

SJIIM Weekly Update

21 February 2020



Lasallian Reflection: Br. Lawrence Humphrey, FSC

“You can do more with the grace of God than you think.”
(St. John Baptist de La Salle)

Next week, in the middle of our mid-term break, Christians around the world will pause in observance of Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent and the 40 days leading up to our celebration of Easter. I recall as a child the question most frequently asked at this time of the year was, “What are you giving up for Lent.” While the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting have value and are important, these days our students will also be asked to consider a practice of “good habits” over these next five weeks.

The example set by parents and teachers can make a big difference in determining how seriously our students approach the season of Lent. What good deeds, or what sacrifices can we make, not only for our own good, but for the good of our families and our students. Even better if our Lenten resolutions lead to the development of “good habits” that extend beyond Easter!

This year it could be said that one of the crosses we are being asked to carry is that of the coronavirus. During this worrisome time let us continue to pray for those in any way affected by the virus, most certainly for those who are sick and those who care for them. May all of us be promoted to consider acts of kindness and works of charity that can be signs of hope and encouragement to one another.

Best wishes for an enjoyable break and a prayerful Lent.

Catholic Corner

Upcoming Masses

Our next Mass will take place on **Wednesday, March 4th** in our school chapel, located on the sixth floor. Mass will begin at **12:30** and usually finishes at around 1 pm. Children in Year 1 and Year 2 must be accompanied by a parent.

Hymn Practice

We will practise the various hymns for our next Mass on Monday 24th at 2 pm in the ES music room, located on level 2. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

Confessions

For this Lenten season, we are offering students the opportunity to receive the sacrament of confessions before Mass. We kindly ask that you add your name and year group (student name) to the link below if you wish to receive confessions on March 4th before Mass starts. The priest needs this information to plan his schedule accordingly.

The deadline for signing up is Monday 24th February. If you have any problems using the link, please email me directly: kwilloughby@sjj-international.edu.my

[Confessions sign up sheet](#)

Other dates to note in your calendar:

- **Friday, March 20th- High School-** Stations of the Cross-12:20-1:00-for parents and students.
- **Thursday, March 26th- Elementary-** Easter Para-Liturgy service -08:15-09:00- for parents and students in the Black Box.

Whole School Update



Covid-19 Update: Information from our medical team:

Dear parent & guardian,

We were made aware of concerns raised by a small number of parents on the school discontinuing the temperature check for all students and staff and wish to reassure that the health and safety of our students remain the top priority.

The school has taken the necessary steps as guided by Ministry of Health Malaysia (MOH) and Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE). We will continue to monitor the health and well-being of our school community while on site. Any measures taken will be in accordance with the advice and guidelines issued by MOH and MOE. However, co-operation from all parents will further strengthened those measures and in this respect, we ask that every parent/guardian to please enforce strict personal hygiene at all times and be alert if your child have the following symptoms

- Temperature of 38 deg C for 3 consecutive days
- Cough
- Breathing difficulties

Please seek immediate medical consultation and keep your child at home until he/she is fully recovered. We thank you for your support and co-operation in ensuring a safe and healthy school community.

Reminder to Parents / Visitors & Traffic Flow

We need your cooperation in the following areas:

- At all times while in the school, parents are to wear their Parent ID, and visitors have to wear their Visitor ID issued by Security.
- Past Gate A the driveway eventually expands into two lanes. The right lane is for vehicle going to basement parking and to ES drop-off zone. The left lane is for vehicle going to main drop-off zone. Kindly adhere to the correct lane to help with traffic flow.
- While driving in the school premises including the open parking area, be cautious and keep speed at below 25 kph.
- Do not idle vehicle engine while the vehicle is parked in the basement.
- Kindly heed the guidance and requests of security guards.

Normal activities and actions next week

PE participation and Covid-19

As we have exceeded the 14 days quarantine period since returning from school, we are all looking forward to getting back into a normal routine within the PE department. All schools have continued to play fixtures and have begun to start all physical activities again. SJIM would also like to follow suit, and in the PE department, we are expecting all students to be back swimming from the week beginning: 24th February 2020. We will continue to be vigilant and follow the guidelines issued by the MoE as above, as will follow direction if anything changes.

[20/21 Parent calendar \(Draft\)](#) - date subject to change

Safe School Update

This week: Skullbreaker Challenge



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Keep your children safe from
'Skullbreaker Challenge'

What is 'Skullbreaker Challenge'?

