

SJIS Weekly Update

16th January 2026



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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Important Dates:

17th & 18th Jan - Weekend CCAs start

Upcoming Events:

This Week's Highlight at SJIS

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 favorite 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, Ms. Prema, our fabulous librarian and a founding member of staff at SJIS, shares her reflections and memories with us.

This year marks my tenth year at St. Joseph Institution International School, a milestone that invites reflection on a decade of learning, growth, and meaningful connections.

I joined SJIS on July 1st 2016, when the school and library were brand new. With empty shelves and no books, I had six weeks to select, purchase, and set up an entire library, both ES & HS before the school officially opened. Those weeks were intense and demanding, and seeing the library ready to welcome students on the first day remains one of my proudest moments.

Over the years, the library has grown alongside the school into a vibrant space where students discover the joy of reading, develop research skills, and build confidence.

Watching students grow from their early years to graduation, and welcoming alumni back as confident adults has been deeply rewarding.

I am especially proud that the library has become one of students' favourite places in school and is often praised by parents and visitors as an exceptional learning space.



This journey has been shaped by the strong support of my colleagues, the SLT & Management team over the years, whose encouragement and collaboration have had a lasting influence on my work in building and developing the library. The Lasallian values of Faith, Service, and Community are lived out daily at SJIS. They are visible in the respect shown to each individual, the willingness to serve others, and the strong sense of belonging that defines our school community.

As I celebrate ten years at St. Joseph Institution International School, I feel grateful and proud to be part of this community. It has been a privilege to help build the library from the very beginning and to grow alongside the school. I look forward to continuing this journey in the years ahead. Ora Et Labora

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Catholic and Christian Community

Parenting Talk: From Discipline to Shaping Character

Following the positive response from parents last year, we are pleased to welcome Dr Sammy back to SJIS for a practical and timely parenting talk.

This session will explore:

- Why many parents feel hesitant about discipline
- Why early discipline matters for character formation
- Practical strategies for parents with children aged **3 to young adults**

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](#)



Who is Dr Sammy?

Dr Sammy is a dental surgeon and Harvard graduate with a Master's in Public Health, now a full-time speaker and parenting coach.

Together with his wife, Anne, he has spent over 15 years leading parenting workshops locally and internationally, supporting families to build strong relationships, character, and confidence in family life.

Strengthening Our Lasallian Connections in Singapore



Last week, a small delegation of staff had the privilege of visiting our founding and sister schools in Singapore: St Joseph's Institution and St. Joseph's Institution International, Singapore.

The purpose of the visit was to strengthen relationships, explore opportunities for collaboration, and reconnect deeply with our shared Lasallian heritage. With over 170 years of tradition behind SJI, it was a powerful and inspiring experience to immerse ourselves in the history, values, and spirit that unite our schools.



We were warmly welcomed by staff and students at both schools and were struck by the strong sense of shared ethos across the Lasallian community. Conversations consistently reflected a commitment to learning, mutual support, and striving for excellence, not for recognition, but for personal growth and service to others. Importantly, the visit also reinforced our confidence in the provision we offer here in SJIS. Seeing our core values, approaches to learning, and emphasis on character so clearly mirrored in both Singapore schools affirmed that we are strongly aligned with the very best of the Lasallian tradition. It was reassuring to recognise so much of our own culture, practice, and priorities reflected in schools with such a rich and respected heritage.



Taking part in school traditions and singing familiar songs together was a particularly meaningful moment, reminding us that while we may be based in different countries, we belong to one global Lasallian family - we are indeed one and we are many.

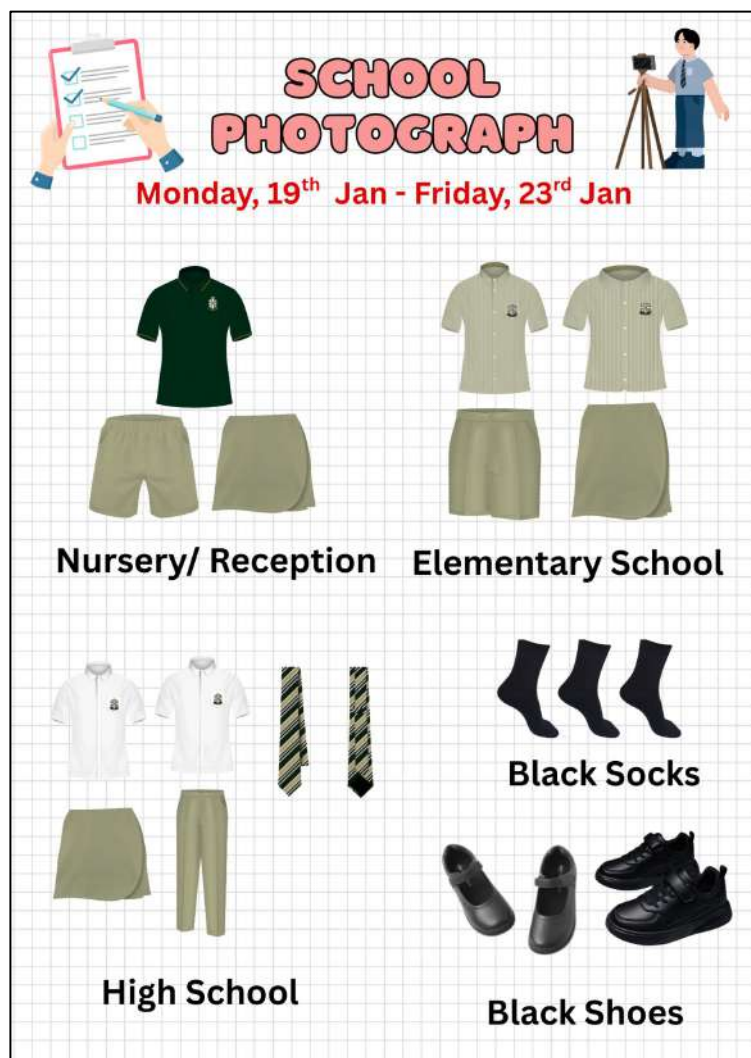
We are deeply grateful to our Singaporean colleagues for their generosity, hospitality, and time, and we look forward to building on these connections for the benefit of our students and wider community.



