

SJIIM Weekly Update

8 November 2019



Lasallian Reflection: The Virtue of Honour:

Honor

Honor is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people, and the rules you live by. When you are honorable, you keep your word. You do the right thing regardless of what others are doing. Honor is a path of integrity.

Honor

when you...

- Guide your life by your virtues
- Can be trusted to keep your promises
- Avoid doing things that make you feel ashamed
- Respect the rules you want to live by
- Do what you believe is right no matter what
- Set a good example for others

Affirmation
I am honorable.
I keep my agreements and treat others with respect.
I care about doing the right thing.

CATHOLIC CORNER:

In the upcoming weeks, we look forward to many celebrations in school. Please take note of some of the upcoming Masses and services planned. We strongly encourage all our Catholic students from elementary and high school to attend. These Masses and services are a time for parents, students and staff to come together as a community united in our faith.

November Mass

Our monthly Mass will take place on Tuesday, **November 12th** in our school chapel, located on the sixth floor. Mass will begin at **12:30pm** and usually finishes at around 1pm.

Students from Year 3-6 will be accompanied by a teacher.

We kindly ask parents of students in Year 1 and Year 2 to notify the ES office if you wish for your child to attend.

Parents of students in Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to collect your child from the ES office at 12:25 pm and go directly to the chapel. Early lunch provisions will be provided for the children on this day.

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- 1:30 in the chapel for parents and students. More details on this Mass to follow.

Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love and care-Mother Teresa

Whole School Update



Message from PSG

Please refer to the link on the last page for an update from PSG with regards to Fundraising for Christmas.

Fire drill

This week we practised evacuating the building in the event of a fire. The children were very sensible and we have noted actions for further practices. One of our concerns was that parents were on the site and had not signed in. As a result, we could not account for the parents. To avoid this in future and ensure your safety, should you still be on the premises after 8.15, please return to the main guards desk and sign in. Then we will have a register of parents which we can check.

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.

Sports Fixtures

Please see our PE website (link below) for a full report on this week's fixtures.

ISKL Invitational Swim Meet Report

Thank you to all our families who came to support SJIIM at the ISKL swim meet. Also a thank you to our swimming coaches who organised the event. Click on the link for a full report.

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: FAQ's 1



What's the right age for parents to get their children a cell phone? Taken from "Common Sense Media"

The right age to give children their first cell phone is really up to you. Age isn't as important as your child's maturity level, ability to follow home (and schools') rules, their sense of responsibility, and your own family's needs. Getting your child their first phone is a very personal and individual decision, but lots of children start asking for them (and receiving them) **as early as elementary school**. That kind of peer pressure makes it tougher for parents who want to hold off delay the inevitable, but stand firm! When you **hand your children cell phones**, you're giving them powerful communication and media-production tools. They can create text, images, and videos that can be widely distributed and uploaded to websites instantly. Parents really need to consider whether their children are ready to use their phones responsibly and respectfully.

If you think your child's' technological savvy is greater than their ability to use it wisely, pay attention to the gap. You may need to say, "No, not yet."

Here are some questions to consider:

- Do your children show a sense of responsibility, such as letting you know when they leave the house? Do they show up when they say they will?
- Do your children tend to lose things, such as backpacks or homework folders? If so, expect they might lose an (expensive!) phone, too.
- Do your children need to be in touch for safety reasons?
- Would having easy access to friends benefit them for social reasons?
- Do you think they'll use cell phones responsibly -- for example, not texting during class or disturbing others with their phone conversations?
- Can they adhere to limits you set for minutes talked and apps downloaded?
- Will they use text, photo, and video functions responsibly and not to embarrass or harass others?

Adding a child to your service plan can get expensive. For your child's' first phone, consider these options:

- A pre-paid phone that doesn't lock you into a long-term contract.
- A "feature" phone with large icons and a limited range of functions such as the Nokia 3310.
- A flip-phone like the Jitterbug Flip which is designed for seniors but great for children due to large numbers and GPS tracking.
- A service plan with built-in limits for screen time, content-filtering and more. Check out [Verizon's Just Kids](#) plan.

Elementary School Update



Parent Information Sessions

The following Parent Information Sessions will be delivered in the coming weeks. The sessions will be delivered by Mrs Woodhams and Ms Ho respectively with an emphasis on how you can support your child in their learning in English.

English- Emerging Readers: Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2

Tues, Nov 12th, 8.15-8.45am, Drama room

English- Developing Readers & Writers: Yr 3-6

Tues, Nov 19th, 8.15-8.45am, Drama room

All parents are welcome.

International Fortnight

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating our International Fortnight. You will already have received notification of the country your child will be studying. While exploring aspects of this country, children will also learn about Malaysia and their home or heritage countries.

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.

There will be no Catholic CCA on Friday 22nd November due to the International Day event.



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.

LIT - Learn, Inquire, Think Conference

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 - Yale

Our World Scholar's Cup teams have arrived safely in Yale. We wish them the best of luck for the competition and can't wait to hear how they perform. To participate and debate at the esteemed Yale University is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of our students. Many thanks to Mrs Cockerill for all of her hard work in organising the trip and travelling with the students.

Halloween Event

Last Friday, students in the High School enjoyed the fabulous Halloween event organised by our outstanding Student Representative Council. As we've come to expect from our SRC, they put on a brilliant evening complete with fun (and slightly terrifying) activities. Well done to them and all of the students that turned up.



Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)
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