

SJIIM Weekly Update

9th Sept 2022

Important Dates:

16th Sept - Malaysia Day (public holiday)

28th Sept - School Mass

Upcoming Events:

HS Parent Info Session

13th Sept - Year 8

14th Sept - Year 9

ES Parent Info Sessions

13th Sept - Seesaw

14th Sept - PE & Swimming

15th Sept - Bahasa & Mandarin

20th Sept - Subject Fair (IPC, English, Maths, Music, EAL)

22nd Sept - Phonics

27th Sept - Digital Citizenship & Computing

29th Sept - Maths (Times Tables Rockstars Focus)

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Purpose-Building Connections By Andrew Bayfield

One of the great tragedies of the Covid pandemic was its impact upon us to build the sort of rapport, connection and trust that can only be built in face to face interactions; Zoom, for all of its cleverness, just wasn't the same. In light of that, the last 2 weeks has seen a return to SJIIM of our year group parent open houses, with parents able to chat and mingle with the teachers of their children over a spring roll and a cup of tea. To be a part of these events highlighted again to me how many immeasurable things the pandemic took away from us, but also how much more rewarding it is to see them return. Thank you to all of the parents who attended the year group sessions, as well as to our teachers who always enjoy meeting parents and understanding more about the children they teach.

Back to School Nights By Sahana Fried

In the Elementary School we saw an exhilarating energy flow through our classrooms and corridors, a vitality and excitement that we have missed so much. In addition, there has been so many stimulating events this early term, from welcoming new students to our campus, to opening up our Calm Zone again, to the Parent Rep gatherings. One of my favourites has to be our very first round of Back to School Nights. We welcomed families from Early Years through Year 6, some brand new and others now watching their second or third child passing through the welcoming gates of St Joseph's, followed by a high tea gathering in the school's canteen. Each of the seven events were full of good cheer, re-establishing and at times initiating our communities' connectivity. One parent brought up the fact that she had only seen her child's teacher online, so this was the first time she met him in person. Another commented, "I am so excited to be in the classroom, to see the displays and talk to people whom I've only known through a Whatsapp group."

In line with the fourth strategy of the Virtues Project, Honoring the Spirit, we asked our teachers and learning assistants to share their family stories and adventures as a way to honor one another's spirit and contribution to our lovely Lasallian community. [Click](#) to see a few photos.

Catholic and Christian Life.

This week in the Catholic Church we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8th)

Mass dates amended

Please note that Mass will now take place on **September 28th** at 12:15 pm instead of September 14th at 12:15pm as Father Alvin is needed for a special event elsewhere on September 14th.

This 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 1-3 and Years 4-6.



Music Department (SJIM)

 Luke Hegan Sixth Form Student Welfare Coordinator Head of High School Music Speak to me about: HS Music Curriculum and CCAs	 Yau Yinn Zhi Elementary and High School Music Teacher Instrumental Music Coordinator Speak to me about: Instrumental Music Programme	 Kimberly Koh Jia Lin Head of Elementary School Music Speak to me about: ES Music Curriculum and CCAs
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Music Roles and Responsibilities 2022/23

There have been a couple of changes over the Summer break to the roles and responsibilities within the music department including some new and familiar faces. [This slide](#) highlights who to contact about what this year. Across the school we look forward to providing excellent opportunities for all students to be engaging and developing their musical experience and expression.

OPEN DAY

Saturday, 10th Sept 2022
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- 9 - 18 Years Old
- International Primary Curriculum
- Singapore Middle
- IGCSE
- IBDP/A Level

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REGISTER NOW!

Open Day

We will be having an Open Day on Saturday, 10 Sept from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please help us share this event with your friends. Registration for a spot for the Open Day can be made at this link:

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

A Levels

We will be offering a range of A Levels from August 2023 to young adults aged 16 to 18. All A Level subjects at SJIM will be offered through the Cambridge exam board.

Our team is happy to meet existing and prospective parents to discuss the programme, answer any questions that parents may have, and share more about what can be expected on a student's A Level journey at SJIM.

Take advantage of our A Level Introductory Price of **only RM60,000 per year** for enrolment in August 2023. Intake is in progress now. Please help us share this good news!

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Our Wonderful Library

We are thrilled to share that the ES library is now open again after school. If your child would like to change their library books more often, you may bring them to the library after school. Students must come with their parents and be supervised in the library, as it is a calm and quiet environment. The library will be open from Monday - Thursday after school until 4:15. The library is closed Friday afternoons for re-stocking.



Mid Autumn Festival

We would like to wish everyone a happy Mid Autumn Festival. We hope those families celebrating enjoy your mooncakes! Our Mandarin department has marked this occasion with activities in class, which we look forward to sharing with you via video next week.

