

SJIS Weekly Update

24th January 2025



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Our whole school Lunar New Year celebration was a lively and joyful event! With energetic drumming, spectacular lion dances, and students singing and dancing to “有舍必有得,” the entire school community, including parents, came together to welcome the Year of the Snake in a festive and cheerful atmosphere. Wishing everyone **新年快乐, 蛇年行大运!** Happy New Year! Wishing you great fortune in the Year of the Snake.

Important Dates:

Half term break - 27th to 31st Jan

Chinese New Year - 29th and 30th Jan

Y12/13 PTCs - 6th Feb

Y11 PTC - 12th Feb

Upcoming Events:

School Mass - 10th Feb

Sports Day:

High School - 14th Feb

Year 4-6 - Tuesday 25th Feb

Year 1-3 - Wednesday 26th Feb

Early Years - Thursday 27th Feb

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Catholic and Christian Community

A new term of Catholic CCA has begun. As always, it is lovely to see familiar faces and to welcome some new faces to our special community.

Save the date: Lunar New Year Mass celebration

Our Lunar New Year Mass will take place on **February 10th** at 12:30pm.

This Mass is for students and families in year 3 and above. Please use the sign up sheet below

[Mass sign up sheet](#)



Update from SPV - LNY celebration

It is the start of a new term and the SPV Committee and volunteers have started preparing for the Lunar New Year celebration in school. Last Friday, volunteers came together to put up the festive decoration in the foyer. On 24 January, the SPV had organised numerous cultural activities for the students including paper fortune cookie making, food tasting and some games. SPV would like to wish everyone Gong Xi Fa Cai!





School Photos - Reminder

Date : 3rd Feb - 7th Feb

High School

3rd Feb, Monday - KS3 (Year 7 - Year 10)

4th Feb, Tuesday - KS4 (Year 11 - Year 13)

5th Feb, Wednesday - Sports

HS students should wear their formal uniform (white shirt and tie) for school photos on either Monday or Tuesday.

Elementary School

4th Feb, Tuesday - 6I

5th Feb, Wednesday - Year 1, 5I

6th Feb, Thursday - 6S, Year 3, 1J, 5M, 5S, 2S

7th Feb, Friday - Nursery, Reception, 2J, Year 4, 5J, 6M, 6J

Sibling photos

These will be taken as students arrive at school on Monday - Friday from **7:30am - 8am**.

Language Use at SJIS

Mr Merrett and Mr White sent parents an update at the start of this term on our policy and guidelines for language use in school. As parents, you may have some questions about how this is being implemented and what this means for your child. Please watch our [short informative video](#) for further information. Thanks to our ES and HS students and staff for their support in putting this together.



CCA's Term 2

This week we launched our Term 2 CCA programme, offering a total of 150 activities across Elementary and High School.

This term, we are excited to introduce several new CCAs, including a variety of activities for students to explore. Some of the highlights this term include a diverse range of sports, performing arts, and creative enrichment activities, ensuring there is something for everyone.

In addition to our after-school programme, we are also offering 19 different morning training sessions for our competitive teams, giving students additional opportunities to refine their skills and develop their sporting potential. These sessions are designed to support athletes in sports such as football, basketball, swimming, badminton, and athletics.

We look forward to seeing students engage, learn, and enjoy their chosen CCAs this term!





Mid Year Reports are here!

This is a reminder that your child's Mid-Year Report is now available on the SJIS Parent Portal via ISAMS. You can access the portal using the following link: [SJIS Parent Portal](#). A detailed explanation of the report was sent to your family Gmail yesterday. If you have forgotten your username or password, please reset them using the 'forgotten your details' link on the login page. For any assistance with accessing the portal, please contact the SJIS Helpdesk at helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my. The help desk operates Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, excluding public holidays.



Parent Reps Meeting.

The Term 2 Parent Rep meeting was held this week. Thank you to those who attended. Mr. White provided an update of the key initiatives that the ES are working on to continue to improve teaching and learning. There was then the opportunity to answer questions raised by the reps. Minutes of the meeting will be shared with the parent reps and we look forward to the next meeting in Term 3.



Lasallian Lessons in English

This week in our classes, we explored how the English language serves as a bridge connecting us all. We reflected on how it might feel for someone to be unable to join in games or conversations because they don't speak the same language as we do, fostering empathy, understanding, and a sense of inclusivity within our community.

Lunar New Year Celebration 2025

This week, our Elementary School celebrated the vibrant traditions of the Lunar New Year with a series of engaging activities. Students revisited the legendary story of the "Nian" monster, learning about the origins of Lunar New Year customs. They also explored the rich culture through creative art and craft sessions, including calligraphy, blossom tree paintings, and Angpao decoration art projects.

