

SJIIM Weekly Update

14th October 2022

Important Dates:

15th Oct - HS & ES Parent
Teacher Meeting

Upcoming Events:

19th Oct - Y7 Reporting &
Assessment coffee morning
20th Oct - WSC Yale Parent &
Scholar Info Event
21st Oct - International Dress
Day
5th Nov - Open Day
5th Nov - A Level STEM
Discovery Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message by Mr Chris Woodhams, ES Assistant Principal - Academic "House Saint Days"

Today marked the first House event for the new academic year; Saint Jaime Day. This tradition started last year, with each House having one day a year in honour of their Saint. On Saints' Days, all members of the House come to school dressed in their House colours, with students from other Houses asked to wear an accessory of that colour. For each Saint Day, the House Captains (newly elected each year) are tasked with planning activities for the day - a responsibility that helps build their leadership skills, promote character education and develop our sense of community. House Captains are elected by the children for each year group from year 6 through to year 13 with two staff Heads of House, one for the Elementary School and one for High School. Activities on Saint's Days are structured around 3 key themes which align well with our school ethos: knowledge, service and sport. The knowledge component allows all students to develop a deeper understanding of the Saints themselves, each of whom is a Lasallian Brother who has been proclaimed a Saint.



St Jaime, was born on 2 January, 1898 in northern Spain. He attended a religious school and began his ecclesial study in 1911. However, he soon developed hearing problems and was forced to withdraw. In 1917, he became a novice of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and was given the religious name Jaime Hilario. He was sent on various teaching assignments until 1933 when his hearing problems worsened and was forced to work as a gardener. He was arrested in mid-1936 during the Spanish Civil War for being a member of a religious congregation. Although he could have claimed that he was a gardener, he insisted that he was a La Salle Brother and was convicted. His courage carried him through two rounds of bullets from a firing squad. He was only martyred on January 18, 1937 when the firing squad commander shot him five times in close range.

Today we honoured Saint Jaime's Spanish heritage with the House Captains creating some delicious Spanish tapas which were shared generously with students at break time. In class, students developed their knowledge of St Jaime by playing a Kahoot quiz and they also practised service by taking 5 minutes of the day to tidy up their classrooms. Service and sport were combined together in the activities the House Captains led at lunch time. Our younger children were entertained with an obstacle course in Early Years and colouring in Jaime's Malaysian animal mascot; the sun bear. Others took part in 'tug o wars' on the field and many enjoyed the ingenious 'telematch relays' on the basketball court. Students were also offered red ribbons to wear throughout the day. A sincere thank you to all the House Captains and Leaders for all their hard work in organising these events for the school community.

Catholic and Christian Life.

Catholic CCA

In Catholic CCA our elementary children explored the theme 'Made in the image and likeness of God'. We examined the many different ways that we are made in God's image and likeness. We learned that although God made us all in his image and likeness, he also gave us free choice to choose how we wish to live. To conclude our session, we prayed that we always choose to live in a way that is pleasing to the Lord.



Moms in Prayer

The Moms-In-Prayer group meets in person every second Friday of the month in school at 8.30am, and online other Fridays, whenever school is in session.

Focus of these gatherings: To pray for our children and the school community.

Open to parents of all school divisions.

For more details, please refer to the contacts below:

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SJI Moms-In-Prayer is part of
<https://momsinprayer.org>.

Upcoming meetings

21st Oct - Online

4th Nov - Online

11th Nov - In person

18th Nov - Online

25th Nov - Online

Kangaroo Maths Results

The school is very pleased to share the achievements of our students in the Kangaroo Maths Competition for Malaysia. We've had an incredible number of students achieve medals and the majority of our students have been awarded an Honorable Mention. The Kangaroo Maths Competition is a multiple choice maths paper which challenges students to think outside the box when using problem solving skills and it is a good opportunity for our students to develop and demonstrate their virtues of determination and critical thinking in mathematics.



In order to achieve an Honorable Mention students need to be in the top 50% of the participants in their category with the top 10% of students receiving Gold, Silver or Bronze medals.

The medals and certificates will hopefully be with us in December and we look forward to celebrating the students' successes in a school assembly. You can see a full table of results [here](#) (our school code is 10866)

We will be entering the Kangaroo Maths Competition again this year and further information for signing up will be shared with parents nearer at some point next term.



