SJIIM Weekly Update 7th October 2022

Important Dates: 15th Oct - HS & ES Parent Teacher Meeting

Upcoming Events: 14th October - Jaime Day 21st October - International Dress Day



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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message by Ms Sarah Cole, Head of Sixth Form "Choosing the right course: IBDP or A Level"



Two weeks ago, students in years 10-11 were invited to attend the year 12 and year 13 Scholarship Ceremony, where I shared my vision for our future sixth form. The individuals that we recognized at this ceremony are all fantastic students, and received a phenomenal set of IGCSE results. While we are certainly proud of the work ethic, determination, and focus that these results required, I reiterated the importance of everything else that our students contribute to our school community. When I think of our ideal sixth form student, I do not picture a young person who is solely focused on achieving greatness for themselves. Rather, their drive to better themselves comes from a desire to help others, to make a difference in our school and ultimately in the world.

This vision applies whether students decide to pursue the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme or the Cambridge International A Levels. Our graduates, no matter their preferred curriculum choice, will receive a Lasallian education and character development opportunities that only St. Joseph's can offer. United by our values, our sixth form students will share tutor experiences, including our bespoke 'Lasallian Core' lessons where students receive university and career guidance as well as a holistic Character and Wellbeing curriculum. They will advance their leadership skills as House Captains, Student Representative Council members, and leaders of the Lasallian Youth Movement. They will collaborate on service projects, whether they are using their experiences for their CAS portfolios or in pursuit of the optional Duke of Edinburgh International Award. Together, they will learn research skills, whether they are IB students working on their Extended Essays or A Level students electing to complete the Cambridge International Project Qualification. They will learn our shared core values during the Lasallian Formation Camp, and will bond as a united cohort during our Sixth Form Retreat.

And so, while all of our aspiring sixth form students can rest assured that they will all receive an exceptional Lasallian education, the only decision they need to make is which academic curriculum is right for them. We are delighted to be able to offer our students this choice for the first time. There are multiple ways we are working to support our year 10 and 11 students as they are making this decision. In year 10, our students participate in a "Sixth Form Taster Day," where they have the opportunity to attend IB and A level lessons in the subjects they are most passionate about. In September, we surveyed our year 11 families



on their subject selections. Our Career and University Guidance Counsellor, Mr. Hollis, then worked with the Head of Year 11 to answer any questions indicated on the forms. He taught students how to use the college application platform, Cialfo, so that students and parents can directly contact him for personalised advice.

Throughout Term 1, all students in year 11 will be provided an opportunity to meet with a member of senior leadership one on one to explore their options at sixth form. On the 4th of November, we will also host our first 'Evening with the Head of School' exclusive dinner for interested internal applicants. We hope that this ongoing support will allow students to make an informed decision, and we look forward to welcoming our first IBDP/A level combined cohort next academic year.

Catholic and Christian Life.

Today we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary.

Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us.

Mass

We are delighted to announce that Masses for our school will continue in the absence of Fr Alvin. A special thanks to Fr Lawrence from the parish of St Ignatius Church who will join our school community.

Catholic CCA

We had our first Catholic CCA last Friday. The children were engaged and participated with joyfulness. We explored the theme 'How to grow with Jesus'. All students shared lovely ideas around this topic and each child produced a craft reflecting with their ideas.











Our CCA programme is in full swing and the students are thoroughly enjoying the wide range of activities on offer!!



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

Monday lessons on Thursday

On Thursday this week, the Monday timetable will run. This is to help offset missed curriculum time that happens due to public holidays that fall on a Monday. If your child normally has a PE or Swimming lesson, or another specialist lesson on a Monday, then it will happen on Thursday next week. CCAs will not be affected.



School Uniform Reminder

It is important for our students to present the correct image in both appearance and behaviour, for their self-esteem, their sense of togetherness and for the reputation of the school. All students are expected to comply with the uniform requirements. We require all students from Year 1 - Year 13 to wear black enclosed school shoes that should have either laces or a strap. All school shoes should be black and logo free.

Whole School Sports Update



U18 Boys Football

We were looking to build on our successful tournament last week. We started well by winning 3-1 against ELC. A solid second half performance ensured us the win. We lost our 2nd game 2-0, but we put in a great performance against IGB. Unfortunately, we lost our last game too 3-1 against MKIS. We were plagued by injury and several cramps throughout the game. However, a great effort all around and we learned a lot as a team. Great job! - Mr Hussain

U15 Girls Football

We had a successful tournament and won first place! We arrived at IGB somewhat nervous but started our first game with lots of energy. We beat ISP 4-0 and our spirits were high, we then had a break and prepared for our most challenging game against ELC which we won 2-0 and straight after that played IGB winning 8-0, we displayed our SJIIM spirit with chants and cheers and had a great time! Great job everyone and thank you Mr. Hollis for coaching us! - Maya F