'Skullbreaker Challenge' is a video prank that involves two persons tricking a third person to jump in the air. When the third person jumps, the first two persons will kick the third person's feet, causing the third person to fall backwards.

Common tricks used to trick people into performing the challenge':

- "Let's have a jumping contest"
- "We can make you float on a video"
- "We will get many likes for this video"
- "We can go viral with this challenge"
- "Let's see who can jump higher"
- "Let's play a jumping game"

This challenge is extremely dangerous. It may cause:

- Sore shoulders
- Bruised elbow
- Broken bones in the wrist
- Hip injury
- Skull fractures
- Severe concussion
- Paralysis

WARNING:

'Skullbreaker Challenge' can cause traumatic brain injury. This may lead to torn tissues and bleeding to the brain, eventually resulting in DEATH.



Do not put your friends and family at risk.
Say no to 'Skullbreaker Challenge'.

Elementary School Update



Congratulations!

It was a huge week for 10 of our swimmers (9 from ES and 1 from HS) who took part in the MSSS Swimming Championships held from the 11th to 14th February 2020. More than 100 schools in Selangor, both primary and secondary schools participated in this long course (50m) swimming event at Pusat Akua k Darul Ehsan. Our SJIIM students did very well and we are proud of their fantastic achievement of winning 3 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal, and 1 Bronze Medal.



Mental Health Week

Next week will be mental health week in the ES. Children will be learning how a healthy mind is linked to a healthy body, and how we can protect our mind by having a healthy diet, an appropriate amount of exercise and an adequate rest, relaxation and sleep.

Humanities Parent Information Session- Wednesday, February 26

Venue: Drama room (floor 1, over HS offices)

Time: 8.15-8.45am

Ms McCusker will discuss how history and geography are taught in the Elementary School through the framework of the International Primary Curriculum. All parents welcome.

Art Month - Artist led Workshops

Art month will be celebrated at SJIIM from March 9th-March 27th. All children will be engaged in a special art project with their class teacher. In addition, Ms Lee (our ES Art leader) has organised a series of specialised art workshops which will be led by local artists. The workshops will run from March 16th-March 26th. You will receive further information about the workshops and how to register your child in the coming weeks.

Coffee Morning for new parents (new date) - Friday, March 6, 2020

Time : 8:15am

Venue: Corporate Lounge, Level 6

End of Term 2 CCA- Friday, March 13 2020

Sign-up for Term 3 CCA : 14 March -20 March

All CCA sign-up for Term 3 will be done through Schools Buddy. Please come to the ES Office if you have not activated your Schools Buddy account. Thank you.

Save the date- ES Parent Teacher Consultations

Date: Tuesday March 17th & Wednesday March 18th, 3.00-5.30pm

Please note language teachers will also be available on Monday, March 16th.

All details regarding making appointments via the schools booking system will follow.

Sports Day - rescheduled

EYFS Sports Day - (Nursery & Reception) Friday, June 12

ES Sports Day- (Year 1-6) Saturday, June 13

High School Update



Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Examination Feedback Sessions

This event has been postponed until **Thursday 12th March**. Further details regarding the event and how to book appointments, will be sent closer to the event. The reports were issued on Thursday 6th February. If you have any specific questions before this feedback session, please contact the teachers directly via email.

Year 9 and 11 Options Evening

The Year 9 IGCSE and Year 11 IB Options evening will take place on **Wednesday 4th March** at 5pm in the auditorium. This is an important event for all Yr 9 and 11 students and parents. The evening will start with presentations, followed by an opportunity to speak with subject teachers about the available options.

Other information

Tuesday, **3rd March** (the first day back after half term) will follow a **Monday** time table. CCA's will remain as Tuesday.

High School Sports Day

This event will take place on **Saturday 21st March**. Please note that this is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend. Parents are welcome to come along and support their House. Please wear your SJIIM ID to ensure entry to the stadium.

Notice From the PE Department: *Lost Property and the Changing Rooms*

All items that have been left in the changing rooms over the past 2-3 days have now been brought up to the PE office on level 5. Please check that your son/daughter has all of their things, and if not, ask them to come during break time to the PE office to retrieve their items. Please remind your son/daughter to keep their items organised when they change and then take all items out once they have finished, and return them to their lockers.

Concrete Crops and Environmental Club CCA

This week saw the start of the composting joint venture between both CCA Clubs. The composting bins arrived and after some final glueing were ready for operation. The composting will begin next week. The concrete crops CCA also completed their irrigation device. The device will be tested next week.



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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