



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA
(TROPICANA PJ CAMPUS)



SCHOOL UPDATE
07/09/18



Whole School Update

Welcome to our first new Whole School Update!

In our effort to continually improve communication with our community we are delighted to launch our new whole school update. The contents of the updates will be as follows:

- Whole School Update
- ES Update
- HS Update
- Useful links- which includes the link to the School Calendars. Please do check this regularly as there are sometimes changes to the planned events.

In order to reduce the amount of text in the main body of the letter there will be links to more detailed information regarding different events and activities. Please do take time to read the additional information. An example of this is in the next section. Our new Whole School Parent Partnership Group is an exciting new initiative which will involve all of the school community. We have inserted a link which will take you to our detailed letter on this new initiative.

As always, we welcome your feedback - we do hope that you will find this an easier way to access and see important school information.

New Whole School Parent Partnership Group (PPG)

Please read this introductory [letter](#).

Uniform

School Jumpers: It is with regret that we have to inform you that the school jumpers order has fallen through. There were some unforeseen problems which were beyond our control. I can only apologise for any inconvenience caused. We too are extremely disappointed at this turn of events. We are, yet again, looking at different options and will keep you informed of any new developments.

PE Uniform: We are delighted to announce that the PE shorts are now available to be purchased from the uniform shop.

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.

Sodexo - September Menu and Meal Charges Term 1 2018/2019

Please refer to the link on the last page of this Update under 'Useful Links' for more information.

Upcoming events

The school will be closed for public holidays on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and Monday 17th September.

Parent Portal/Gmail Account Parent Workshop will take place on Wednesday September 12th. Please consult the ES/HS Parent calendar.

Mass For Christian Families: There will be mass on Wednesday 19th September at 12.30 for children from Y3-13. All parents are welcome to attend. If you have a child below Y3 and would like them to attend mass with you please inform the school office and collect them from their classroom.

PSG Update.

Thank- You dear parents for an overwhelming response to today's coffee morning. We'd like to extend our 'Gratitude' to Mr. Liam Monnery, for that very informative talk on CCAs. The importance of 'Grit' & 'Perseverance' when it comes to CCAs is something that will help us parents & students to select the most suitable option. Looking forward to many more coffee mornings to come. Save the date: 5th October Denim and Diamonds PSG Social event. Please follow the [link](#) for details.



Elementary School Update

Staffing Update

Information about our new staff and staffing structure can be accessed [here](#).

Parent Information Sessions

Please see the Parent Calendar for details of our Year Group Parent Information Sessions that are yet to take place. These will be delivered by the Year Group Coordinator. Information will include Character Education and our Virtues Programmes, curriculum objectives for the year group and year group expectations. Specialist Subject Parent Information Sessions will also begin next week. Details are available at the ES Parent calendar link below.

All presentation slides and yearly objectives will be shared via Class Dojo.

Phonics Workshop

Please consult the Parent Calendar for details of the Phonics workshop for year 1 parents on Thursday, September 13th.

Parent Volunteers

If any parent would like to volunteer to help in school with tasks such as crafts, reading, or other activities, we would really welcome your help.

We are also always looking for “experts” to talk to the children about different areas. For example, if a parent is a doctor, or has an interesting hobby and would be willing to talk to the children about their experiences on a one off basis please add this to the form.

Please complete this [form](#) and we will contact you shortly.

Maternity Cover- Y4 Due to circumstances beyond our control we have, unfortunately, had to change the arrangements to cover Mrs Willoughby’s maternity leave. Please read this [letter](#) for further information.

End of Y6 Results

Congratulations to our Y6 pupils for their excellent end of year results. They should be rightly proud of their achievements. For further details please read this [report](#)



High School Update

Parent Information Sessions

Please see the Parent Calendar for details of our first series of High School Parent Information Sessions. These will be delivered by the Head of Year or relevant Coordinator. The sessions will cover, amongst other things, Character Education, the role of the tutor, the pastoral system and service. Additionally, Mr Bush, the IGCSE Coordinator, and Mrs Fitzgerald, the IB Coordinator, will discuss academic matters relating to the courses. Your child's Head of Year or the relevant Coordinator will be in touch to invite you to their session. There are more sessions to come, please look out for notification.

World Scholars' Cup

Following the outstanding performance of our teams at the World Scholar's Cup Global Round held in Kuala Lumpur, nine of our students will be competing at the Tournament of Champions at Yale University in the US. The tournament will take place in November. We wish those students the best of luck with their preparations. The performance at the Global Round was our best yet and we offer huge congratulations to those students who took part. We look forward to the coming year and more success in this challenging but highly rewarding competition.

University Counseling

Y13 students and parents should make an appointment with Ms.D to discuss the Post-secondary Plan that students have to submit on Monday September 27th. Two University Fairs have been organized, please see the icon for University Visits and COLlege Counselling Schedule and support the SJIIM Counseling Department. The SJIIM Counseling Department has a weekly newsletter that can be accessed by clicking the Icon for University Counselling Newsletter. Here, you will find a weekly information letter to parents and students, as well as timely and informative articles.

New Staff

We would like to welcome our High School [New Staff](#) for the new academic year.

IGCSE Results

We are very pleased to be able to celebrate some excellent IGCSE results for the previous Year 11 cohort:

22% of all entries being graded at A*

53% of all entries being graded at A* or A

78% of all entries being graded at A* to B

93% of all entries being graded at A* to C

These grades reflect the hard work of the students, supported by our dedicated staff at the school. We look forward to supporting the current Year 11 cohort in working towards their own IGCSE exams this year.

IB Results

The May 2018 IB results are a cause for great celebration and congratulations to the first batch of IB students at SJIIM.

- Out of a cohort of 41 students, 31.7% of them earned a score of 40 points or above.
- Of these, two students earned a score of 44 points.
- The average total number of points across the cohort was 37 points.
- The average grade (out of 7) awarded to students was 5.85.

They are a testament to the commitment and conscientious hard work of all students and teachers concerned, as well as all of the other members of our community who shared in supporting them.

High School IGCSE Malay/Bahasa Malaysia Frequently Asked Questions.

Please click [here](#) and follow the link to the Frequently Asked Questions document.



Useful Links

[PSG Update](#)

[Parent Social Night](#)



[Sports Update](#)

(only available in October)



[CCA website](#)



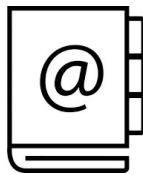
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