

SJIIM Weekly Update

4th December 2020



Insights from Our University Counsellor (Part 2)

This week we would like to share some of the experiences of our current and former students in the university application process via transcripts of interviews conducted by Mr. Hollis. Hopefully this will give some insight into this process for students and parents in Years 7 to 11, and about the experiences of some of our alumni in their universities after leaving SJIIM. All three students have some really helpful advice for students about the university application process.

Please see the links below to access these interviews:

Aaron Loke is an SJIIM alumni currently studying at **Nanyang Technological University** in Singapore, who also graduated with the class of 2020. You can read about his experiences in adjusting to life in his new home, applying for and studying at NTU and his favourite memories at SJIIM [here](#).



Chuah Yi Yang is an SJIIM alumni from the graduating class of 2020. You can read about his reflections on his time at SJIIM, his experiences in the university application process, and with studying at the **London School of Economics** [here](#).

Chan Jing Yuan is a current Year 13 student who has been applying for courses in **Dentistry** in the UK. You can read about her experiences and her advice to other students [here](#).



Hampers of Light - Sponsor a Hamper of Light Today!

This year SJIIM have partnered with The Hope Branch who will deliver 'Hampers of Light' to a variety of families from city suburbs and rural villages. Parents from the PSG & Catholic Parent Group will source and create the hampers ready for distribution. **The Hope Branch supports communities across the state including blind and visually impaired communities, B40 families in rural villages and suburbs, Orang Asli communities, refugee families, and single mothers and their children. We are delighted that our light can reach so far!**

Payment Details

For easy verification, we would appreciate if you can include the type of hamper you would wish to sponsor on the back of the cheque or when paying by bank transfer. All hampers will include a greeting card. If you would like to personalise a message for a card, then please [click here](#) after you have made payment. **Donation deadline: 15/12/2020**

Payments can be made via:

1. Cash at the Finance Office
 2. Cheque made payable to 'Tropicana SJI Education Management Sdn. Bhd.'
 3. Online remittance to account 'Tropicana SJI Management Sdn. Bhd. with
- a) OCBC BANK (MALAYSIA) BERHAD
Damansara Uptown Branch, PJ
Account No. 7071281859
Swift Code: OCBCMYKL

**Hamper of Hope-
Essential Items
RM 80**



**Hamper of Joy-
Self-Care Items
RM 50**

Sponsorships received:

Hamper of Hope: 81 hampers

Hamper of Joy: 55 hampers



We are very pleased with the amount raised so far. We thank all our families and staff for their support.

Please email Karen Willoughby ES at kwilloughby@sj-international.edu.my or Victoria Stacey-Swale HS at vstacey@sj-international.edu.my if you have any questions or require any further assistance.

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Catholic Corner



We hope that in your busy lives, you will be able to find a quiet space to enjoy some time to reflect during this special time. You may wish to reflect on the scripture and prayer below after watching the video.

"Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord." Pope Francis, 2017

Advent Week 2 Video:

[The Purple Candle of Love](#)



Second Sunday of Advent: Love

Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

A Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Family Advent Activities

A reminder to get involved with this year's family Advent activities. We look forward to sharing the special moments that you create as a family with the rest of the community. [Please click the padlet link to upload a photo.](#)

[SJIM celebrates Advent Padlet](#)

[Advent Prayer calendar](#)

[Advent Christmas calendar](#)



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PSG News Update



On Sunday 29th November, Sheela, Meena and Pui Leng from the PSG committee helped purchase and gifted our team of security guards with some essential items. Fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, spices and household cleaning products were also included. The funds used were collected from PSG's fundraising and will now be used to assist our community and those in need.

Important Announcement

Parent Support Group - Committee 2021

It is with great pleasure to announce the new **PSG Committee** effective January 2021:

The newly selected Chairman - Connie Tan

Vice Chairman - Meenakshi Nathani

Treasurer - Yap Pui Leng

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new members, Irene Tan, Harsha Chauhan and Komal Chopra.

Congratulations to the new dynamic team and we wish them all the best in the coming year.

Members of the 2021 PSG Committee

Connie Tan

Meenakshi Nathani

Yap Pui Leng

Brendi Chew

Jenny Yu

Agnes Choo

Harsha Chauhan

Irene Tan

Komal Chopra

We would also like to thank our out-going members Sheela Samarasan, Doreen Teo, Corrine Tai, Hamisah Tahir and Vivien Li for all their hard work, dedication and commitment to our community and our children throughout the year.