A Level STEM Discovery Day **5th November 2022 | 10 a.m.**

Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet the Sixth Form team and students, and ask any questions about our A Level subject options, learning support, and matters on university applications. Visiting students will also be experiencing our A Level Maths and Chemistry lessons.

Programme

- 10:00 - Meet the Head of Sixth Form
- 10:15 - Maths Taster: Application of ancient mathematics, using geometrical knowledge to attempt geometrical proofs
- 11:00 - Chemistry Taster: A theoretical and practical approach to solving problems using chemical techniques
- 12:00 - Campus tour by students
- 12:15 - Lunch with the Sixth Form Team
- 13:00 - End

Prospective external students who are currently in Year 10 and Year 11 are strongly encouraged to attend the event. If you have any friends whose children are considering A Level, please help us share this event details with them. They may register at the below link. Places are limited, hence we would appreciate an early registration.

<https://www.sji-international.edu.my/a-level-stem-discovery-day/>



Open Day

5th November 2022 | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Prospective parents will meet and speak to our Senior Leadership Team members to learn about our campus facilities, our curriculum, and discover what it means to be part of the Lasallian community.

Parents will enjoy 50% off the Application Fee for on-the-spot applications and other enrolment packages.

Please help us share the event details with your friends. They may register for a slot here:

<https://www.sji-international.edu.my/open-day/>



Date changes in School Calendar

Please take note of the following changes in the in the School calendar:

- Mutien Day - moved from 20th Sept 22 to 13th Jan 23
- Christmas Bazaar - added to 2nd Dec 22
- Y9 Camp - added to 10th-13th April



Lost & Found

While parents are on site for PTC tomorrow, it would be a great opportunity for you to look through our 'Lost and Found' area which is located by the canteen. We seem to have accumulated a rather large amount of swimwear bags and water bottles. Thank you for helping us with this.

U13 Boys Football



“What an afternoon of football! We started slowly in our first match, eventually losing 3-0 to TISKL. After taking a minute, we regrouped, gained our composure and played some nice football to come away winners in the second game 3-0. Growing in confidence, we had a strong 2-0 lead in the third game but conceded late to make it a scrappy 2-1 victory. Our final group game was a nervous one, we snuck an early goal and then defended for our lives. These results meant that we finished 2nd in the group, with the final to play against TISKL once again. It was a thrilling end to end game but neither team managed to secure the winning goal and it finished 0-0. Penalties is always a nervous affair and unfortunately we could not prevail on this occasion, losing 2-1. An excellent afternoon with the boys working hard, even though we were down players through injury at the end.” - Mr Long

U9 Girls Benchball

“In our second tournament of the year, a team consisting mostly of our year 3 students were a credit to school against some tough opposition yesterday. Their four games featured excellent movement, some slick passing and were all closely contested. This was a lot of the girls' first time representing SJIIM (I'm sure it won't be the last) and I was incredibly proud of how they supported each other and never let their energy levels drop for a second.” - Mr Wilson



U9 Boys Benchball



“This week we took our Under 9's boys Benchball team to Taylor's International School in Puchong, to compete in the KLSL Bowl Final. The first game started with 3 quick goals from our opposition and host Taylors International. The Saints unfazed linked a number of good attacks together to pull back to 3 goals each and moments later finding themselves leading with 2 minutes to play. The host unfortunately pulled back another 2 goals during the dying moments of the game to win 5.4. The following 2 games the boys played well creating some great attacks, each game again the score was very close but narrowly missing out on the win. Great job boys!!” - Mr Collins

Fixtures for next week

- Tuesday 18th October - U13 Boys Football @ SJIIM
- Tuesday 18th October - U18 Girls Volleyball @ IGBIS
- Tuesday 18th October - U18 Boys Volleyball @ AISM
- Wednesday 19th October - U15 Girls Football @ KH8
- Wednesday 19th October - GIS Friendly Swim Meet
- Thursday 20th October - U13 Girls Football @ IGBIS
- Thursday 20th October - U15 A&B Boys Football @ SJIIM



Y5 Science Fair IPC Exit Point

Children and teachers were treated to a wonderful learning experience this week thanks to Y5's IPC 'Exit Point'. Groups of children worked together to create fun learning activities in a 'science fair'. It gave them an opportunity to showcase their understanding of physical forces and space as they reached the end and 'exited' their IPC topic 'Mission to Mars'.



