

SJIS Weekly Update

25th October 2024

Important Dates:

5 & 26 Oct - ES Language PTCs (in school)

26 Oct - ES Class teacher PTCs (in school)

26 Oct - HS PTC (online)

31 Oct - Deepavali (public holiday)

1 Nov - School holiday

Upcoming Events:

5th Nov - Y3-6 Maths Parent Workshop

8th Nov - HS BYOD online workshop

9 Nov - Family Festival

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

What an incredible way to end our week with our Deepavali Gala. This is our 2nd SJI Gala event put together immaculately by our Indian parent group. There were so many volunteers but we must make a special mention to Bri Mansukhani whose dedication has been instrumental in bringing this event to life. Here are just a few magical moments captured.



Feast at the SJIS Family Festival! Join us for a delicious journey with international cuisines and fun food options for the whole family! Don't miss out on carnival games, exciting performances, and a day filled with fun—mark your calendars for **Saturday 9th November!** Proceeds from coupon sales go towards a good cause. To purchase your coupons, fill up this google form: <https://forms.gle/NnVacsMC2xv4P2Su6>



SJIS FAMILY FESTIVAL 2024

FEAST AT THE FESTIVAL!

SATURDAY | 9 NOVEMBER 2024 | 10AM - 4PM

TTEORBBOKKI, KIMCHI PANCAKE, HOTTEOK

MUTTON BBQ, SPICY HOTPOT, JASMINE TEA

JAPANESE CURRY RICE & TAKOYAKI

TOM YUM, CLEAR NOODLE SOUP & THAI TEA

NASI LEMAK, NASI DAGANG, CHICKEN RICE

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CCA Programme Parent Feedback

As we continue to strive for excellence in our Co-Curricular Activities programme, we highly value your feedback and insights. Your input is crucial in helping us understand what we are doing well and where we can make improvements to better serve our students.

We kindly ask you to take a few minutes to complete our CCA Parent Feedback Survey. Your responses will guide us in enhancing the programme throughout the year, ensuring it meets the needs and interests of all our students. The survey will remain open until Monday, 4th November.

[Survey Link](#)

Please note, this form is intended for feedback only. If you have any questions, kindly direct them to the CCA email address at cca@sjis-international.edu.my.

Catholic and Christian Community

This week, we gathered to celebrate our first school Mass of the year, warmly welcoming many teachers, students and families. After Mass, we held a fellowship gathering to express our deep gratitude to Fr. Lawrence, who will soon be taking on a new appointment. Over the past few years, Fr. Lawrence has been an incredible support to our school, sharing his patience, kindness, and spiritual guidance. This gathering was also a wonderful chance to officially welcome Mother Mici and Brother Butch into our school community. We look forward to nurturing our Catholic and Christian community together in the year ahead.



International School Quality Mark (ISQM Visit)

On Monday 28th October and Tuesday 29th October, our assigned consultant, Mrs Alison Hedley will be in school for a two day initial visit. Mrs Hedley is an experienced educator with over 30 years of experience, both as a teacher and Head Teacher, in both the primary and secondary phases in the UK independent and maintained sector.

Next week, during her visit, Mrs Hedley will be meeting with the Senior Leadership team, teachers, admin staff and observing lessons across the Elementary School and High School with a particular focus on the delivery of English, Mathematics, Science and Computer Science.

As shared in both of my sessions, I believe that this process is an opportunity for the school to highlight and identify its many strengths but also, as with any school, to identify areas where there is still room for development.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Hedley to our school, introducing her to our wonderful community and working with her throughout this process.





Year 1-3 Music Assembly

During the KS1 assembly, our KS2 CCA choir gave the younger students a preview of what it's like to be part of the choir. The choir sang 'My Voice is Really Funky' to show that you can showcase your singing talent while having lots of fun! Our students reflected on what virtues it takes to make a successful choir and they felt very energised and inspired to perform our school song to close out assembly.



4I Class Assembly

4I gave KS2 a powerful assembly on Plastic Pollution, and what we can do to help! Their performance showed how much they have learnt this past term, and their eagerness to help the planet! Thank you 4I for giving us a lot to think about in how we can look after our planet.