We are truly blessed to have the continuous participation and support of the SJIIM community. If you would like to be part of the committee, do email to psg@sjj-international.edu.my

Elementary Weekly Update



Virtual Sports week

Starting Monday 7th December the PE staff will be running a virtual sports week, where children will compete in activities at home to win points for their house. Points will be awarded for the house with the most participants, so it is important that students attend PE sessions next week. Children will be shown the activities for the day in morning PE time, they can then continue practising at home throughout the day. In afternoon PE time, children will log onto a different zoom code for their house and perform the activity together for the teacher. It is important that we see unity and house spirit during virtual sports week, so we encourage children to wear their house t-shirt to PE time. A few of the activities require some equipment such as skipping rope, tennis ball, bat/racket, but of course improvise with household objects if you don't have these.

Children in EYFS up to Year 3 are encouraged to post pictures or videos of themselves practising/performing the activities on Seesaw in their PE folder! Students in Year 4-6 are required to fill in a google form posted on their google classroom each day, here they will record their scores and also attach photos or videos too. More information and a promotional video of the activities will go out on dojo soon! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Chadwick via email gchadwick@sjj-international.edu.my.

Advent Service

Thank you very much to Mrs Willoughby for organising the lovely Advent service - it was wonderful to have the opportunity to come together as a school community and prepare for the joy of the Christmas season!! The service showcased a number of members from our school community sharing prayers, as well as sharing ways they prepare for the coming of Jesus in their homes.



Prayer of Hope

God of Hope,
You love and care for
Fill us with hope as
for Christmas.
Bless and watch over
as it fights Covid 19
Bring wisdom to do
Give understanding
Bring healing to the
Protect those who are most at
risk.
Give comfort to those who have
lost a loved one.
And Hope to all mankind.

In your name we pray,

Prayer of Peace

Jesus, Prince of Peace,
Fill our hearts with your peace.
Guide us as we work for peace in
our families, our communities and
our world and may we continue to
grow in faith and love, being
examples of peace through our
words and actions.

In your name we pray. Amen

What happens during Advent?

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Elementary Weekly Update



Children left at home alone

We have been made aware that some younger children have been left at home alone during this time. We can understand the pressure on parents, especially parents who are on their own with the children and may need to nip out of the house for a short time. If this is happening, please do make sure you prepare your children with important emergency information (emergency phone numbers, a way of contacting you, what to do in a fire, etc).

Christmas Choir

During music lessons and in some assembly slots students have been practicing a festive year group song. As we may not be in school this Christmas, we need the your help. Please support by recording your child singing their part of the year group song. The song has been broken into sections so students will have smaller parts, making the song more manageable to perform and record.

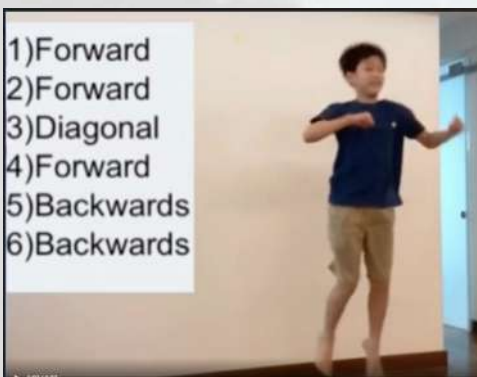
When recording please make sure you are in a quiet place so we can hear the singing. Once you have recorded your video, send it to the class teacher on Seesaw/Dojo by Friday 11th December.

More information will come from your class teacher. We look forward to putting all the singing together as a big Christmas Choir!

Hour of Code

This week our children had fun learning about algorithms and coding during our Hour of Code lessons. First, they were introduced to the concept through algorithm dancing! Children were asked to write an algorithm for a dance routine, test it out, debug it (find any errors) and then..... perform it!

Children then put this coding knowledge into practise using Tynker's online Hour of Code resources, playing block coding puzzle solving games. Some involved helping their pet dragons dash or blast their way to treasure in a progressively harder coding skills game. As part of the continuation of the Hour of Code worldwide, there are many more coding activities available on the Tynker website over the next couple of weeks including special United Nations and even NASA themed games.



High School Weekly Update



HOUSE POINTS UPDATE #1

"LET'S GET ACTIVE"

- ★ Strava Running
- ★ Participation for both fitness challenges and strava members
- ★ Points for fitness challenge 1

Current points after WEEK 1:



Week 2 FITNESS CHALLENGE

[CLICK HERE](#)

Jaime - 293

Miguel - 284

Benilde - 268

Mutien - 251

SPECIAL MENTIONS:

- ★ Mr Joe Taylor - over 60km in 2 weeks and counting...
- ★ Mutien house for having the most students participate in the Fitness Challenge Week 1
- ★ Kwangho Choi - over 27km this week
- ★ Top 3 Miguel runners - Joyce Lim, Eriny Greiss and Tze Kirk Lee!
- ★ Ven Chellem - over 30km this week and counting...
- ★ 13 staff members logging runs this week!

