

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 6 March 2020



### COVID- 19 Virus Update

We would like to thank all those parents who have taken the time to email us over the last few days. We wholeheartedly apologise that we have not been able to respond to each individual message due to the volume of messages. We have compiled a list of the most frequently asked questions and have provided our responses below:

**Is work being provided for students who are not in school via a Virtual Classroom or Google Classroom method?**

*Yes, both schools have prepared a range of different age appropriate ways of delivering home learning. Individual teachers will be communicating this with the students and/or parents.*

**Do students who are not in school have remote access to teachers, if needed?**

*Yes they do - HS students via Google Classroom or email and ES via Zoom, See Saw or Class Dojo (although younger children will need the support of their parents).*

**Is teaching continuing as normal for those students who are attending school?**

*Yes.*

**Why have some classes been combined together?**

*It is sometimes better to have a larger group - some of the classes are really very small. Also the additional teacher will therefore be free to do the online teaching or prepare work for Google Classroom.*

**Have staff who travelled to affected countries self-quarantined?**

*Yes, all staff who have travelled to one of the countries/regions listed by the MoH have self-quarantined.*

**Have students who travelled to affected countries or have spent time with family members who have travelled to affected countries self-quarantined?**

*To our knowledge, yes this is the case.*

**Have any students tested positive for the virus?**

*No students have tested positive for the virus.*

**Will the school confirm the identity of the infected community members?**

*We cannot reveal the identity of any individual under direct instructions of the MoE and MoH.*

**Are screening checks still in operation?**

*Yes, we are checking temperatures and supplying hand sanitation for all who enter the building.*

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### **Are visitors allowed on site?**

*Not during the school week. We are running an open day this Sunday but no teaching staff will be involved and no-one will be allowed in classrooms. There are a number of restrictions in place, including checking of the visitors passports.*

### **Are swimming lessons still taking place?**

*Curriculum swimming will not take place next week. Lessons will resume on Monday 16th March. Squad swimming is continuing, but it is optional.*

### **Will the school close now and start the Easter break early?**

*Unfortunately we cannot make this change to our school calendar at such short notice. It would have too many consequences.*

**We would both like to send our good wishes and support to all of our families, but most especially to those who have been directly affected. You remain foremost in our thoughts. Many thanks to all who have reached out with messages of support to the school or affected families at this time. It is in times of challenge that the true nature of a supportive community is realised.**

**It has been a difficult and challenging time for our school community. We understand the worry that is felt by parents. Please be reassured, the wellbeing of the community remains our priority.**

**We will of course continue to monitor the situation closely and keep you updated with any developments.**

**Nicola and Eileen**

### **New Public Holiday :**

[King's Birthday- Monday, 8th June](#)

[20/21 Parent Calendar \(draft\):](#) date subject to change



# Whole School Update



## PSG & Service CCA update:

It was truly a memorable day for the ES Service CCA team lead by Ms Tina Ho and Ms Ashleigh Torrance on Thursday and Friday as the children got to meet the students of Zomi Education Center.

The team, together with parent volunteers spent weeks shopping, wrapping presents and designing personal cards for approximately 50 Zomi students. The funds were jointly donated by PSG and the SJIIM teachers. Representatives from PSG and the teachers were there to meet Pastor Daniel, founder of Zomi Education Center KD. Seeing the joy on their small faces as they unwrapped presents was truly a memorable and heartwarming experience.

Please refer to the [PSG Update](#) at the last page for more details and photos.



## Ring Pull Project

This week, Jane Walker MBE from the Upskills Foundation in the Philippines came to SJIIM to launch our Ring Pull Project. She is a truly inspiring woman and the children are now really motivated to help her amazing cause. We are looking forward to building this partnership with the Upskills Foundation and building the work into our service programme.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the parents meeting but hopefully this link to a [video](#) will help explain a little more about the project. You can also find out more from the website: [Upskills+ Foundation Inc.](#)



You will see the collection point in the main foyer, families are encouraged to collect as many ring pulls as they can for their House.



Here are some of the amazing items made with ring pulls! Parents can view these in the ES office.

# Elementary School Update



## **End of Term 2 CCA- Friday, March 13 2020**

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

All CCA sign-ups 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.

Please click on the link to view our CCA information site which will show which CCAs are available on each day.

