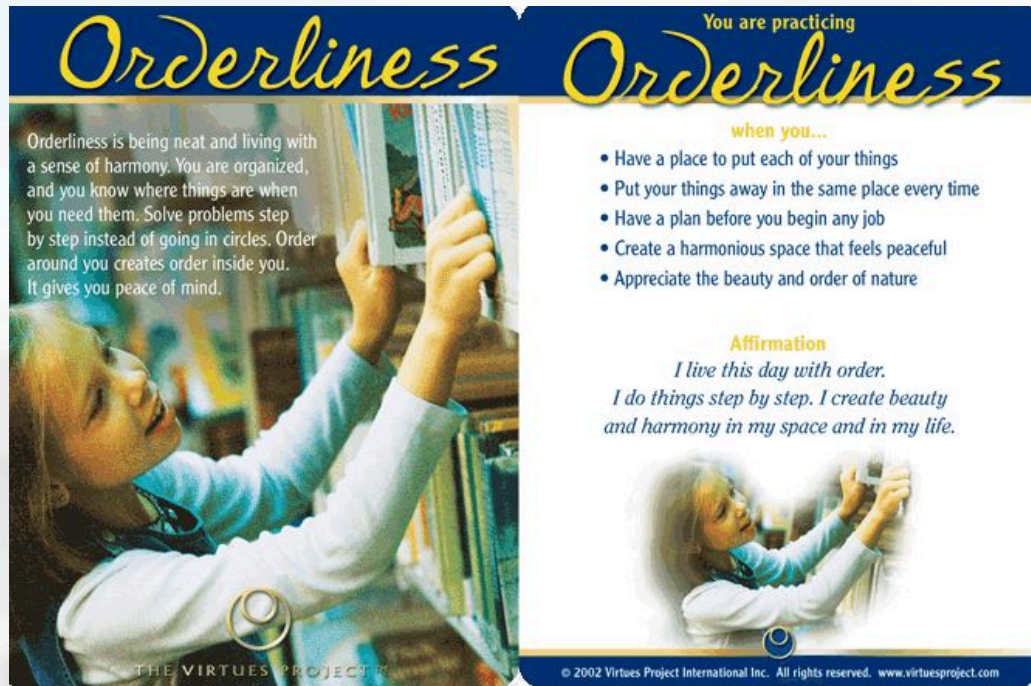


SJIIM Weekly Update

17 January 2020



This week we have been learning about the virtue of Orderliness and how we can plan ahead to create a calm and peaceful mind. This is an important virtue, especially for those who are sitting their mock exams this week.



The Virtues Project

Click on the link to find a new years message from Linda Kavelin Popov, the founder of The Virtues Project.

<https://www.lindakavelinpopov.com/2020/01/14/2020-vision/>

Catholic Corner

This week we had our first CCA of the term. It was fun to see both old and new faces with us. The children in Years 1-3 learned about the meaning of baptism and about the story of when Jesus was baptised. In Years 4-6 our students explored the theme- 'What is a church and how we should behave in the church'. The children were busy making board games that contain their ideas about what they feel is important etiquette when visiting a church.

On **Monday 20th** we will have a hymn rehearsal at 2 pm in the music room on level 2 in preparation for our next Mass. If any parents from the Elementary or High school wish to join, you are most welcome to do so. For security reasons, please do check-in at the ES office upon arrival in order to get a 'Parent pass' to wear.

Future dates

Our next Mass is Wednesday 5th February at 12:30.

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.

Thank you Lord for your unending love for me! Help me start fresh right now to make choices that honour you. Amen.

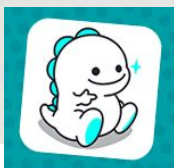
Safe School Update: This week:



It seems like every time you turn around, there's a new app -- or type of app -- that's popular with tweens and teens. While the old standbys like [Snapchat](#) and [Instagram](#) are still going strong, there's no shortage of social media apps that are popular but not necessarily household names. And social media apps are just the beginning. Of course, it's nearly impossible to keep up with every hot new app, which makes knowing the [risky features](#) -- like interaction with strangers, anonymity, privacy concerns, and iffy content -- a solid first step. But it's still important to know the specifics of what's on your kid's device and whether or not you'll allow it to stay there.

