



# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 21/09/18

### Lasallian Reflection from Brother Jason

Dear Lasallians,

Welcome back to a new school year!

2019 promises to be a year filled with many Lasallian activities. The De La Salle Brothers worldwide will be commemorating the Tercentenary of St John Baptist de La Salle's completion of his earthly journey starting on 17 November 2018 until 31 December 2019. Br Robert Schieler FSC, who is the current Brother Superior General, has announced a special year of Lasallian activities to celebrate the *Year of Lasallian Vocations*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QEUu8kdG700>

Plans will soon be underway to align our school's Tercentenary activities with that of the 7 countries comprising LEAD (Lasallian East Asia District). But amidst all this enthusiastic planning on the horizon on one hand, and with De La Salle's emphasis on reflective and thoughtful action on the other - "Learn to speak little, but with wisdom" (De La Salle's *Meditations for Sundays and Principal Feasts*) - I would like to offer the following reflection:

In the midst of all the busy-ness to come, will we be able to filter out all the 'noise' and listen to what might be being said through all the *many voices* that make up our school community? Perhaps some silence; active listening to others might be helpful in discerning what that *One Voice* might be calling us to.

It is my hope that the *Year of Lasallian Vocations* might be an occasion of grace for us all. May it be an occasion that leads our Community to a better time ahead filled with peace, joy and happiness.

Yours in De La Salle

Br Jason Blaikie, FSC  
Brother Director



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# Whole School Update

## Parent Partnership Group

Thank you to our parent representatives who attended our meeting this morning. Dr Brown and Mrs Quigley were delighted to welcome the parents to our very first PPG meeting and are looking forward to working together to assist the school in developing practices and processes that enhance a positive and productive school experience for our community. There are however many classes that do not have representation yet. Please do contact the school secretaries- Bee Ling and Siow Yin should you wish to be involved. The meetings will be held on Friday mornings at 8am in the High School Meeting room. Follow the [link](#) for the dates.

Please note that all communication regarding the PPG will be via the school email and not whatsapp. The PPG have been given class group email addresses and will be contacting parents through this. You can also email the HS and ES office with any issues should you wish.

## Emergency Contact: After School Hours Routine

- The School Offices are closed from 5pm each afternoon
- Elementary School students who are not collected on time go directly to the After School Care Club where they will be registered and looked after. A charge will be made for this service
- High School students must remain in the foyer area until picked up
- Students are not allowed to leave the foyer to go elsewhere on the site
- The Security Guards have the emergency contact details of the Leadership Team and Brother Jason
- Brother Jason available on-site for student care in emergencies
- Students are not permitted to use the school facilities without supervision out of hours (this includes weekends, evenings and holidays)
- All gates will be closed from 9.00pm and parents will need to register by showing the parent pass at Gate B before entry to the school is allowed after that time

## CCAs

This week has seen the successful launch of our CCA programme. Any queries please do contact Liam Monnery on [liammonnery@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:liammonnery@sjj-international.edu.my)

## Swimming Pool Changing Rooms

The changing rooms are for children only, there should be no adults in the changing rooms before, during or after swimming lessons. The adult toilets are located in the admin block on the ground floor.

## Whole School Open Day

There will be an Open day on Sunday 30th September please share this with friends and families who may like further information about SJIIM. Please follow the [link](#) for further information.

## Attendance Policy

Please see attached the new Student attendance Policy Please follow the [link](#) to view the policy. Please do take the time to read this as there is important information and updates on our procedures

## Student representation in External Team Events

Please note that students who attend SJIIM should not represent other International schools in external competitions. Please contact the Principals should you need further clarification of this.

# Elementary School Update

## Anti bullying week

Next week is Anti Bullying Week for the elementary school. This week of events will involve learning about what bullying looks and feels like and how we can put a stop to bullying. Students will get involved in exciting hands on activities, engaging discussions and take part in a worldwide competition lead by UNICEF Malaysia called The Kindness Project. Our students will create an activity (e.g. a movie, a dance, an act of kindness etc) all with the mission to end bullying by serving kindness. These plans will be put into action on November 19th to celebrate World Children's Day. To end the week, we are thrilled to have Mr. Laurent Duvillier, our special visitor from UNICEF Malaysia, speak to the children at our Friday assembly.