U15 Boys Football

We attempted to play some nice football but all day but couldn't quite connect. We lost of first game 3-0 and then narrowly lost the second 1-0 defeat in the closing minutes of the game. Our final game was in the 5th place playoff vs Sri KDU. It was our best defensive performance of the day, finishing 0-0 and just losing on penalties. William P performed excellently in goal all afternoon. - Mr Long

U9 Girls Benchball

The Saints came back from 5 - 1 down with impressive teamwork and determination finish 5 - 5. Game 2 saw their excellent form continue as they scored five more in a 5 - 3 victory. End to end attacking and defending in their third game saw them again score 5 and restrict their opponents to only 2 in their second victory of the competition. The girls played brilliantly together and finished in 2nd place! Well done girls! - Mr Wilson





U9 Boys Benchball

A very excited U9 boys team just lost their first game 3-2 in the dying seconds. The next game was fast paced with the ball moving end to end and the Saints defending superbly to only just lose out once again. With energy levels recharged, we went in to our toughest challenge of the afternoon against a tall opposing team. Our students performed well and with excellent team spirit which didn't falter even though the results did not go our way. Well done team!!! - Mr Collins

Elementary School Weekly Update





Parent Teacher Conferences

A reminder that Early Years & Elementary School Class & Mandarin Teacher Consultations are happening next Saturday, 15th October 8.00am-2.00pm. Meetings for the Elementary School will occur face to face at school. High School appointments will be happening online and if you have difficulties attending both, please contact your child's class teacher to rearrange for a suitable day. Bookings opened today on our 'Meet the Teacher' platform. Specific login details for your children have been sent to your family gmail. If you need assistance do contact the SJIIM Helpdesk: helpdesk@sji-international.edu.my

Reminder - International Day Dress Up

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 or dressed as the nation they will have studied throughout the week.



Jaime Day

Next Friday, 14th October, is our first House Saint Day, celebrating St Jaime. Our Jaime House Captains have been busy planning for the day, offering fun service-minded activities at break and lunch times. As with previous Saint Days, Jaime children are invited to come to school in their Jaime house PE shirt on the day and others can wear a simple red accessory (e.g headband, socks) if they wish.



Home Lunch

Please be reminded that if you want to send home lunch to school, we encourage you to send it in with your child in the morning. This will avoid students having to come down and collect it during the school day. Any 'one off' deliveries to the office, need to have been communicated with your child in advance and they need to know to come down to the ES office to pick up their food. Thank you for your cooperation.

High School Weekly Update



Parent Teacher Meetings - High School

PTMs will take place next Saturday, on 15th October (8.00-3.30pm). These will be online meetings, and the booking system will open on Tuesday, 11th October at 8am and will close on Thursday, 13th October at 4pm. In order to book a PTM appointment with your son's or daughter's teachers, please use this link:

https://sjiim.meettheteacher.com/.

Instructions and log on details have been emailed to you.

Please note: If you also have a child in the ES, you may schedule an appointment with your younger child's class teacher on an alternative date if the two events are unmanageable together.



Y13 Spanish Cooking Workshop

Last Thursday, on 29th Sept, Year 13 students of Spanish ab initio participated in a Spanish cooking workshop. It was an entertaining activity where they learned about the Spanish omelette (potato one) and they even cooked one in the class. Even though it might look like a simple dish, the last part of flipping the pan is not easy, but they managed to do it really well! I would like to mention Sarah's one because it was excellent according to her classmates and teachers. ¡Bien hecho, chicas! (Well done, girls!)



Opera - Carmen

Throughout this weekend and next week (8th, 9th, 11th, 12, 14th and 15th). A few students (Kay Lynn, Kay Ann, Aerin Abby) and Mr Yau are involved with an opera production called Carmen. These students are part of the children choir in the opera, portraying children copying the soldiers marching, whilst Mr Yau is part of the orchestra playing the trumpet. If you are interested and want to know more do check out this website over here.



Food drop off and a reminder that we are a nut free school
Parents wishing to drop off food for their children may now do so and

leave it at the foyer for the children to collect. Please note that we will not accept deliveries of fast food.

Also, a polite reminder that food brought on site should be nut free to protect our students with allergies.

Lunch preorder and cutlery

Kindly remind your child to bring their own cutlery to school for snack and lunch time.

Useful Links



ES Student Absence Form **HS Student Absence Form**



HS Menu Term 1 22/23 ES Menu Term 1 22/23



Catholic Corner 22/23



Music Website



HS Parent Calendar 22/23 ES Parent calendar 22/23 Parent Calendar 22/23





Schoolsbuddy CCA - ES CCA- HS



WS Teaching Staff Email 22/23



PSG Update 22/23



Epurse (Top up credit) Tapestry (For ES) Parent portal (For ES)



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