KL Student Golf Tournament

Description:

Although currently under the CMCO, Golf is a sport that has yet to be restricted! This tournament, which will span from December until March, aims to encourage all golfers to continue playing competitive golf. In order to participate in the tournament, players must submit their individual scores monthly through a google form (<https://forms.gle/h8G4vQCjY39ACY3L6>): the leader board will be updated weekly! All funds generated from this tournament will be used to aid Hospis Malaysia, a non-governmental organization providing professional community palliative care to those with life-limiting illnesses (such as cancer, AIDs, Organ failure) for free. For more information please check out our website below!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [hjlee22@iskl.edu.my](mailto:hjee22@iskl.edu.my), rkawakami22@iskl.edu.my and rllee22@iskl.edu.my

Link to Website:

<https://sites.google.com/iskl.edu.my/cas-golf-tournament/home>

Link to Sign-up Form (December):

<https://forms.gle/h8G4vQCjY39ACY3L6>

GRIP IT, RIP IT

Every month we will have a tournament to determine the best golfer in KL. It will be a strokeplay format and you will need to submit 2 18 hole scorecards in order to be in the tournament. There will be prizes for the winners of every month for different divisions. If you are interested in the tournament please feel free to sign up using the QR code

Sign up here:

rllee22@iskl.edu.my [hjlee22@iskl.edu.my](mailto:hjee22@iskl.edu.my) rkawakami22@iskl.edu.my

High School Weekly Update



High School Advent Liturgy

On Monday 30th November a group of High School students gathered together to recognise the beginning of Advent. A special thank you to the students who led this session by reading prayers, readings and reflections on this year's theme 'Be the Light'. It is wonderful to see our Christian students gathering and sharing their faith in such a positive and supportive way. Students also created beautiful prayers for the session which can be viewed [here](#). Thank you to the parents and students who supported the liturgy.

Guardian Angels Christmas Project

The Lasallian Youth Movement are leading on an online 'kindness' exchange where students act as guardian angels to perform kind actions towards their assigned recipient (within their year group). The receiver does not know the identity of the guardian angel and we hope that by encouraging students to perform 'random acts of kindness' - relating to christmas activities, it will foster a spirit of giving within their year group and help them bond with others that they may not normally talk to.



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Weekly Maths Competition

Puzzle of the week: November winners

We had plenty of entries for the puzzle of week in the month of November, this included students in years 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as well as some teachers. Our randomly selected winners for the monthly prizes were Mr Hague and Kevin Park in year 8. Students and parents are encouraged to continue to enter each week at puzzleoftheweek.com. Please contact Mr Lawrence via email, jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my if you have any questions or problems.



Student Representative Council 2020/21

The applications for the SRC have now closed and this week we have been sharing with students, in tutor time, the speeches that our candidates put forward. In total, 48 students submitted applications and we are delighted to see them volunteer for a leadership role and show a willingness to serve the community. We are grateful to them for having the courage to apply and wish them the best of luck!

Voting has ended today and, next week, we will be in touch with successful candidates and also those that have not been elected this year.

10% flow-through discount for Year 11 going into 12

Good news! We would like to inform our parents that **all of our current Year 11 students are entitled to a 10% discount in their tuition fees for both Year 12 and Year 13**, should they continue with our IB Diploma Programme for the 2021/22 academic year. **This offer is also applicable to students who are currently recipients of our existing welcome packages.** We hope that this will support parents to enable their children to continue their studies with us into IBDP. We would love to have all of our Year 11 students with us next year!

For further information, you may contact:

- 1) Mrs Maureen Fitzgerald for any information with regards to the IBDP at mfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my
- 2) Ms Kwa Jin Nee for any information with regards to the flow-through discount at jinneekwa@sjj-international.edu.my

Student Led Conferences - 2nd November to 11th December

All of the SLC discussions with form tutors will have been completed this week during tutor time. Overall, this process in school has been really illuminating for teachers, form tutors and students about the students' learning process and has enabled them to set goals and targets for the next term.

From tomorrow, parents will be holding their own SLC discussions with students at home. For further guidance about this, please see slide 18 on [this presentation](#).

We would be grateful if parents could support your children to write their final reflection on the last page of the SLC booklet (examples of the booklets found below), and if parents could write their own name on that document as a digital signature. Your children will be able to give you access to the Google doc. where they have been writing their reflections, so that you can do this. There is also a space there for parents to write an optional reflection. You will need to be logged into your SJIM parent email account in order to access their Google doc. Please contact Mrs. Fitzgerald in case you have any questions about this at mfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my.

[Ys 7-9 SLC booklet](#)

[Ys 10-11 SLC booklet](#)

[Ys 12-13 SLC booklet](#)

Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2020/21](#)
[ES Parent calendar 2020/21](#)



[Whole School Teaching Staff Email 2020/21](#)



[Term 1 2020 meal charges](#)



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[Epurple \(Top up credit\)](#)
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