

SJIS Weekly Update

22nd August 2025



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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:

ES Meet the Teachers :

Tuesday, 26th August - Year 1

Wednesday, 27th August - Year 2

Thursday, 28th August - Year 3

Friday, 29th August - Year 4

HS Meet the Teachers:

Wednesday, 3rd Sept - Year 7 to 9

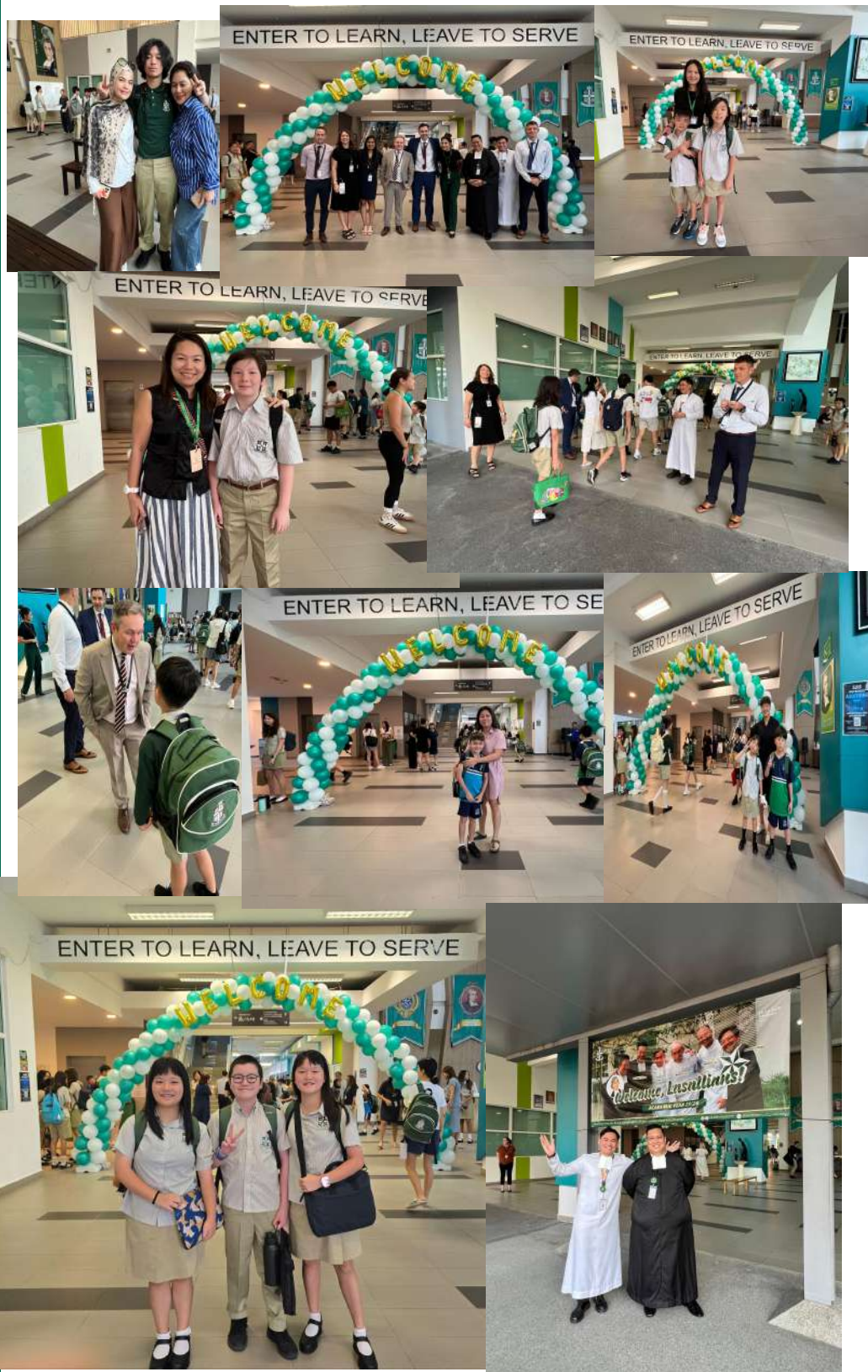
Thursday, 11th Sept - Year 10-13

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Catholic and Christian Community (CCC)

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

We are delighted to welcome our Catholic and Christian community to an exciting new school year. As we begin this term, we look forward to growing together in faith, strengthening our connections, and creating meaningful opportunities for students to live out our values.

This term, the **Young Lasallians CCA** will replace the Catholic CCA and will run every **Friday from 2:50 pm – 3:45 pm**. Sign-up is available on **School Buddy**. This CCA is open to students in **Years 4–6** and will focus on practical ways for children to make a positive impact—serving others and caring for our planet—through meaningful, student-led service projects. This is open to all religions.

We pray for a joyful, faith-filled, and inspiring new school year ahead for all members of our community.



Traffic reminders

Reduce speed: To ensure the safety of children, drive responsibly and reduce your speed when driving on campus. **This is a school and the safety of our families is non-negotiable.**

Pick up name cards: All families in the Elementary School and High School have been provided with a card with your child's name on it. **Please ensure that you bring this with you to assist us to identify your child as quickly as possible and ensure that all those collecting children can be safely identified.**

Car park spaces: Please ensure that you park responsibly and within the designated lines. At busy times, space can be limited so park responsibly. On a number of occasions, cars have been observed to be parked taking up multiple spaces. **We are a community and should show consideration and respect for all.**

Drop off and pick up outside of school: Again, I remind parents that this is not permitted. Whilst it may save you time, it can cause a build up of traffic outside of the school that impacts all. In the morning, in particular, there is little traffic in school meaning that you can serve all members of the community by dropping off at the designated points. **Further to this, dropping outside of the school means that your child is having to cross in between cars rather than the supervised areas risking your own child's safety and wellbeing.**

Arrive at the correct time: High School parents and drivers should not wait in the pick up lane at the foyer. High School students are not dismissed **until 3:10 pm** so we must ensure that all Elementary School families **can reach their children and exit the school safely**. Parking in the pick up lane leads to a build up of traffic and you will be asked to move.