[CCA Term 3 Information site](#)

## **Virtues Parent Information Session and PASS Information Session**

### **8:15 - 10:15 Thursday 19th March - Introduction to the Virtues Project**

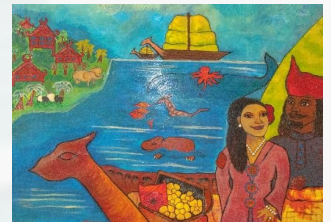
In this introduction to the Virtues Project, Mrs Fried will look at how the virtues project can guide us to bring out the best in our children and ourselves. We see how we can all cultivate a culture of character and kindness in our homes.

### **8:15 - 9:45 Friday 20th March - Companionship Strategy**

This workshop will follow on from session 1 and explore the companionship strategy. The companionship strategy helps us to get to the heart of the matter. It helps us to learn as parents how we can counsel our children, use conflict resolution and manage disciplinary situations with confidence and kindness.

### **9:45 - 10:15 Friday 20th March - PASS in the Elementary School**

Mr Woodhams will be sharing information about how we use PASS in the Elementary School and will also be seeking your feedback on parent views about child well-being and attitudes at school.



*Work of artist Abby Zain*

## **Art Month - Artist led Workshops: March 17th-25th**

Children who are particularly interested in art may wish to partake in a workshop with a professional artist during art month. Signup details are as follows:

- Parents may sign up for the workshop through Schools Buddy. The system will remain open until Monday, March 9th, 9.00am. You will be informed via email on Monday March 9th if your child has/has not been allocated a place.
- A fee applies for participation to cover the artists' fee and materials.
- Payment should only be made once your child has been allocated a place (workshops will not run unless we meet a minimum number of participants). Payment will be then made by cash to your class teacher or the ES office by Friday March 13th.

## **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, 8.00 - 3.00pm.

You will receive an email on Monday to explain how to book an appointment.

## **Sports Day - rescheduled**

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

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



# High School Update



## Continuation of Lessons

All lessons in the High School will continue as planned. Whilst teachers will continue to cover the curriculum content, especially for Years 10-13, the work will also be posted on our virtual learning environment: Google Classroom.

## IGCSE Options Information

Information about the IGCSE options has been sent out to all parents and students in Year 9. There will be an information event with Mr Bush to support students in making their subject choices on Thursday **19th March from 5pm to 6pm** in the Auditorium.

## IBDP Options Information

Information about the IBDP options has been sent out to all parents and students in Year 11. There will be an information event with Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mr. Hollis to support students in making their subject choices on **20th March from 4pm to 5pm** in the Drama Room, in case parents or students would like further guidance.

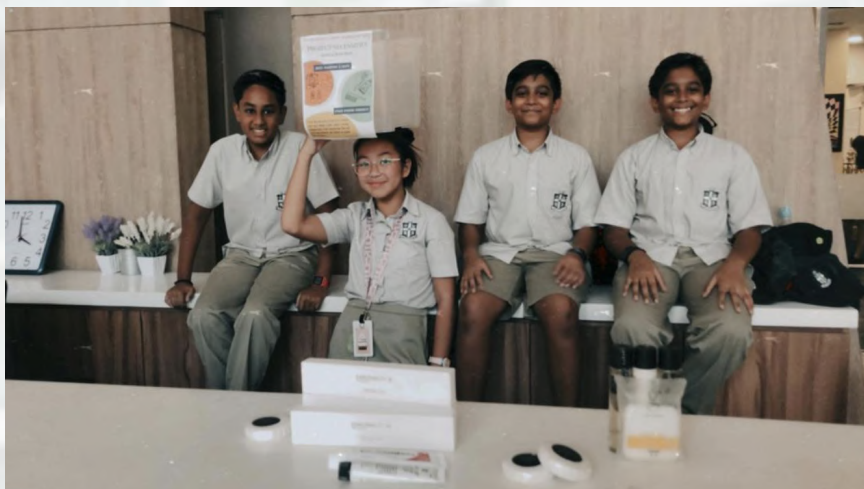
## High School Sports Day

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 SJIM ID to ensure entry to the stadium.

## Project Necessities by LYM

The Lasallian Youth Movement has launched Project Necessities, a service project that hopes to help alleviate poverty in the surrounding community by making hygiene products (shampoos, soaps etc) and women's sanitary products more accessible. To do this, we will be working with local soup kitchens and homeless shelters. We hope that our project will also give the student body an extra opportunity to share the Lasallian spirit of compassion and giving to our surrounding community.

To support our project, we would like to encourage all students and parents to donate any unused shampoo or soap (such as the extras from hotels from any holidays) to our project collection box. The box is located on the reception table of the school foyer. Thank you!



# Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)  
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[HS Staff Email 2019/20](#)  
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[CCA \(Schoolsbuddy\)](#)  
[CCA Term 3 Information sites](#)