

SJIIS Weekly Update

30th January 2026



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Important Dates:

Monday 2nd February: Public Holiday (Thaipusam)

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 4th February: Mock Reports sent home

Thursday 5th February: Y11/13 PTC

Friday 6th February: A HS Parent's Guide to Assessment and CAT4 at SJIIS

Wednesday 12th February: Y10/12 PTC

This Week's Highlight at SJIIS

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's contribution is from Amisha Kaur Kaneswaran. She is currently in Year 13 and joined SJIIS in 2017.

Since I began my education, I have changed schools many times across different countries, yet none have stayed with me quite like SJIIS, where I have spent 9 years since August 2017. I still remember my first day at SJIIS, walking onto campus with a mixture of excitement and uncertainty, unsure of what the years ahead would bring. Everything felt new, from the environment, to the people, and the expectations that I placed on myself. Looking back now, I would say that I feel a deep sense of belonging. Over time, SJIIS has not just been a place of learning, but a place that opened doors and shaped who I am today.



Through my time in SJIIS, there have been countless memorable moments, especially with the people I grew up with. From camp trips that I have been through, the funny moments during quarantine, the musicals that I've participated in, and the meaningful service learning projects.

First day in Year 5 and Year 11 Graduation

One of my favourite moments was the time in Year 12 when we went to the Philippines for our Lasallian Formation Camp, this is the point where my sixth form batch grew closer to each other. Even though we have spent countless years together before, I would say this trip was an unforgettable one.

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It taught me the importance of being in a community alongside the true meaning of our school motto "Enter to learn, leave to serve". For example when we visited Bahay Tuluyan for Children, it was a deeply memorable experience. We engaged with the children by sharing knowledge, learning dances, and singing together, while also gaining insight into the hardships they had faced. This experience highlighted the importance of Lasallian values such as Concern for the Poor, Social Justice and Inclusive Community. Despite facing a language barrier, I was still able to communicate effectively, making the experience both meaningful and impactful.



Ready to depart for Lasallian Formation Camp



LYM Christmas Day Out

Beyond the memories and the experiences, I would mainly say SJIIS has opened various doors for me that I never knew I would have before I joined SJIIS. My first musical developed my interest in acting and singing in front of hundreds of people. From Christmas Musicals, Willy Wonka Jr, Shrek Jr, Into the Woods, Jungle Book, and Finding Clay; these experiences pushed me beyond my comfort zone and helped me gain confidence in expressing myself. Standing on stage taught me how to manage my fear and trust myself. I remember in Year 5 when my drama teacher, Ms. Pardo, asked who would be interested in joining the Christmas Musical. I raised my hand without hesitation. In my old school, auditions were competitive, and not everyone had a chance. At SJIIS, however, everyone was encouraged to try, giving me the confidence to step forward and embrace new challenges. That moment was the start of many opportunities that helped shape who I am today.

As I approach graduation, I feel a mixture of gratitude and pride for the years I have spent at SJIIS. This school has not only given me academic knowledge, but also opportunities to grow as a person, explore my passions, take on leadership roles such as being an LYM leader, and build lasting friendships. Leaving SJIIS will mark the end of an important chapter, but the lessons, experiences, and memories I take with me will continue to shape who I am as I step into the next stage of life.



Last Physics lesson with Mr King



The SJIIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) recently came together to put up the Chinese New Year decorations, filling the school with festive cheer and vibrant color. With great teamwork and enthusiasm, the spaces have been transformed into a warm and welcoming celebration of the season, creating a joyful atmosphere for students, staff, and families alike. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parent volunteers for generously giving their time, energy, and creativity—your support and dedication truly make a difference in our school community.



TEK

Please be informed that TEK Online & their warehouse will be closed for their annual stock take from 20th February to 6th March 2026

Bookmart

Update

Operating hours of the school shop next week (5th February till 9th February

Monday to Friday – 7:30am till 1:00pm



Fobisia Swimming Meet (WS)

27 swimmers from Year 5 to Year 9 represented SJIIS contributed an impressive 1854 points securing 8th place out of 25 schools. Throughout the competition, our swimmers demonstrated outstanding determination and perseverance. They maintained excellent discipline as they adapted to the demanding schedule, bravely competing across 2 full days and one half day at the venue. Each swimmer put in a tremendous effort during their races, pushing themselves hard in pursuit of personal best performances. Write up and more photos [here](#).



Under 11 Football Teams

Our U11 football teams had a fantastic trip to Sri KDU for their friendly matches. Both the girls' and boys' teams played with great energy, teamwork, and determination, while also demonstrating excellent sportsmanship on and off the pitch. We are proud to share that both teams came away with well-deserved victories — the girls winning 2–1 and the boys securing a thrilling 3–2 win. What a brilliant start to the competitive football season! **Go Saints!**



Upcoming School Holidays

A gentle reminder that Monday 2nd February is Thaipusam (Public Holiday). There will be no school. Students will return to school on **Tuesday 3rd February**.

Late Arrival - 8:00am

For safeguarding purposes, it is essential that we have an accurate record of all students at school. Any student not in their classroom for 8:00am registration must come to the ES Office to be signed in and collect a late slip from Ms Atiqah. Wherever possible, please ensure students arrive before 8:00am so they can settle into class and be ready for learning.



This week's Assemblies

2M took us on a magical journey into the world of toys in their class assembly. They spoke clearly and showed great confidence on stage. Their happy songs and fun dances brought lots of joy. We are very proud of 2M for their hard work and teamwork! 4J were superstars in their class assembly, performing confidently and bravely in an inspiring showcase all about inventions from around the world. Ms Morgan is so proud of them! We loved their song and dance about never giving up, and a special shout-out to Taeyee for her creativity and courage in playing her clarinet in front of the whole of KS2.

Year 4 Poetry Slam

This week, Year 4 took part in a Poetry Slam that highlighted the virtues of courage and creativity. Pupils crafted their poems and practised performing them aloud, showing real confidence as they shared their work with others. Many stepped outside their comfort zones to present in front of an audience, and we loved listening to their haikus, sound poems and imaginative performances.





Mock Reports

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 is open 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.

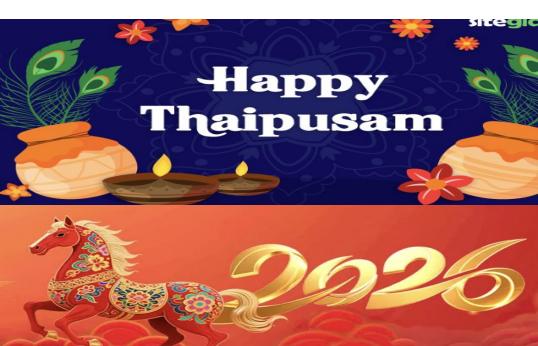
It's never too early to start planning ahead.

Date : Thursday 26th February

Time : 8.00-9.00am

Venue : Auditorium

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



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Looking further ahead, our Lunar New Year holiday runs from February 14-22. Students will return to school on **Monday 23rd February**.



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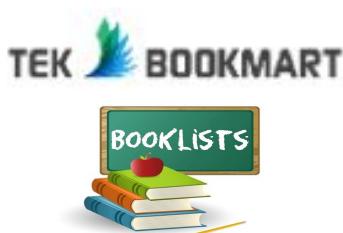
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