## ES Parent Information Sessions

An information session for P.E. (including swimming) and Music will take place on **Tuesday, September 25th, at 8.15a.m.** in the auditorium.

Nursery and Reception parents are invited to attend an information session about Early Years provision at SJIM on **Wednesday, September 26th at 1.30p.m.** in the drama room (1st floor, over the HS offices).

## Parent Teacher Consultation (PTC)

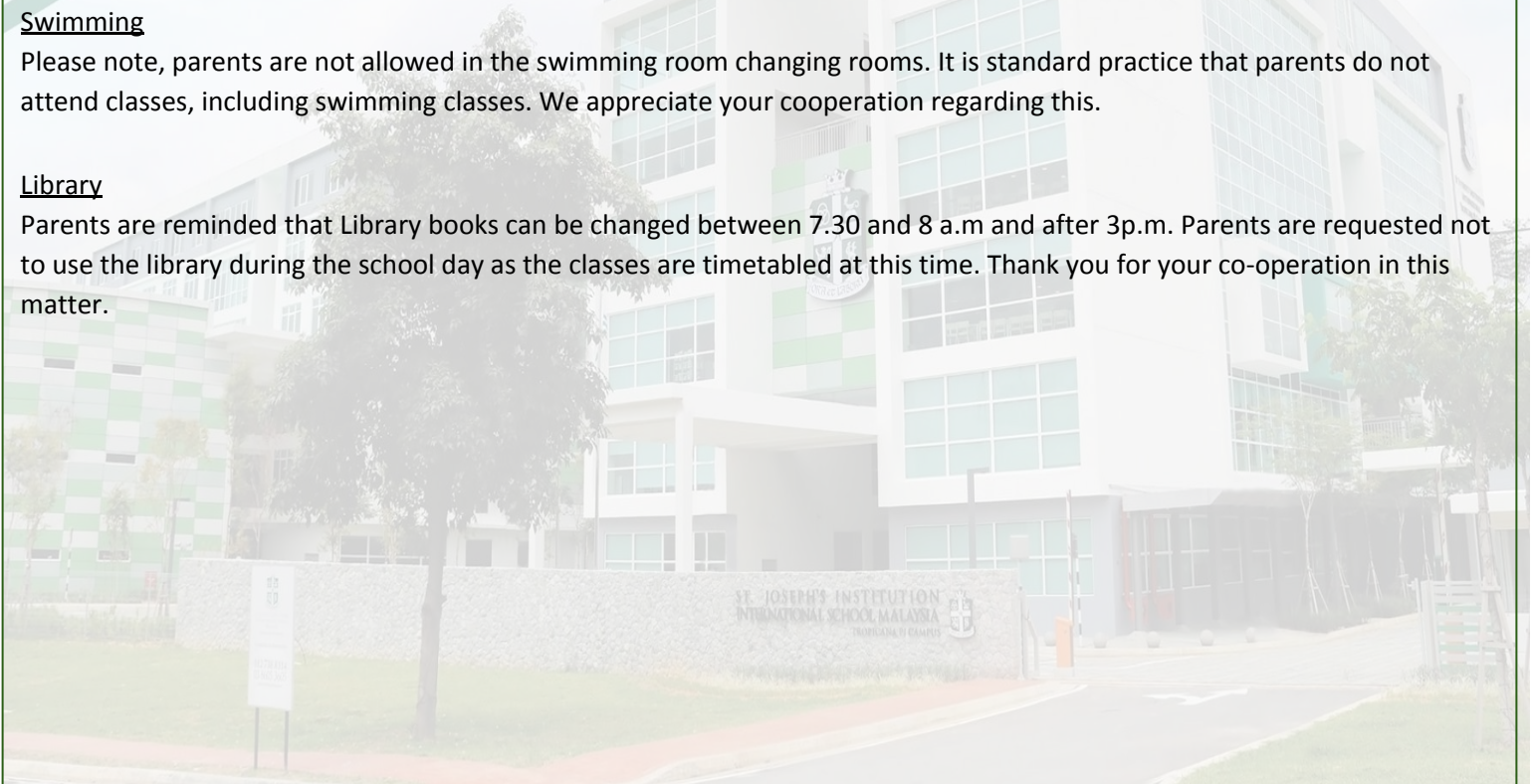
You will receive an email next week to sign up to 'Meet the Teacher'. Our PTC will be held on **Saturday 13th October** and through 'Meet the Teacher' you will be able to book a 15 minute appointment with your child's teacher. The Early Years Mandarin team will be available on this day but all other (Yr 1-6) language appointments will be scheduled for another day.