Parent Seesaw Information Sessions

There will be a Zoom information session followed by a drop in session afterwards for additional support.

Information session

Date: Tuesday 12th September
Time: 1:30pm
Location: Zoom

I will introduce Seesaw, how it's used and how you can support your child's learning. I will cover teacher and parent communication, commenting on your child's work and the use of the Cross Blog.

Meeting ID: 476 579 296
Passcode: seesaw22

Drop in Session

Date: Thursday 16th September
Time: 8 - 8:30am
Location: ES Office - Mrs Ruxton

If after the information session you would like any help using or setting up Seesaw please stop by the ES office.

Come see Mrs Ruxton

Parent Subject Information sessions

Next week, our parent subject information sessions begin. Our first supports parents use and understanding of Seesaw and will be held via Zoom by Mrs Sarah Ruxton on **Tuesday Sep 13th at 1.30pm**, (followed by a parent drop-in service for more hands on technical support the next day). Please see the flyer, also posted on Seesaw separately, for details.

PE and Swimming Parent Information Session

Date: Wednesday 14th September
Time: 3:15 - 4pm
Location: Zoom

Led by: Whole School Head of PE & Activities, Mr Ryan Long and our Head of Swimming, Ms Zyanne Lee Hiew.

Meeting ID: 432 4463 992
Passcode: 943766

This is followed on **Wednesday 14th Sep 3.15-4pm**, again on Zoom, with a session focussed on our PE & Swimming programmes, led by our new Whole School Head of PE & Activities, Mr Ryan Long and our Head of Swimming, Ms Zyanne Lee Hiew. Please see the flyer, also posted on Seesaw separately, for details.

MANDARIN AND BAHASA PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Date: Thursday 15th September
Time: 10:30am - 11:30am
Location: Zoom

Meeting ID: 894 1473 8642
Passcode: 223846

Our next session, on **Thursday Sep 15th 10.30-11.30am**, focuses on our Bahasa & Mandarin language programmes, led by Ms Nalla Muniandy and Mr Jimmy Lim, also via Zoom. Please see the flyer, also posted on Seesaw separately, for details.

We hope as many of you as possible can attend these sessions and benefit from the information shared.



World Scholar's Cup

I am sure that, over the past week or so, you will have seen the updates regarding our students' success in the World Scholar's Cup. I am incredibly proud of our students for all they have achieved.



The World Scholar's Cup requires students to study a broad and varied curriculum encompassing topics such as history, science, literature and art. The material that they have to research is not the type of information that you would find being taught in classes. Often, it is very niche and more likely to be found in a university curriculum rather than a school's. This means that students are learning about these things for the first time. As such, they are not drawing on what they already ready know. Rather it is the drive to learn that comes from within themselves.



The students conducted themselves with such humility and grace throughout the entire competition. As the Head of School, I no longer teach English so this is a great opportunity for me to get to know the students and for them to get to know me. Over the last week, to the individual, I found them to be open-minded, great communicators, respectful, courteous and very, very funny.



I would like to express my thanks to Mr Garcia, Ms Battle and Ms Ellis for their tireless efforts and all the parents who have supported us on this journey.

Mr Cairns



CAT4 Assessments

Starting from the 12th September until the 23rd September. Students in year 10 and year 7 will be sitting their CAT assessments.

These assessments are not graded assessments, instead they are a measure of the students aptitude and as a school, we use these assessments to help us support all students to reach their full potential. Students will need to bring in wired headphones for their assessment day.

Year 10- Monday 12th September
7K- Tuesday 13th September
7L- Wednesday 14th September
7Y- Thursday 15th September
7M- Friday 23rd September

Please help us when talking to your children by reminding them that this isn't an assessment to worry about as there isn't a pass or fail or a grade that comes from it. If you have any questions, please email; jlawrence@sj-international.edu.my



International Literacy Day 2022

To celebrate UNESCO International Literacy Day 2022, High School ran our first Spelling Bee. This was completed in House groups with Jaime House winning for Year 7, 8 and 9 and Miguel for Year 10,11,12 & 13.

All of the participants showed amazing enthusiasm and teamwork to spell some very challenging words, including 'deoxyribonucleic acid' (DNA) and 'verisimilitude'. Sadly we did not get to our favourite word of all, 'Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia', meaning a fear of long words!

Congratulations to all who were brave enough to participate, and all those who helped to make this event such a success!



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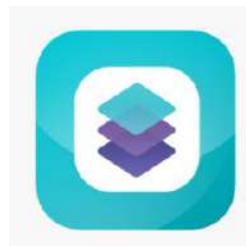
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