Blocking of lanes: Please ensure that, particularly when entering the pick up area, you **do not block lanes**. Again, this can lead to a build up of traffic and inhibits parents from **accessing the B1 & B2 car parks** and the Elementary School pick up area.



Term 1 CCA Programme

We were delighted to see so many families at today's CCA Fair, with students exploring the wide range of activities available this term. Sign-ups for Term 1 CCAs open **today at 6:00pm** and will remain open until **Thursday evening**. We encourage all students to take part and try something new this term.

For full details, please see my letter [here](#) and visit the [CCA website](#).



Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all our new and returning students and families as we begin an exciting new academic year. Over the past three days, our focus has been on helping students settle into their classes, build positive relationships, and establish essential classroom agreements. Next week, our *Meet the Teacher* sessions will continue, providing an important opportunity to share key information and strengthen communication between home and school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth, and success ahead!



Morning Drop off

- Students can arrive at school from 7:30am.
- Year 1, 2 & 3 students can play on the Blue Playground
- Year 4, 5 & 6 students can play on the Field
- Students should only start going upstairs at 7:45am



Year 1 & 2 Pick Up

We have recently made changes to the pick-up arrangements for Year One and Year Two to strengthen safeguarding, and the new system is working well. Children are now collected from the Early Years area with separate queues for each year group. We kindly ask parents to bring the large pick-up cards with them and to move away promptly once their child has been collected so the process can run smoothly.

Meet the Teacher

This week we began our **Meet the Teacher** sessions, with children from Nursery, Reception, Year 5, and Year 6 introducing their parents to their teachers and learning assistants. These sessions gave families the chance to learn more about our SJIS staff, their journey as teachers, and how they will support students' growth and learning in the classroom. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. The sessions continue next week:

- Tuesday, 26th August - Year 1
- Wednesday, 27th August - Year 2
- Thursday, 28th August - Year 3
- Friday, 29th August - Year 4

We look forward to welcoming more families and continuing to build strong connections for the year ahead.

Parent Sessions this week:

It's been a exciting first week as we settled back into Elementary, with several parent sessions to help families start the year confidently. On Monday, we welcomed many new families during our **New Parent Orientation**. Tuesday's **Seesaw session** ensured parents were connected to our learning platform to follow their children's progress. We also held an **EAL information session** to support families whose first language is not English, giving them a clear understanding of how their children will develop as English learners at home and at school. These sessions were a great success in helping parents, students, and teachers settle into the new school year, and we look forward to building on this positive start.



Welcome back to a new school year!

We hope you had a restful and wonderful summer, filled with time to relax and connect with your loved ones. We're thrilled to extend our warmest greetings to our returning students and parents, as well as to our newest members of the St. Joseph's International School community.

As next week will be our first full week of lessons, it's important that students use this week to get settled into their new classes and routines. For new students, we want to make sure you settle in as quickly as possible. If you have any concerns, please let your homeroom tutors or buddies know right away.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

High School Leadership team



Google Classroom

Parent Google Classroom Links

To access all parent information in one place, please make sure you have joined the PARENT Google Classroom using your SJIIS Gmail account:

[Year 7 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: lcd4xfiu)

[Year 8 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: f7x5c6lq)

[Year 9 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: rlarmxq)

[Year 10 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: aucside)

[Year 11 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: b36pt7m)

[Year 12 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: 2gy53fh)

[Year 13 Parent Google Classroom invite link](#) (Class code: zew5bvx)

HS 'Meet the Teacher' Events - SAVE THE DATE

Year 7-9: Wed 3rd September (3.30-4.30pm)

Year 10-13: Thurs 11th September (3.30-4.30pm)

You will have an opportunity to informally meet your child's Form tutor and academic teachers during this event. More information will follow nearer the date.

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HS Academic Information

Key academic information has been shared with parents via email and Parent Google Classrooms this week. In case you missed it, you can access the [2025/26 Curriculum Overviews](#) and the [Assessment Calendar 2025/26](#) via these links.

Welcome Back and Expectations Assembly



We kicked off the academic year with a key assembly designed to help every student start the year confidently. This important session served to welcome everyone back and set clear expectations for the new school year. Students were introduced to the high school leadership and extended leadership teams, ensuring they knew who to turn to for support. The presentation also provided a clear understanding of key school information, including our character education program, the language of virtues, and crucial guidance on online safety. This assembly was a great success in helping students and teachers settle in, and we look forward to building on this positive start.

New Design and Technology Programme

We are thrilled to share that we have welcomed our inaugural batch of **IGCSE Design and Technology** students! The introduction of this exciting subject marks a significant milestone for our school. The students will be learning in our new, **state-of-the-art Design and Technology department**, which is equipped with the latest tools and resources to support their learning. We are incredibly enthusiastic about providing a platform for our students to explore their creativity and problem-solving skills, and we look forward to developing the next generation of innovative engineers and designers right here at SJIS.



Keeping students safe at Pickup

A new school year means a renewed focus on keeping everyone safe and healthy. Please remember a few key things: have your **name card ready** for pickup, follow parking and **speed limits**, and avoid blocking the flow of traffic. Your cooperation helps ensure a smooth and safe environment for all our students.



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