

SJIS Weekly Update

10th December 2025



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Important Dates:

10 Dec 25 - Last day of Term 1
6 Jan 26 - First day of term 2
6-16 Jan - Y10/11 IGCSE mock exam
6-13 Jan - Y12/13 AS/A Level mock exam

Upcoming Events:

This Week's Highlight at SJIS



The Giving Tree Appeal Brings Hope This Christmas

The SJIS community came together in response to Mr Cairns's call to remember that true celebration lies in uplifting others. Over the past three weeks, our campus was alive with fundraising activities to support typhoon relief efforts in the Philippines and Rohingya refugee children in Langkawi. From the outpouring of donations, to art projects across the Elementary School, a pop-up craft store by our High School Design & Technology students, and the many parent-led stalls at the Christmas Fair, we are deeply grateful for the spirit of generosity that shaped a meaningful end to the school term.

On 9 December 2025, Mr Cairns presented SJIS's contribution of **RM72,600** to Dr Baldomero Defensor, Principal of the Basic Education Unit at the University of St. La Salle. This contribution comprised **RM42,600** raised by our school community and **RM30,000** from the SJIS Lasallian Contribution Fund. The presentation was witnessed by Br Jorge Gallardo De Alba FSC, Brother President of SJIS and LEAD Brother Auxiliary Visitor. These funds will sponsor relief packs for over 1,000 families who have lost their homes and are working to rebuild their lives.

The TreeHouse Society in Langkawi will also receive **RM8,000** in learning materials and funding to establish a computer room, expanding digital learning opportunities for Rohingya refugee children.

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It was a joyful end to the school year as the SJIS community gathered in festive spirit at the Christmas Fair, and donors received their Yuletide TreeHuggers as mementos of the campaign. We are especially grateful to the Catholic & Christian Community for leading the charge, and to the hundreds of parents and students who sewed, baked, crafted, painted, decorated, and donated to make The Giving Tree Appeal a resounding success.

Catholic and Christian Life

We have so much to be thankful for this Christmas season. Above all, we remember that everything we do is only possible through the Lord.

As we come to the end of 2025, we are grateful for our beautiful Christmas Mass and the fellowship we shared, our Elementary School Advent Service, our Christmas Fair, Art with Heart, and The Giving Tree Appeal.

We are especially thankful for our committed Catholic and Christian Community team (CCC), and for the support of our wider school family. Together, we have worked with generosity and joy to make The Giving Tree Christmas Appeal such a blessing, and to truly live out our Christmas theme of 'Living Christmas in our hearts'.

As we rejoice in His coming, may our hearts be filled with love, gratitude, and the true spirit of Christmas. Wishing you and your families every blessing this season and in the year ahead.



SJIS Christmas Fair 2025

This year, the Catholic & Christian Community (CCC) organised the Christmas Fair 2025 with the theme, **Living Christmas In Our Hearts**, bringing to life the Lasallian Virtues of **Faith, Service and Community** to the annual school event.

We are grateful to God that the celebration was splendid and everyone enjoyed it thoroughly.

We would especially like to thank:

Our Students:

For their amazing performances and emceeing at the Christmas Showcase, to the LYM & SRC for conducting the games at the MPH for HS lunch party, to the SRC team for putting the Whole School Christmas video together, and to the Changemakers & Young Lasallians for enthusiastically participating in the fair.

Our School Parent Community:

For rising to the occasion and hosting a wide range of games, crafts and food stalls at the fair and for contributing to the Christmas Charity Campaign, The Giving Tree Appeal. A total of 80 parents volunteered their time and effort to make the fair a success.

Teachers & Staff of SJIS:

HS and ES SLT, Mr & Mrs Santa Volunteers. HS Admin Staff, The SJIS Music Team, the SJIS PE department, the Finance Department, Facilities & Maintenance Team & DeliSchool Team for all their support.

We are also grateful for the generous contributions received from the sales during the Festive Food Fair on Friday, 5th December. A total of **RM 17,594** was raised & this sum will be combined with the collections from The Giving Tree Campaign.

Holly Jolly (CCC)	RM4,078.00
Hearty Foodies (Moms In Prayer)	RM1,729.00
Korean Community	RM900.00
Merry Munch Station (Year 2 Parents)	RM800.00
China Parent Group	RM203.43
SJIS SPV	RM3,000.00
Bollywood Baubles (Mathavan & Shobana)	RM250.00
Merry Milo-Saurus (Year 5 Parents)	RM1,945.00
Dominic Teo Soya Bean	RM1,720.00
The Baker's Daughter (Mia Dempsey)	RM200.00
Japan Parents Group	RM1,228.60
Highland Harvest (Alice Hoong & Year 6 Team)	RM1,300.00
Meals For Change	RM240.00
TOTAL	RM17,594.03

Additional Donation from Christmas Fair Participants:

Share The Joy, Spread the Appreciation	RM100
Korean Community	RM100

The memories created at the Christmas Events were priceless & the unity felt across the school was truly inspiring. Ending this Term & 2025 on a note of Gratitude & wishing all SJIS families a blessed Christmas & Happy Holidays.