As we welcome the Year of the Snake, we wish everyone 蛇年大吉 (Good luck in the Year of the Snake)!

新年快乐! Happy Lunar New Year!

[For more photos, please refer to this link.](#)





U18 boys basketball AIMS champions

We came to this tournament with only one training session, but we had a group of boys who were raring to go. We won our first game against IGB 20-15 but lost our 2nd game narrowly by 12-11 vs Taylor's KL. This meant we finished 2nd in our group so our semi final was against Tenby, last years champions and tournament favourites. We made a great start to the game and kept that momentum beating them 21-16.

Everyone was tired in the final and it was a very close game against Taylor's Puchong. The key thing was staying disciplined and playing the way we had played the whole tournament. It was a close game throughout with both teams taking the lead. However, we managed to get over the line by 1 point winning 21-20. The boys did amazing considering we only had one training session. Huge congratulations and well done boys!

— Talking about —
HS DIGITAL PARENTING

Watch the earlier online session before attending.

This is a FOLLOW UP session for parents to come and discuss any issues arising from the earlier online session on 17th January.

There will be no new content, as this is a chance to troubleshoot concerns and share experiences with experienced staff and other parents. Please watch the recording of the January session before attending.

Friday 7th February
8.00am
(E4-07 - IN PERSON)

PLEASE SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP

FOLLOW UP SESSION

REPEAT SESSION

ONLINE HS PARENT EVENT:
A HIGH SCHOOL PARENT'S GUIDE TO ASSESSMENT & REPORTING AT SJUIS

Ms Catherine Ellis (HS Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning) & Ms Linda Pridgeon (HS Assistant Principal: Character & Wellbeing) invite you to attend this event to gain a holistic view of how assessment and reporting takes place at SJUIS, and how best you can support your children through the process at home.

13TH FEB, 2025 | THURS
9.00-10.00AM

ONLINE (REPEAT SESSION)
NO NEED TO SIGN UP, JUST JOIN THE GOOGLE MEET VIA THE QR CODE ABOVE ON THE DAY

Upcoming Parent Events

After LNY, there are two parent events on the horizon that you may wish to put into your calendar.

Digital Parenting Follow up: Friday 7th Feb, 8am. Sign up [here](#).

HS Assessment & Reporting (Repeat session - online): Thurs, 13th Feb, 9am. Google Meet link [here](#). No need to sign up.



HS Lunar New Year 2025

This week in high school, we kicked off the Lunar New Year celebration with an assembly themed *A Celebration Across Cultures*. It was a vibrant and inclusive event that highlighted the rich traditions and cultural diversity of our school community. The assembly opened with a serene performance of *Qing Hua Ci* (《青花瓷》), featuring the traditional Chinese instrument Guzheng accompanied by a modern band, seamlessly blending elements of East and West. This beautiful fusion set a reflective and festive tone for the celebration.

Throughout the week, students also created beautiful artwork featuring snakes adorned with Chinese wishes, symbolising wisdom, transformation, and prosperity. These stunning pieces are now on display in the Languages corridor, adding to the festive spirit. This week's celebration was a meaningful reminder that, no matter our backgrounds, festivals like Lunar New Year connect us through shared values of hope, unity, and celebration. Wishing everyone a prosperous and joyful Year of the Snake! Happy holidays and 春节快乐! Please read more info [here](#).



Pen Pal Project 2024-25

Before the Christmas holiday, Y7, Y8, Y9, and Y10 students participated in a creative and engaging pen pal project with San Juan Bosco School in Salamanca, Spain. As part of this initiative, SJIIM students wrote letters in Spanish and received responses in the same language, fostering an authentic cultural and linguistic exchange. Adding a personal and artistic touch, our students also designed their own Christmas cards, showcasing their creativity alongside their language skills.

This successful project is becoming a cherished annual tradition at our school. We plan to expand it by connecting with additional schools in Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries, offering students even more opportunities for cultural exchange and creative expression. The pen pal project exemplifies how language learning can be enriched through creativity, personal connections, and real-world applications, impacting students' linguistic, cultural, and artistic development. Please read more photos and info [here](#).



HS and year 6 Competitive Golf Squad

In this short half term we have successfully managed to have 2 golf meet-up opportunities for our student golfers. On Thursday last week we managed a full 9 holes at Bukit Utama Golf Club and earlier this week we met at MST Arena to have an indoor session which some students used as a gapping session, helping them to better understand their club selection on the course.

Our main achievement this half term has been getting some year 6 students involved and having our biggest groups as a result of that. This is promising developments for the Golf Squad and brings us some optimism when thinking about FOBISIA for next academic year.

Looking ahead, we have our first competition against other schools in the CAPSTONE Junior Golf Open at Glenmarie, good luck to our squad members representing the school there!



Staff Lasallian of the week:
Mr Madhi Krishnan



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