Parents on site

A polite reminder to please always wear your SJIIM parent ID badge while on site. Parents are allowed in school from 7.30am until 9am in the morning and after 2pm in the afternoon. However, parents must remain on the ground floor only and should not go upstairs. These are important measures to help ensure our students' safety and we appreciate your support in adhering to them.



International Day Dress Up & Parade

We hope to see you for the parade and can't wait for the day. The stalls our parent community have worked extremely hard in creating are designed for student use only and are not open to parents. As per above, parents are reminded that they need to be off site at 9am.



Uniform Reminder

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds the only items of jewellery we allow students to wear in our school are small single stud earrings and watches (not a Smart watch). Small, discreet religious symbols which are worn under the uniform are permitted.

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy and be tied up at all times. The school does not permit students to have 'extreme' haircuts that could serve as a distraction to other students. This includes the shaving of letters, logos or names into student's hair, Mohicans, steps/undercuts. Hair should not be dyed in extremes of colour, including unnatural colour streaks.

Footwear

We require all students to wear black enclosed school shoes that should have either laces or a strap. All school shoes should be black and logo free.





Parent Teacher Meetings - High School

PTMs will take place tomorrow, Saturday, 15th October (8.00-3.30pm). Please make sure you can log on to the 'Meet the Teacher' system in advance of your first meeting. The instructions are here:

<http://shorturl.at/cdktX>.



Y7 'Reporting & Assessment' coffee morning

Parents of Year 7 students were invited via email & Google Form RSVP last week to a morning information session with Principal (Mr Cairns) & Assistant Principals (Mr Bayfield & Ms Ellis) on the subject of how we assess and report on students at SJIIIM. This will take place on Wednesday 19th October at 8-9am. Year 7 parents should arrive at the school lobby before this time where you will be directed to the venue.



WSC Yale: Parent & Scholar Information Event

Ms Ellis & Mr Cairns will hold an information event for the parents and students attending the Tournament of Champions in Yale next month. This will take place at 3.30pm on Thursday 20th October in the school auditorium.



International Dress Day

A reminder that our International Day is happening soon - Friday 21st October. Parents are invited to join us for our parade in the morning 8.15-9.00 am. Children are asked to come to school that day dressed in their home country national dress. There will also be parent stalls at the International Bazaar at lunchtime for HS students.



Lost & Found items in HS lockers

Items found in the HS lockers from last term will be donated away if not claimed by end of half Term 1 (next Friday). Please see Syu in the HS Office if you would like to check on your child's missing items.



IGCSE Geography trip

On Friday, 30/9/22, all IGCSE Geography students went on a trip to the Sungai Inki in Kalumpang as part of their studies on river systems. This was the first Geography field trip since early 2020! While there, students engaged in some light fieldwork in the river. They measured the speed of flow, the width and depth of the channel, and the type of rocks that are prevalent on the river bed. Students then compared how the two sections of the river compare in terms of these measurements. Though we did get rained out toward the end of the tasks, we were already as wet as it is possible to get after completing the fieldwork activities! We arrived back at school at about 5:30pm exhausted, but having had a great time in Kalumpang! As time goes on, we in the Humanities Department hope to re-normalise regular field trips to provide more fun, engaging and meaningful learning experiences to our students.



IB Geography field trip

The Year 13 IB Geographers had a fantastic field trip, following the MRT line from Bukit Bintang to Kota Damansara, collecting data and taking measurements along the way. After a brief planning meeting at a city centre coffee shop, Sarah, Shane, Jynez and Maira set about completing various surveys, measurements and observations including building height, air pollution and noise levels. Superbly organised, and working well as a team, they collected a vast amount of data and worked tenaciously up until a well deserved lunch at 1Utama. Following lunch they completed the necessary data collection at Kota Damansara station. Mr Weatherup and Mr Taylor were in agreement that the pupils had conducted themselves superbly throughout the day and I think a fantastic day of experiential learning, seeing and doing Geography, was had by all.





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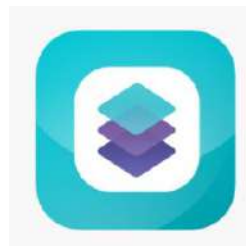
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