

## SJIIM Weekly Update

23rd Sept 2022

### Important Dates:

23rd Sept - 12 Hr Run

28th Sept - School Mass

### Upcoming Events:

27th Sept - HS Scholarship Awards Ceremony

ES Parent Info Sessions:

27th Sept - Digital Citizenship & Computing

29th Sept - Maths (Times Tables Rockstars Focus)

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

### **Message by Alastair Tan - SRC President**

Every Merdeka and Malaysia Day, my family and I have a tradition of having a Malaysian breakfast together in a mamak store near where we live - my usual choice is Roti Telur and Teh Tarik kurang manis. In these visits to the mamak stores, I witness the community and connection all Malaysians have between one another. And to this I think, "This must be what our forefathers saw when they envisioned a united Malaysia, this must have been what our forefathers placed their hope in when fighting for a united Malaysia."

This year's Malaysia Day was particularly significant for me. I spent most of it writing about why there is a Malaysia Day, for my Extended Essay in History. Exploring this fascinating topic through my EE has allowed me to understand the significance of this day. I think the fact that we celebrate Malaysia Day and not the day of the separation is particularly symbolic - it celebrates the fact that we once were able to unite under one name and flag. Serving as a constant reminder that though we have our differences, we were still able to achieve such a mammoth and groundbreaking accomplishment.

Though it is easier to find faults and issues that we have with this nation we call our home, it is often more encouraging to reflect upon the uniqueness of Malaysia. Yes, we have our faults but what nation stands faultless? The spirit of community that is so evident in Malaysian society, is something that I find extremely unique. It gives me hope for a better future for our nation. And it is this hope that gives me the confidence to say that I truly do love Malaysia.



## Catholic and Christian Life.

### Parent Prayer Circle

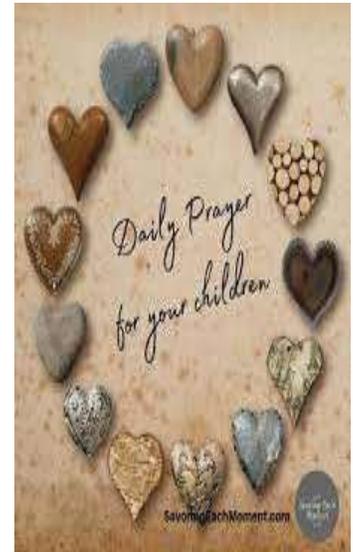
Our 'Parent Prayer Circle' for September will be postponed to the 6th October due to the delay of Eucharistic Mass which will take place on 28th Sept.

### Mass- September 28th at 12:15 in our school chapel

Mass is offered to students in Year 3 and above. We warmly welcome staff and families to join us too. Please use the student link [HERE](#) to sign up for the Mass.

### Catholic CCA

CCAs will start shortly for Term 1. If you would like your child to attend our Friday gatherings please use the student link [HERE](#) to sign up. Catholic CCA will be offered to Year 1-2 and Years 3-6.



## Malaysia Day 2022

"Malaysia day is important to me because my family and I can spend more time together. On Malaysia Day, we went to the parade. It was really fun because it was very loud and cheerful."

Kara, Year 6

"Malaysia day is very important because it was the day West and East Malaysia got independence and named themselves Malaysia. I celebrated by meeting friends."

Roy, Year 6



## CCA Payment Reminder



Payment for all paid CCAs needs to be received before or latest by 25th September. **If no payment is received before the CCA, children are not allowed to join the paid CCA.**

Payment can be made via cheque or cash (exact amount) into the School Finance Office. If you would like to pay using bank transfer see below for bank details:

Bank Name: OCBC Bank Berhad

Bank Account Name: Tropicana SJII Education Management Sdn Bhd

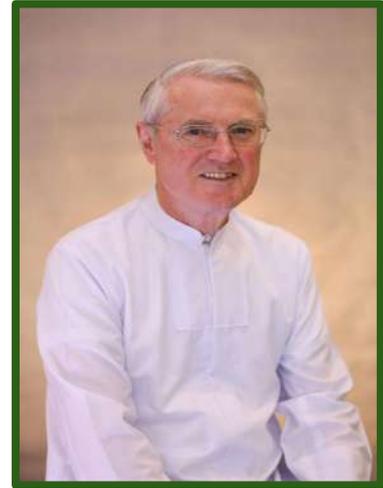
Bank Account Num: 7071281859

(Please write your child's name in the reference and send transaction receipts to [finance@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:finance@sjj-international.edu.my) & [cchandra@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:cchandra@sjj-international.edu.my) )



## Welcome back Brother Felipe and Brother Patrick

Next week, Brother Felipe and Brother Patrick will be here for a short visit to St. Joseph's to see our students, staff and parents. Amongst other things, Brother Felipe and Brother Patrick will attend our Scholarship Award Ceremony, join Mass with our community, congratulate our World Scholar's Cup teams at a short afternoon tea and visit our Kebun Kitar Garden.