Check out the titles below so you have a sense of what your kid -- or your kid's friends -- may be using and what you need to know about each app. And since all of these are free, be aware that the developers make money on them through in-app purchases, ads, selling user data, or [all of the above!](#)

BIGO LIVE - Live Stream



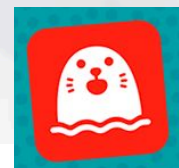
Kind of like [Twitch](#) and [YouTube](#), BIGO LIVE lets teens stream live video of themselves that other users can see and comment on in real time. You can also receive and send "Beans" -- BIGO's term for virtual gifts -- that cost real money. You can level up and improve your ranking by logging in every day and sending gifts. The platform is designed for people who supposedly want to get famous, but it seems to be filled mainly with people competing for gifts.

What parents need to know

BIGO has a lot of mature content, including sexy talk and clothing, and users' comments are often predatory and explicit. Also, its focus on status and spending money, as opposed to creativity and talent, makes it feel shallow.

Similar apps: [Tagged](#) - [Chill](#), [Chat & Go Live!](#) and [imo video calls and chat](#).

HOLLA: Live Random Video Chat



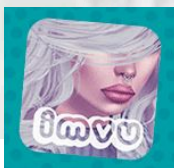
This app is all about connecting with strangers. Once you sign up using a phone number or your Facebook account, you can get matched instantly with a stranger -- and both you and they appear on camera. Or you can swipe Tinder-style until you like someone and they like you (by tapping a heart). You can also enable location tracking to be paired with someone nearby.

What parents need to know

Video-chatting with strangers can be risky for teens. When it's paired with location, it's a no-go. Also, while HOLLA supposedly bans iffy content -- like nudity and violence -- user reviews indicate that masturbation, fake identities, and negative comments are common. The app's age-matching is a red flag, too. It was easy for our tester to pose as a 13-year-old and get paired with 16- and 17-year-olds.

Similar apps: [Yubo](#), [MeetMe - Chat and Meet New People](#), [Spotafriend - Teen Meeting App To Make New Friends](#), [ChatLive](#), [Random Video Chat](#)

IMVU: 3D Avatar Creator & Chat



Using the [website](#) or the app, users interact through elaborate 3D avatars. You can dress them up, place them in public or private rooms, and follow other users and chat with them. You can also buy a wide variety of objects using virtual coins -- earned primarily through taking surveys or watching ads or through buying outright with real money. There's no game or goal other than acquiring outfits, rooms, furniture, and other items or chatting with other users.

What parents need to know

Virtual sex and user privacy are the main issues for teens in IMVU. The avatars sport highly [stereotypical body types](#) with big muscles or breasts, and many of the outfits are skimpy. It also appears that users generate a following on other platforms by sharing their IMVU usernames, which invites more contact with people they don't know. Finally, the search term "IMVU sex" results in lots of advice about how to have (virtual avatar) sex and where to find it in IMVU.

Similar app: [Avakin Life](#)

Yolo: Q&A



Yolo got popular fast because it only works with Snapchat, which makes it an easy add-on. It lets users ask anonymous questions and get "feedback." Teens can then choose whether or not to make the responses public.

What parents need to know

Tweens and teens love anonymous feedback apps because they're concerned about what others think about them and want the freedom to be "honest" online. Because teens love them, these apps keep turning up like a bad penny. Like [Sarahah](#) as well as [Lipsi](#), which is often used in conjunction with Instagram, lots of posts are positive, but anonymous feedback services are generally a recipe for bullying, trolling, and hurt feelings.

Similar apps: [Lipsi](#), [Sarahah](#), [Tellonym](#), [Profoundly: Anonymous Chats](#), [LMK: Anonymous Polls](#)

Elementary School Update



January dates:

Wed 22nd January: ES mid-year reports sent to parents.

Wed 22nd January: Chinese New Year Celebrations.

All children in the Elementary School are invited to wear Chinese traditional dress, or the colour red, on this day to immerse themselves in our CNY celebrations.

Save the Date

Saturday 22nd February - ES Sports Day.

CCAs

Thank you to all parents who prepaid for their children's CCAs this term. Your cooperation has really assisted us in finalising CCA class lists, venues etc. in a timely manner. We do hope that children enjoyed their activities this week. Please be reminded that EYFS children should be picked up at 3:10pm on their CCA day. Children in years 1-6 will be at their pick-up points at 3:50pm on their CCA days.

