## SJIIM Weekly Update

8th September 2023

Important Dates: 16th Sept - Malaysia Day (public holiday)

Upcoming Events: 15th Sept - ES Parents' Virtues Workshop

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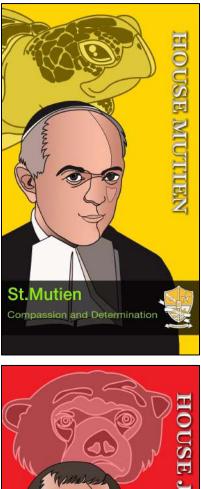
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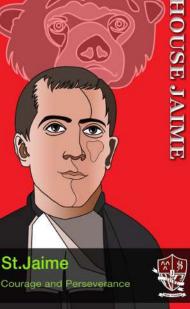
"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

# This week at SJIIM

## Who will be this year's House Captains?







#### **Catholic and Christian Community**

*Prayer is not asking.* It is putting oneself in the hands of God and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts- Mother Teresa

#### **Catholic CCA**

Today we celebrated our first Catholic CCA of the school year. The children were given time to explore the importance of prayer in our daily lives. We looked at the many ways in which one can pray and created our own prayer hands.

#### **Parents Rosary Circle**

When: 14th September 2023 Where: School chapel, 6flr Time: 08:15 am





#### **CCAs**

Our CCA programme started this week and our students have been enjoying all sorts of activities from football and archery to cooking and sewing! It has been wonderful to see all the students participating in so many different activities!



#### **Important Notices**

- We will no longer be accepting changes to students CCAs.
- If payment has not been received, students will be removed from their CCAs next week

#### Monitoring haze

In line with school policy, the AQI reading is regularly monitored to ensure the wellbeing of our students and staff.

In the event that the AQI reading is between 50 - 100, students and staff will be advised to take more drinks breaks and go to the nurse if experiencing shortness of breath or feeling unwell.

Should the aqi reading go above 101, then outdoor activities would cease with alternative arrangements made for break and lunch activities.

The AQI levels are monitored using data from the The National Environment Agency (NEA).

#### Parents on site

As a means to safeguard our students, parents are reminded to always wear parent ID badges when coming on site. This enables staff and our security team to easily identify people, ensuring that everyone on our campus is allowed to be on site.

Parents may use the canteen until 9am but, after that, must leave the campus so that the facilities are available for our students. Parents are not allowed anywhere else in the school and this includes visiting classrooms. If a parent wishes to meet with a teacher, this should be arranged in advance with the meeting taking place in one of the offices downstairs unless arrangements have been made otherwise.

Parents are welcome again on campus from 2:00 pm onwards to collect students. Parents must also ensure that once they have collected their child/children that they are in their care and supervised whilst on the school site.

Please understand that this is done with the intention of protecting the safety and wellbeing of our students.

#### Traffic

With CCAs starting this week, we expect that the traffic flow will improve. However, please be reminded of the following:

- If you arrive early, please use the parking facilities at the school including the basement parking lot and the open air parking lot.
- To ensure smooth traffic flow and to show respect and consideration to residents living close by the school, please avoid waiting on the road outside of school so as not to obstruct traffic.

The school requests your cooperation to help reduce traffic congestion outside the school by adhering to this guidance.

## Elementary School Update



#### **House Captain Elections**

We had over 30 applicants for our Year 6 House Captains this year! The applicants showed courage and commitment by making a speech or showing their own video entries in our assemblies today. The children listened carefully to the leadership qualities the applicants shared and then got to vote for their choice of House Captain. The results will be shared next week. We would like to thank all applicants for their fortitude and service, and no matter what the final result - each applicant has already made a big achievement and....each earned 10 house points for their House!



#### A Mystery Parcel Delivered to Year 3!

This week Year 3 had a special delivery from a Malaysian Palaeontologist! A top secret box along with a letter arrived. The children made predictions as to what might be inside before reading the letter. The children were exciting to hear that there are fossils to be discovered all over the world, including Malaysia! The palaeontologist sent in pictures of his discoveries around the country along with some 'real' fossils and a baby dinosaur inside a dinosaur egg.



#### Parent Virtues Workshop When: Friday 15th September at 8:30-10 :00 am

### Where: Art Room on Level 4

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about the Virtues Project with two of our Virtues facilitators, Sahana Fried and Kevin Ruxton. Being a parent is one of the most complex and important jobs we have. We hope the Virtues Project workshop will help you learn how to better honour your child's feelings, maintain peace at home, and learn a few tools to navigate those tricky conversations.. Additionally, if you are new to SJIIM, this session will help you to meet new families and make strong, and meaningful connections. Please sign up on this doc by Thursday 14th.

## High School Weekly Update

#### **HS Update**

We look forward to welcoming Ms Parker back to her HS Art lessons on Monday, following the birth of her baby boy, Ellis, back in July. We thank Ms Rebecca and Ms Ai Leen for all their hard work in supporting those Art classes so thoroughly whilst she's been gone!

In other baby news... Ms Drennan welcomed her second daughter, Aoife, into the world during the summer break and will be back with us after her maternity leave on 6th November. Until then, we thank Ms Powney for her kind, knowledgeable and steady hand in supporting those HS English lessons so well.

#### Congratulations to our World Scholar's Cup teams

On Wednesday and Thursday, our Junior Division and Senior Divisions flew back from the Global Round of the World Scholar's Cup.

Once again, our students did an amazing job of representing SJIIM. We will provide more updates about how our teams performed next week but we are glad to see them back at school with all of their medals and trophies.





#### **Running Club CCA**

Running Club got off to a flying start this week with a visit from Noraseela Mohd Khalid. Noraseela is a former 400m hurdles athlete, she represented Malaysia at the very highest level including the London Olympics, World Championships, Commonwealth Games and was a gold medal winner at SEA Games. When answering pupil questions Noraseela described competing in front of 80000 people at the Commonwealth Games in Australia as a highlight, adding that she was excited but not overly nervous. Further, Noraseela detailed the amount of training she dedicated herself to in order to reach the highest level. We were all in awe and inspired by such an amazing story that exemplified courage, commitment and consistency. Noraseela then joined us for our weekly run session in the local park and again, I think pupils found it amazing to be running with an Olympic Athlete. Noraseela is currently involved with an Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) driven Virtual Running Event, designed to encourage people across Malaysia to run and be active, <u>link here</u>. Hopefully, the Running Club CCA pupils are inspired, will sign up as a group and aim to achieve running a collective 129 km over the forthcoming weeks.

## High School Weekly Update

#### LEdu Service Projects Updates

Some exciting updates regarding our service projects that were completed just before the start of the summer holidays, as well as the latest initiatives undertaken by our Year 11 students.

As a wrap up of the summer and transition into the new academic year, several service projects were successful completed which not only showcase the commitment of our school to making a positive difference but also provide valuable learning experiences for our students. These projects were: Y7 Service Project - Boxes For Hope Y8 Service Project Update - Children Of Rohingya, Langkawi

Y11 Service Project

More information and photos here.











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# Useful Links