Ora et Labora,
The CCC Core Committee

SJIIS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025



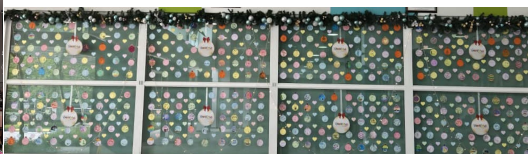
SJIIS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025



HS CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY 2025@ MPH



SJIIS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025 SHOWCASE



Art with a Heart, supporting The Giving Tree Appeal

As the year draws to a close, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parent volunteers who generously gave their time to lead art projects across Year 1 to 6, to our Parent Reps who helped collect donations from each year group, to the families who contributed so generously, and to our staff and students who embraced the activities with such enthusiasm. A total of just over **RM8,000** was raised for the Rohingya refugee children supported by The TreeHouse Society. This donation will fund a full year of art supplies, workbooks, and learning materials, and will also help set up a computer room to introduce digital learning.

It was a true community effort, and we are grateful for the creativity, joy, and spirit of giving that everyone brought to this year's celebrations. Please follow our school's instagram for more photos later this week.



Lasallian Leaders Unite for a Sustainable Future in Hong Kong



The spirit of Faith, Service, and Community shone brightly as over 130 school leaders from across the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD) convened at the Royal Plaza Hotel for the School Leaders Congress 2025.

Bringing together educators from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, the Philippines, and host Hong Kong, the event was a powerful milestone, aligning with the territory's celebration of 150 years of the enduring Lasallian Mission.

The Congress was driven by the inspiring, forward-looking theme: "Collaborating for a Sustainable Future of the Lasallian Mission." The gathering was specifically designed to ignite deeper partnerships, establish a robust network for sharing best practices, and train leaders to ensure the mission—providing quality, Christian education, especially to the poor—remains vibrant and impactful for the next generation.

The Congress was not just about planning; it was about living out the mission. In a moving display of fraternal solidarity, the delegation from St. Joseph's Institution International School Malaysia (SJIIS), represented by Head of School Mr. Gary Cairns and Deputy Principal Mr. Matthew O'Shea, along with SJIIS President Br. Jorge Gallardo de Alba FSC, extended a helping hand. On behalf of the SJIIS Lasallian Family, Mr Cairns and Mr O'Shea turned over a mock cheque to the representatives of the University of Saint La Salle. This act immediately showed the very fruit of the Congress: closer collaboration among Lasallian Schools in LEAD. This timely donation will aid over a thousand families in the Central Philippines who have recently suffered through a series of devastating calamities.

The two-day Congress provided an insightful journey from strategic review to shared commitment. The first day, December 8th, focused on context and internal action: it began with a critical look at world issues led by Superior General Br. Armin Luistro ("What is going on around the world?"), moved to break-out sessions on current school practices ("What are we doing in our schools?"), and concluded with Dr. Joseph Lee discussing external support from alumni and other partners. The second day, December 9th, pivoted toward unity and shared future planning, opening with LEAD Visitor Br. JJ Jimenez FSC's powerful challenge, "What can we do together?", which informed immediate, collaborative strategy sessions. The entire event concluded perfectly by moving from theory to practice, with all delegates taking part in School Visits to La Salle Primary School and La Salle College.

The success of the Congress reinforced the leaders' collective commitment, paving the way for a more impactful Lasallian educational mission across the entire East Asia District.



Christmas Fair

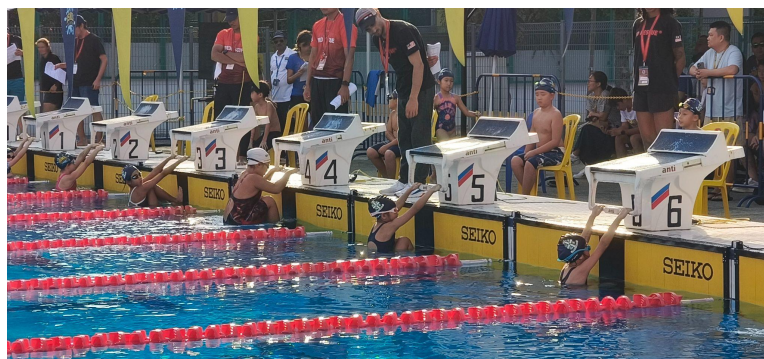
The SPV is delighted to announce that a total of RM 3,000 from the proceeds of the SPV Stall at the Christmas Fair 2025 has been donated to The Giving Tree Charity, a meaningful cause proudly supported by our school. This contribution would not have been possible without the dedication, teamwork, and enthusiasm of our wonderful volunteers.

Together, we continue to spread joy and support those in need, living out the true spirit of giving this Christmas season. Thank you once again for your invaluable support!



AIMS Swim Series Leg 2 (6th Dec 2025)

We concluded our final swim meet of Term 1 with strong performances across all age groups at the International School KL. Our swimmers delivered excellent races, achieving an impressive number of personal best times, and coming in the top of their heats. Well done to all our swimmers for their hard work and sportsmanship. We look forward to building on this momentum in Term 2. More photos [here](#).