## Swimming

Please note, parents are not allowed in the swimming room changing rooms. It is standard practice that parents do not attend classes, including swimming classes. We appreciate your cooperation regarding this.

## Library

Parents are reminded that Library books can be changed between 7.30 and 8 a.m and after 3p.m. Parents are requested not to use the library during the school day as the classes are timetabled at this time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



# High School Update

## University Counseling

The first application of the 2018-2019 school year was submitted to Cambridge on September 12th.

Y13 students and parents who have not met with Ms.D to discuss the Post-Secondary Plan which was due on August 26th should make an appointment as soon as is convenient. Two Education Fairs have been planned for October and parent and student support for these events is greatly encouraged.

Please click on the icons at the last page to gain access to the weekly counseling newsletter, You've Been Counseled!, which provides important information, updates and timely articles for students and parents to enjoy. In addition, parents and students may find the list of university and college visits.

## Y8 Parent Info Session

Please refer to the presentation [here](#).

## Student Led Conferences.

These will be held on Saturday 13 October for all High School Students. Booking will be via 'Meet the Teacher' and an email will be sent closer to the event giving booking instructions. During this event breakout sessions led by members of the High School staff will also be held. Further details on these sessions will follow closer to the event.

## Donation Drive 24 Sept – 5 Oct

In the High School, all of our year groups are going out on service trips at some point in the year. We are really trying to spread our focus on character development through everything we do in tutor time, lesson time, around the school but also outside of school and how this fits in with the elementary virtues program.

Linking to this, one of the service elements of these trips is to go into the local community around where we are staying and offer our help in any way they may need it. Some need company, others may need us to help tidy or paint houses or work with children inside a local school etc. Along with this, we have been sent 'wish lists' from the leaders at Radiant Retreats which link in specifically with the local people we are going to support. We have therefore decided to hold our first ever 'Donation Drive' over the next two weeks starting Mon 24<sup>th</sup> September.

There will be three decorated tables in the foyer, one each for the service trips for Years 7, 8 and 9. On this table will be posters showing the specific 'wish list' for that service trip and also a sheet for people to write down what they have donated so far. We are asking that if anyone has any pre loved items they would like to donate, or if anyone would like to buy something to donate, then they would most gratefully be received. We are sharing this in the weekly update as we wanted to put this out to the widest audience possible so we can show our students what we can achieve when we all pull together, and so they can see first hand the positive impact this will have on people much less fortunate than themselves.

This is a list of items on all three 'wish lists':

Dry groceries, tinned foods

Pre loved school clothes

Pre loved regular clothes (to be sold at local markets)

Pre loved books written in English, low level, lots of pictures

Stationery, bags

Racks and cabinets for storage (small enough for transported easily)

Clothes racks, mini dining tables (Ikea type)

Paint for walls

Stools, low tables

Rubber mats

Sports equipment (2<sup>nd</sup> hand is fine)

Items to help create school displays

# Useful Links

[PSG Update](#)  
[Parent Social Night](#)



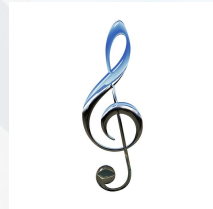
[Sports Update](#)  
(only available in October)



[ES CCA website](#)  
[HS CCA website](#)



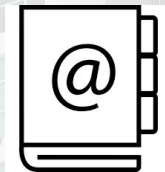
[Music Website](#)



[ES Parent Calendar](#)



[Staff Email Addresses](#)



[Sodexo Term 1 2018/9](#)  
[September Menu](#)  
[October Menu](#)



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