## Kebun Kitar Garden

The first fresh, delicious produce from our Kebun Kitar Garden is being put to good use. Thank you to our parents, students, teachers and gardening staff for the fantastic effort. Mr Cairns' son, Alexander, is excitedly looking forward to seeing some butterflies emerge! The caterpillars were from the limau kasturi plants in the garden. This is such a valuable learning experience for the children.





### Parent Subject Information sessions

Our series of parent information sessions continued this week with one on phonics led by Ms Perry and our inaugural 'Subject Fair' where parents were invited to come to school to meet our subject leaders for EAL, English, IPC, Maths and Music. It was a great atmosphere with parents and teachers sharing and discussing key aspects of each subject. Next week is our final week of parent subject sessions with one on Computing and Digital Citizenship led by Mr Woodhams on Tuesday and a Times Table Rockstars/Numbots session on Thursday with Mr Wilson (both on Zoom). Details of both sessions have been shared on Seesaw.



### House Captain Elections

Today, we held our House Captain elections for the new academic year. All year 1-6 children got to vote for their Year 6 House Captain. We had tremendous interest from Year 6 this year, with 26 courageous candidates applying. They were asked to either make a speech to their fellow housemates or share a video explaining their motivation and strengths. It was a fantastic show of leadership potential from our older students and whatever the final results are, they have all taken a significant step in their service learning and leadership journey. The results of the elections will be shared next week. Thank you to all that applied.



### Pokemon cards

You may have noticed some children having difficulty managing their Pokemon cards that they bring to school. We have found in Years 1, 2 and 3, these cards are causing disputes and distracting children from their learning. Though they are not allowed to trade cards at school, some students have still be tempted to do this, and it often leads to upset. We ask that parents help remind students in Years 1, 2 and 3 to keep their Pokemon cards at home. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 may continue to bring them in if they wish.



### Ello snacks and drinks

Please be reminded that Elementary School students are NOT allowed to purchase any extra snacks or drinks from Ello. The children have been informed, but we would appreciate your support in reminding them. If they would like a snack before their CCA, this needs to be sent in from home (unless they are in ASCC).

## Sixth Form Retreat to Langkawi



"Langkawi 2022 Sixth Form Retreat: After four fun-filled days of bonding activities, our Year 12 and Year 13 students are taking the long weekend to rest and recover. Some highlights from the trip included:

- All 35 students completing the Skytrex high ropes/zip line course
- A day of island hopping, beach games, and swimming in a fresh-water lake
- Riding the world's steepest cable car and exploring the sky bridge and 3-D art museum
- Our final day kayaking through mangroves and appreciating the local crafts museum



By the end of the trip, it was clear that our Sixth Form students had thoroughly enjoyed themselves and grown closer as a cohort. We are proud of the way our students tested their endurance, stepped out of their comfort zones, and supported one another throughout the different activities. We look forward to more bonding trips like this in the future!"



## House Captains

Thursday and Friday saw a very healthy number of students from Years 7-12 apply for our Junior, Senior and Head of House positions. Delivering speeches to their peers, the students demonstrated confidence and courage to write and perform in such a way, and all applicants should be congratulated. Applicants will be notified over email by their Head of House this weekend before the new house leaders are announced in assembly on Monday.

## 6th SJIIM Scholarship Awards Ceremony



On Tuesday, September 27th at 2:00pm, we will celebrate our Year 12 and Year 13 scholars in a special assembly during periods 7 and 8. After so many years without having a live ceremony, we are looking forward to showcasing the achievements of our scholars and recognising all that they do for our community. There will be special musical performances as well as speeches from our Student Body President, LYM leaders, and our Head of Sixth Form. Parents, teachers, Brothers, the Board of Governors, and years 10-13 students are all invited to attend



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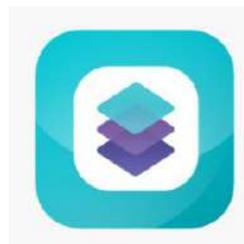
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