

SJIIM Weekly Update

6th January 2023

Important Dates:

5th - 13th IGCSE mock exam

17th & 18th Jan - IGCSE Art
mock exam

30th Jan - 8th Feb - IB mock
exam

Upcoming Events:

16th Jan - Term 2 CCAs begin

19th Jan - Mutien Day

20th Jan - CNY Assembly,
Cultural Fair & Dress Up Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Stephanie Fedorowicz

Dear SJIIM Families,

Happy New Year! I wish all of you health, peace and joy in 2023. We have much to be grateful for this year at St. Joseph's. First and foremost; all of you! It is this warm community that always makes me happy to return to work, even after a wonderful holiday break. This term, we have welcomed another great group of new families into our community. We thank our existing parents that have already started to help them feel welcome. The leadership team have hosted a series of whole school new parent sessions for the first time and it has been a pleasure to see the connections between the Elementary School and the High School further solidified.

We were fortunate to run our first session of the week in English; for our biggest group of new families, but also to have parent translators support us in running sessions in Mandarin and Korean for our growing group of expatriates at school. We look forward to the future community events that will continue to bring us all together - with our next festive celebration of Chinese New Year just around the corner!

It has been a fantastic first week back - daily we witness the students continuing to settle into school life and show interest in the wide range of opportunities on offer. This week, booking for our Term 2 CCA programme opened and we hope you will be pleased to see that we have taken on parent feedback and continue to expand and develop the opportunities for our students. We also witnessed a new group of Year 6 leaders serving as Student Ambassadors to welcome new students, show them around school and encourage them at playtime.

For our Year 10, 11 and 13 students who are, or will be taking their mock exams, we know that their diligence and dedication will pay off and we wish them all the best. There is much to look forward to in the term ahead and we are happy you are on the journey with us!



Catholic and Christian Corner

Term 2 Catholic CCA

Hooray, we are excited to commence another term of Catholic CCA. As always we welcome back existing students and extend an invite to any other families who wish to join us.

If you would like to join for term 2 please use the sign up link [HERE](#)

This CCA will take place every Friday from 2:50-3:50 pm.

The pick up point will be at the main foyer area.

Please note that Catholic CCA does not affect any of your choices on School Buddy.

Upcoming events

Our next Mass will take place after the Chinese New Year break.

Details will be shared closer to the time.

Parents Rosary Circle

Save the date: 12th January 2023 at 08:15 am. This will take place in school.

PARENTS ROSARY CIRCLE

**THURSDAY
12 Jan 2023
8:15-8:40 AM**

This month's intention:

- For the school to grow in Faith, Service and Community in 2023.
- Give thanks for the past year of 2022.
- For students going through their mock exams.

To join please email:
cac@sj-i-international.edu.my

This activity is for non-Muslims only.

EVERY 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

Join us each month to lift the SJIIM community in prayer. Just one decade of the Rosary and Christian fellowship as parents gather to pray for our children, teachers & school.

ORGANIZED BY THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY



Welcome & thank you Student Ambassadors!

It was a great privilege to welcome over 50 new students and families to the Elementary School at the start of Term 2. Our Student Ambassadors greeted them on arrival and helped them get to their new classrooms safely. It has been wonderful to see our existing students show such kindness and empathy in helping their new classmates settle in.



Mid Year reports on Parent Portal

Please be aware that your child's Mid Year report will be available on the [ISAMS Parent Portal](#) from 12pm on **Friday 20th January**. A reminder about the report with details of how to access it on the Parent Portal will be sent next week. If you have difficulty accessing the portal please contact our IT helpdesk: helpdesk@sj-i-international.edu.my



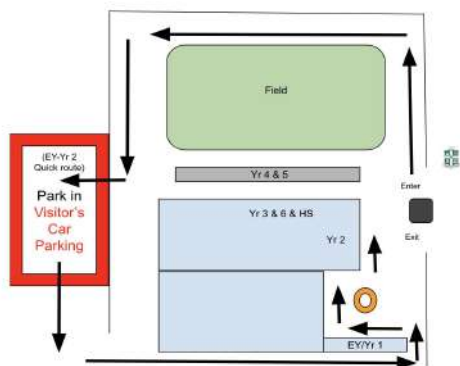
5S and 5J trip to Taman Tugu

It was 5S & 5J's opportunity today to visit Taman Tugu, to take part in a conservation workshop. They built on the service learning around sustainability, with students gaining a real life understanding of the importance of conservation and the vital function of trees in the world today. The children got their daily exercise with a short, guided hike around the rainforest trails and managed to prepare 20 sapling trees for planting!



Term 2 parent calendar

Our new ES parent calendar for Term 2 has been finalised and is now available on [SJIIIM website](#). Please be aware that the Mutien Day date previously shared has changed from 13th January to 19th January.



Reminders: Pick-up Protocol

Please be reminded that if you want to collect your child on foot, you need to park in the visitors' car park and collect them from their respective pick-up point. The driving lanes are for driving through to pick children up directly in their cars. We ask that parents refrain from stopping in the pick-up lines, as this causes a congestion and frustration for other parents. Also, if your child is not yet at the pick-up point, the guards may ask you to drive around - again to avoid causing congestion.

FOBISIA



FOBISIA Virtual Concerto Competition

As part of FOBISIA SJIIM are invited to compete in a Virtual Concerto Competition.

If your child has already learned a movement from a concerto or could have one polished for performance before 14th April 2023, please encourage them to complete this [google form](#) by Wednesday 11th January to be considered to represent SJIIM. The Music department will then decide which students to register for each division.

For more information and competition criteria and guidelines please contact Mr Luke Hague lhague@sji-international.edu.my.

CCA Sign Up for High School

The Schools Buddy system for students to chose term 2 CCAs is now open. Students have until 10:00am on Monday 9th January to select their CCAs for the term.

Options for this term can be found on the WS CCA website [here](#).



SRC New Student Induction

On Tuesday 3rd January, our SRC welcomed our new students for an orientation day. Our new students were given the opportunity to meet some of their new classmates and enjoyed some ice breaker activities to help them settle into the new environment. At the end of the morning session, they had some pizza with their new friends.



SRC Support for Students doing Mock Examinations

To show support for their fellow students starting their mock exams this term, our SRC delivered ice cream to students in Years 11 & 13. Best of luck to our students doing their exams and thank you to our SRC for organising this and showing support for their peers.





Pen pal Project

Do you think that writing a letter to a pen pal is a positive initiative? Why?

Before the Christmas holiday, Y8, Y9 and Y10 participated in a pen pal project with another school in Salamanca, Spain. Our students really enjoyed the project as well as the students in Spain. SJIIM students wrote the letter in Spanish and they received the response letter in English. Apart from learning a language, writing creates connections. Our students will be able to write to someone who lives in Spain, intriguing both of them to connect on a more meaningful basis. Instead of making small talk or sending each other short messages, they can reflect on their lives, their weeks, their interest, and the things that make them happy. Pen pals are a really great way to get our students to learn the art of writing letters in a foreign language. While few people write social letters these days, it's an invaluable lesson in how to set out a letter and how to write an interesting and engaging note.





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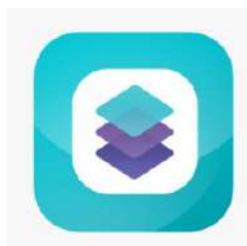
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