Humanities Parent Information Session

On Wednesday 5th February at 8 am in the Drama Room, level 1 Ms McCusker will be holding a parent information session relating to our Humanities curriculum. We welcome parents from year 1 - 6 to attend.

Advance Notice

Mrs. Quigley would like to invite all the new parents (Early Years - Year 6) to a coffee morning on the 7th February, 2020 at 8:15am (Level 6, Corporate Lounge). For more information, please click [here](#).

Reports

Elementary school mid-year reports will be accessible on the Parents Portal on Wednesday, January 22nd at 12.00 midday.

You will need to have activated your SJIIM family G-mail account to log on to the Parent Portal.

If you have already activated the portal, you will need to use the same login details to gain access. You will receive an email with all relevant details early next week.

Security

Please can we remind all parents that they should wear their parent security lanyard when they are on the school site. Parents are not allowed on the school premises between 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, should you need to come into the school you must sign in at the Guard Desk and then come to the ES office. If you have pre-arranged meeting, the teacher will inform the Guard Desk and a guard will bring you to the ES office where a member of ES staff will take you to the correct room.

Healthy School

Through our curriculum we discuss the importance of staying healthy and eating a balanced diet. It is important that children bring in a healthy packed lunch. We encourage fresh fruit and vegetables but want to avoid high in fat and sugar foods such as crisps (potato chips) and cookies. Please be mindful when packing your child's snack/lunch.

High School Update



HS CCA - 20th Jan

Please take note that HS CCA for Term 2 starts on 20th Jan. CCA goes on as usual on 22nd Jan.

Chinese New Year Celebration - 22nd January

High School students will be dismissed at 2.50pm on 22nd January. Students are welcomed to wear CNY traditional costumes or come in **RED**.

HS Sports Day

Please save the date - Saturday, 15th February.

Musical Congratulations

A big congratulations to Chloe Poh (Year 7) who achieved her ATCL on Piano. What a fantastic achievement!

Mock Examinations, Reports and Feedback Session

The Mock examinations have concluded today. Well done to the Year 11 and 13 students for completing these important exams.

The reports for the Mock Exams will be released on Managebac on Thursday 6th February and the Parent feedback session with teachers will be on Thursday 13th February. More details about this event will be sent closer to the date.

SHREK The Musical JR

Once upon a time, in a land far far away, there was a school production (our first in the HS!) and it was a great success.

Thank you to all who joined Shrek, Donkey, Princess Fiona and the rest of our incredible cast for action, adventure and true love's kiss before the Christmas break.

A huge thanks go to all the participants, parent helpers and teachers who helped make our first High School Musical "Shrek Jnr" such a success.

The elementary school will present "The Jungle Book" in Term 3. We hope to see you there.



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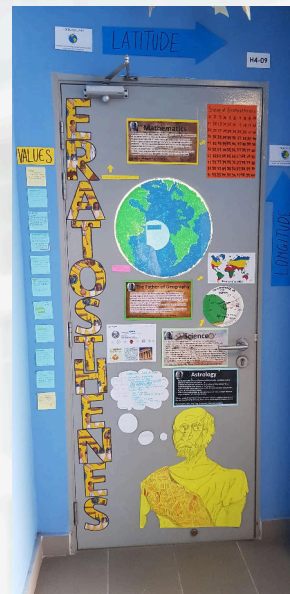


Befrienders and Year 12

Last week, representatives from the Befrienders, a 24 hour crisis line, came to school to run a workshop on mental health for our Year 12 students. The talk covered issues such as depression, anxiety and self care. This is the second time that we have worked with the Befrienders this year and is part of the school's aim to promote wellbeing amongst our students.

Humanities Philosophers Week Door Decoration Competition

For the last two weeks, students have been taking part in a door decoration competition in which they present what they have learned about a famous philosopher. The students have done an amazing job of decorating doors across the fourth floor. Students also linked the philosopher's ideas to the school's values. Many thanks to the Humanities Department for this great, colourful initiative.



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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[January Menu](#)
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PSG Update



[Music Website](#)



[Sports Website](#)



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



[CCA \(Schoolsbuddy\)](#)