Lost and Found

Students and parents are reminded to ensure that items from the lost and found are collected. Over the Christmas break, we will be doing some more work to the campus so any items not claimed will be disposed of.



KS1 Christmas Production

Our *Christmas Around the World* show was a truly joyful celebration and a fantastic start to the week. We are incredibly proud of our KS1 children. Year 1 delighted us with their confident singing, while Year 2 impressed us with their songs and spoken lines representing four different countries around the world. Throughout the rehearsals, the children showed great focus by listening carefully to their teachers, practising enthusiastically, and trying their very best to learn their lines and dance moves. The performance beautifully showcased our school virtues of joyfulness, unity, enthusiasm and confidence as the children worked together, encouraged one another and shone on stage. The children all looked fantastic in their costumes and we are sure that we will remember the songs for a long time! Thank you to our wonderful families for your support – it meant so much to see you sharing this special moment with us. A special thank you to our parents who assisted in getting the stage prepared - it looked great.



Early Years Christmas Production

On Wednesday morning, our Reception and Nursery children put on their wonderful EY Christmas Show! Dressed in glitter and festive costumes, they told the story of a very hectic day that Santa thinks is Christmas Eve. The reindeer are sick, Santa's red suit has shrunk in the wash... everything seems to be going wrong! Luckily, Mrs. Claus gently reminds Santa that it's actually the 24th of November, not December! The children sang, danced, and narrated the story beautifully, developing and drawing on their role-playing and literacy skills. They also helped design the set and create the artwork displayed on stage. Well done to all our children for showing the virtues of courage and enthusiasm! A heartfelt thank you to our parents for their continued support and encouragement, to our teaching team in EY and to the music and auditorium teams for helping make this a truly magical performance!



Year 3 - 6 Christmas Sing Off

Today, our KS2 Christmas Sing Off filled the hall with festive cheer as **Year 3 to Year 6** battled it out using the power of their voices to showcase their wonderful Christmas repertoire. Each year group brought energy, joy and showing the virtue of respect as performers and as an audience.

Year 3 - *Frosty the Snowman* **Year 5 - *Like It's Christmas***

Year 4 - *Jingle Bell Rock* **Year 6 - *All I want for Christmas is You***

This year, **Year 4** was crowned the winner! They performed with such confidence while clearly having fun—truly embodying the spirit of the season. What a fantastic way to end the term!



Wider Music Christmas Performances

Over the past two weeks, the school has been buzzing with festive celebrations and wonderful performances. Last Thursday, our **Whole School Christmas Concert** brought everyone together for two spectacular shows—a joint celebration between the schools filled with fantastic performances from both students and staff.

We also enjoyed a lively **Christmas Fair**, held in collaboration with the **CCC (Christian & Catholic Community)**. Our Vocal Vibes Choir filled the school with Christmas cheer through their carolling during break time, followed by joyful performances after school from both elementary and high school students. And of course, the event wouldn't have been complete without some truly memorable staff performances!

These moments have filled our campus with warmth, music, and Christmas spirit—what a wonderful way to come together as one school and celebrate the festive together!



Celebrating Learning Through a Christmas Card Activity



This week, our Spanish students took part in a creative end-of-term project: designing and writing their own Christmas card. Using a simple template with space for a personal message and a Christmas tree to colour, students combined language practice with art in an engaging and meaningful way.

The writing element encouraged them to think about the vocabulary and structures they have learned this term, and to use Spanish to express gratitude and positivity. Many students chose to write messages to family, friends, or teachers, making the task feel authentic and emotionally connected. Please read more [info](#) here.

Crafting with Purpose: High School D&T CCA Students Support *The Giving Tree Appeal*

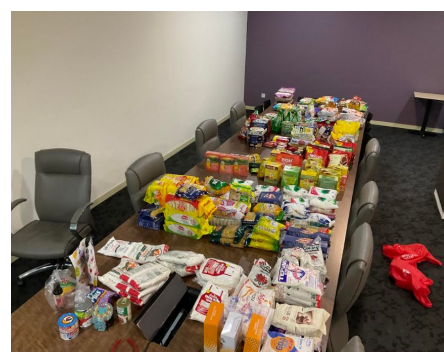
Our High School Design & Technology CCA students made a wonderful debut at the SJIS Christmas Fair with their very first pop-up store! They showcased products they designed and created, raising **RM1,810.30** for The Giving Tree Appeal. Students also crafted personalised Christmas ornaments for the campaign's Top 20 donors.

This project showcased the creativity and hands-on skills at the heart of our Design & Technology programme, where students will engage in the full design journey and apply real-world problem-solving and entrepreneurial ideas. We are incredibly proud of their effort and initiative!



LYM - Visit to Mitchell Care Home

This past weekend, the LYM visited Mitchell Care Home for stroke victims for a day of activities to ring in the Christmas season. The primary reason for our visit was to deliver the food donations collected from HS students over the past two weeks. The team running the care home were extremely grateful for the contributions and expressed their relief and satisfaction. The LYM members also had a transformative time, practising patience while feeding the elderly, and kindness while colouring and playing games with them. The LYM is very grateful for the support of our HS peers in this project, and we hope we can visit them again!





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