

SJIIS Weekly Update

23rd January 2026



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Important Dates:

2026 marks a major milestone: our **10-year anniversary!** To celebrate, we are turning the spotlight on you - the people who have made the last decade so special. We invite all teachers, staff, students, parents and alumni to take a walk down memory lane with us. Please share your favourite photos, cherished memories or personal reflections with Mr Cairns. We look forward to featuring your stories on the cover of our weekly update throughout the year.

This week, much loved High School teacher and founding member of staff, Mr Garry Glanz:



My first tutor group, 7K, in 2016



Speech to Class of 2025

It's a little surreal to acknowledge that this is my 10th year here. My first day feels simultaneously like yesterday and 100 years ago. Yesterday because I remember it so vividly, and 100 years ago, because of how big a part of my life SJI has become.

When asked to reflect on my first day, the thing I remember most was having a awful cold, but feeling very self-conscious in front of all my new colleagues whenever the need to leave the room to blow my nose became too much to bear!

Getting through the first year with the levels of success that we did may very well have been my most rewarding experience here; setting up a new school, and the amount of going above and beyond that we did in 2016-2017 remains the most rewarding experience of my career so far.

Since then, despite many challenges, I have seen many wonderful people in this school living out our values to make the world a better place through acts of service and quality education.

Upcoming Events:

29th Jan - Parenting Talk by Dr Sammy

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Catholic and Christian Community

Joy and Humility

This week, Dr. Sammy led a heartfelt prayer session with parents and staff within our Catholic and Christian community. In this session, we were provided with a wonderful platform to explore the true meaning of inner joy and humility. Everyone left with a renewed sense of gratitude and spirit.

Join Us Next Week! Parenting Talk

We are excited to welcome back Dr. Sammy and his wife, Annie, for a special parent workshop , From Discipline to Shaping Character.

Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026

Time: 8.00–10.00am

Venue: Brothers' Quarter, 5/F

All parents from **Elementary School (ES)** and **High School (HS)** are warmly welcome.

Please register via the Google Form link below or scan the QR code

[Click HERE for the Google Form](#)



Parenting Talk: From Discipline to Shaping Character

29 January 2026, Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Brothers' Quarters, Level 5

In this session, Dr Sammy will cover:

- Why are many young parents today hesitant about disciplining their children
- Why discipline at an early age is crucial for healthy character formation
- Practical discipline skills across different developmental stages:

Age 2 | Ages 3 – 6 | Ages 7 – 9
| Ages 10 – 14 | Young adults

And more insights to support parents in their parenting journey.

Who is Dr Sammy?

Dr Sammy is a dental surgeon, Harvard graduate with a Master's in Public Health. Deeply committed to fostering family love and children's character formation, he transitioned into full-time speaking and coaching after serving in management roles within the public health sector.

Together with his wife, Anne, Dr Sammy has spent the past 15 years travelling from Hong Kong to various countries, conducting parenting workshops and seminars. Through their ministry, they have helped families strengthen marital bonds and parenting skills, empowering parents to experience greater fulfilment and confidence in family life.

All parents from both Elementary School (ES) and High School (HS) are warmly welcome.

Please register via the Google Form or QR code here.

Refreshment will be provided.



SPV - What's Coming Up Next? Be Part of Our Upcoming School Events

Here are some exciting SPV events coming up, and parent volunteers help make them possible. View the upcoming opportunities and be part of the action. Join the Parent Volunteer WhatsApp group to sign up and stay informed: <https://bit.ly/SJIISParentVolunteers>





Music Parent Information Session

This Music Info Day is an opportunity for ES parents to learn more about your child's music journey at school. We'll walk through the music curriculum, share upcoming performances and special events, and explain what students are working toward at each grade level. The session will also focus on how parents can support and build confidence in their child's musical performance—both in the classroom and at home. It's a great chance to ask questions, understand expectations, and partner with us in nurturing a positive and enjoyable music experience for every child.

Mid Year School Reports - now available

Your child's Mid-Year Report is **now available** on the SJIIS Parent Portal. You can access the portal using the following link: [SJIIS Parent Portal](https://parent.sji-international.edu.my). Detailed instructions on how to access your child's report were sent to your school Gmail account this week. If you have forgotten your username or password, please use the "Forgotten your details" option on the login page. For further assistance, contact the SJIIS Helpdesk at helpdesk@sgi-international.edu.my. The Helpdesk operates Monday to Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, excluding public holidays.

This week's Assemblies

6J Assembly Feelings Assembly

Year 6 shared some of the creative and expressive learning they have been doing in their newest IPC unit. Students shared dances, artwork and musical pieces, focussing on the Big Question "How do humans express themselves?" Following this they showcased the Virtue of the week - Honesty - through two drama pieces, focussing on a broken classroom item and game of UNO that took an unfortunate turn.

Year 6 The Safe Shield Assembly

Thursday this week, Ms Jasmine our HS Assistant Principal spoke to all Year on keeping them self and others protected from bullying. The looked at the different laws and legislation in Malaysia and discussed ways on protecting them and others and how to get support when they need help.

AIMS Orchestra Event

On 17–18 January, St Joseph proudly participated in the AIMS Primary Orchestra Festival held at Charterhouse International School. Five of our Elementary School Orchestra members performed alongside students from nine international schools across Malaysia. Under the guidance of teachers from each participating school, the students rehearsed together and presented a wonderful concert for parents. Beyond the music, the festival fostered new friendships and meaningful connections among both students and teachers.

Welcome Ashleigh Pickering

We are very pleased to welcome Ms Ashleigh Pickering to the SJIIS community. An exceptional educator to take over the 2S class teaching position. Ms. Ashleigh brings a wealth of international experience, having spent over 12 years teaching across diverse educational settings in Dubai, New Zealand, United Kingdom and Malaysia. She has been getting to know the students and parents this week and we wish her all the very best in her new role here at SJIIS.





Monday again?!



MONDAY LESSONS ON TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY

Please remind your children that they will have Monday lessons on Tuesday next week. This is to make up for public holidays that have disrupted curriculum time. Assemblies and CCAs will stay as normal.

Save the Dates

Mock Exam Reports (for exam classes only) will be sent home on Wednesday 4th February. These will be followed by Parent Teacher Conferences on the following dates:

- Y11/13 - Thurs 5th February (3.30-6.30pm)
- Y10/12 - Wed 11th February (3.30-6.30pm)

Information was sent out today about how to book appointments. The booking window opens on Mon 26th and closes on Mon 2nd Feb at 8am.

Parent Event: A HS Parent's Guide to Assessment and CAT4 at SJIIS



Ms Catherine Ellis (HS Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning) & Ms Vicky Thomas (HS Pupil Profile Leader) invite you to attend this event to gain a holistic view of how assessment of progress takes place at SJIIS, and how best you can support your children at home.

Date : Friday 6th February

Time : 8.00-9.00am

Venue : Auditorium

Please click on the [link](#) to register.

Parent Event: Understanding SJIIS Pathways and Choices at Y9 and Beyond (for Year 7 and 8 parents)

We invite Year 7 and 8 parents to an information session hosted by Ms Ellis (Assistant Principal: T&L) and Ms Quennie (University and Careers Counsellor) to learn more about Year 9 (and beyond) academic choices & pathways.

It's never too early to start planning ahead.

Date : Thursday 26th February

Time : 8.00-9.00am

Venue : Auditorium

Please click on the [link](#) to register.





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