CPA MATHS AT SJIIS

Maths Workshop for parents of KS2 (Year 3-6 children)
Tuesday 5th November 8:00am - 9:00am, ES Art Room

We are excited to share the pillars of our Maths teaching with our Year 5 and 6 parents! In this hands-on workshop, parents will get a better insight into the CPA Mathematics approach we use in our lessons. The three key components of our Maths programme, which aim for Maths mastery, will be explained and parents will receive practical ideas on how to engage in and deepen their child's learning at home.

  **SIGN UP HERE!**

Year 3 - Year 6 Maths Parent Workshop

We are excited to share the pillars of our Maths teaching with parents of Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 students. In this hands-on workshop, parents will gain a better understanding of the CPA (Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract) approach we use in our Singapore Maths lessons. The three key components of our Maths programme, which aim to achieve Maths mastery, will be explained. Parents will also receive practical ideas on how to support and deepen their child's learning at home. The workshop will take place on Tuesday, 5th November, at 8:00 AM in the ES Art Room.

Year 5 Trip to Taman Botani

Year 5 students had an amazing time on their trip to the Botanical Gardens. They explored the beautiful surroundings and took part in lessons about various plants and flowers, learning how some can be used for remedies or as natural food sources. The highlight of the day, however, was creating their own terrariums. Each student learned how to carefully assemble the materials and build a unique terrarium, which they proudly took home. This hands-on activity fostered a sense of responsibility as students began caring for their plants. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who attended and contributed to making this trip such a memorable experience for our students.





Parent Teacher Conferences (Sat, 26th October)

We look forward to welcoming you to our first Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) of the year. You will be able to meet the High School teachers you signed up with through the [Meet the Teacher website](#). Instructions are also [here](#).

Please note that Mr Tom Hember (Maths) and Mr Jonathan Hirst (Science/Physics) are unable to attend the PTCs tomorrow. An email has been sent to the relevant parents with alternative arrangements. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Chinese Debate Team Triumphs with Perseverance and Resilience at 4th International School Mandarin Debate Tournament Launch Event

On October 12, our Chinese debate team—Zhang Zhenxuan (Jack), Peng Luoyurun (Mike) from Year 9, and Guo Zhangcheng (Johnson), Fan Haochen (Daniel) from Year 7—showcased incredible perseverance and resilience during a friendly match at the 4th International School Mandarin Debate Tournament Launch Event. With only an hour to prepare, the team faced the reigning champions and, through teamwork and determination, secured a victory by a single vote.

This experience has significantly boosted their confidence, and they are now actively preparing for two upcoming matches. Their commitment exemplifies our school's values of persistence and excellence. Stay tuned for more exciting updates! More photos found [here](#).



BYOD Update

Ms Ellis (Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning) will be running an ONLINE parent workshop in two weeks' time to update parents on the use of technology in our HS classrooms. This follows the launch of our BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative in Years 7-9 in August, but the session will focus on the use of technology for all year groups. All HS parents are welcome to attend.

9am ONLINE on Friday 8th November.

Please click on the [link](#) or scan the QR code to take you straight into the meeting on that morning. We look forward to seeing you there!

The session will be recorded and shared for any parents who are unable to attend.



Staff Lasallian of the week : Mr Luke Hague

HS Friendly Swim Meet - Tenby Setia Eco Park (22nd Oct 2024):

We had 33 swimmers from Year 7 to 10 participate in a friendly competition with swimmers from Tenby Setia Eco Park on Tuesday. They were enthusiastic to start swimming and they got to practice their dives from the starting block during the 15 minutes warm up. It was a fun atmosphere as the host school played upbeat music while the swimmers were racing. It was a great experience especially for our new squad members as it was their first time racing. Great effort from our swimmers as they swim their fastest to gain personal best timings. We are proud of how our swimmers bonded and supported each other through this meet. Well done to all swimmers!



Sports Fixtures this Week:

We have had several sports fixtures this week, with the HS swim team visiting Tenby SEP for friendly swimming gala, the U18 boys and girls and the U13 boys and girls football teams attending tournaments at BSKL. There has been fantastic engagement with the school competitive sports and we have another busy week of competitions next week!



**Student Lasallians of the week:
Well done Edith, Jiyoo,
Tak Seong and Vishal**



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