explain the numerous ways they provide feedback in the High School. The documents attached give an overview of just some of the ways students are supported across the subjects, with each department able to support students in a way which is individualised to their subject though based around these principles: 1. Tell the student where they are going. 2. Tell them how they are going. 3. Tell them where to next. Please click into the following link :-

[Maths Department](#)

[English Department](#)

[Languages Department](#)

[Humanities Department](#)

[Music Department](#)

[Art & Design Department](#)

[Science Department](#)

[P.E Department](#)

## **"Why Science Matters"**

"Why Science Matters" will be held on December 9th (Monday) at 3:30-5:00pm in Room H4-01. The registration fee is free, and signups are on [Google Forms](#), which can be found on this [website](#). More information about the talk is on the website, including the schedule and the speakers' background. This event is for students only.



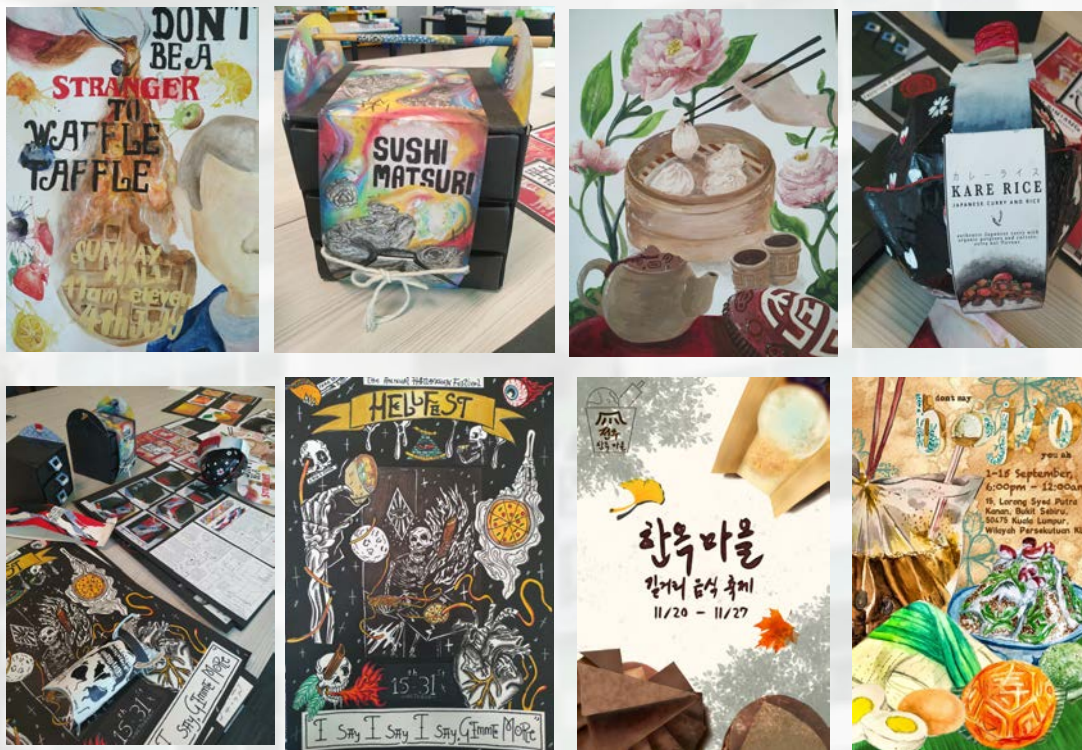
# High School Update



## IGCSE Mock Exams - Art and Design



Congratulations to the Year 11, Art and Design Students. This week, they sat their IGCSE Mock exams. They had two four hour sessions in which they had to create a culminating piece that combined the research and technical skills investigated over the past two years. The students created individual Graphic Communication responses to the theme "Food Festival". This exam marks the end of the Coursework component for the course.



### What do Mathematics and Art have in Common?

This Wednesday Allan McKeown and the Mathematics Department lead a trip to find out. This term in Art and Design Year 9 has been focused on an Interdisciplinary unit with Math which has led to the inquiry of Islamic style patterns. They have explored three distinct pattern types which are calligraphy, geometric and arabesque. The students have been finding connections with tessellations in the artworks of M.C. Escher and William Morris. The students visited the Islamic Arts museum where they combined their knowledge of Math and Art to create individual geometric artworks.



# 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](#)



[December Menu](#)  
[Term 1 meal charges](#)



[Update from University & Career Counselor](#)



[PSG Update](#)



[Music Website](#)



[Sports Website](#)



[Epurple \(Top up credit\)](#)  
[Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)  
[Parent portal \(For ES\)](#)