CCA Term 2

CCA Term 2 begins this weekend! **Weekend CCAs start on Saturday, 17th January**, and **weekday CCAs will commence on Monday, 19th January**.

Please use your Schoolsuddy app to see your child's CCA activities.



School Photographs

Date : 19th Jan - 23rd Jan

We are delighted to share that our school photographer will be in school to take class, individual and sibling photos

Sibling photos

These will be taken as students arrive at school on **every morning (7am to 7:45am)**, **19th Jan - 23rd Jan**.

Elementary

School

Monday, 19th - 2M, 2I, 1I, 2J, 4J, 5I, 3J, 6I, 2S, 3I,
Tuesday, 20th - 5S, 5J, NS, 1J, 5M, RJ, RS, ES Swimming,
6S, HS Swimming, 4M, 3S, ES Sports Teams
Wednesday, 21st - 6Y, 6M, 6J
Friday, 23rd - 4I, 4S

High

School

Thursday, 21st - Y7,Y8 and Y9 (Except 9Y), HS Sports Teams.
Friday, 22nd - 9Y, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13, SRC, House Captains, Leadership and LYM.



Advance Level Safeguarding Training for SJIS Safeguarding Team

This week our SJIS Safeguarding Team have Successfully completed 2day of advance level training with our Safeguarding Lead Mrs Jasmine.

We have covered all the key pillars of safeguarding children from Working Practices, Staff Oversight, Responding to Harm, Safe Environment, Community Engagement and Record Keeping



School Photos Date : 19th Jan - 23rd Jan

School photo week is next week! Please ensure your child comes to school in a neat, pressed uniform with tidy hair, ready for their class photo. Teachers will support students on the day to help capture the best possible pictures.

Class photo days have been shared via Seesaw and are on previous page. Sibling photos may be taken from 7:00am - 7:45 am on any day Monday to Friday, as photographers will be on campus all week. Thank you for your support in making our school photo week a success!



Bubble Time Assemblies

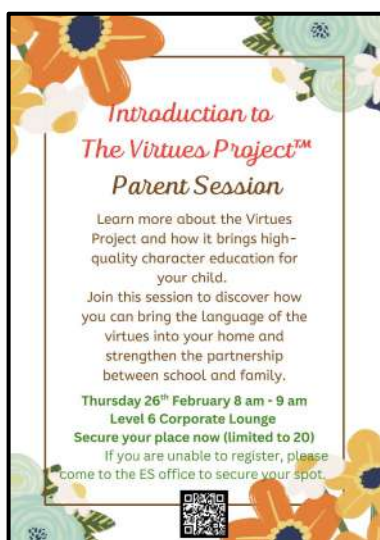
Building a safe school is a priority at St. Joseph's. Bubble Time provides students with a simple and supportive way to connect with trusted adults when they need help, clarity, or encouragement. This week, we introduced Bubble Time to all elementary students and encouraged them to use it whenever they need support. We invite you to ask your child at home how Bubble Time works and how it helps them feel supported at school.



Mid Year School Reports

Your child's Mid-Year Report will be available on the **SJIIS Parent Portal** from **12:00 pm on Friday, 23 January 2026**. You can access the portal using the following link: [SJIIS Parent Portal](#). 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@sj-i-international.edu.my.

The Helpdesk operates **Monday to Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm**, excluding public holidays.



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Workshops

If you are interested to attend these workshop, you can leave your details at the ES office.

1. Big Emotions to Better Connections with Ms Sonia and Mr Jonny **Friday, 23rd January**

We warmly invite parents to join us for a talk "From Big Emotions to Better Connections" delivered by Ms Sonia and Mr Jonny on 23rd January from 8:00–9:00 a.m. This session will explore how to better understand and respond to children's big emotions, strengthening connection and supporting.

2. An introduction to The Virtues Project with Mrs Fried **Thursday, 26th February**

We are delighted to invite all parents to join us for an interactive parent workshop exploring the Virtues Project. As we enter our 10th year at St. Joseph's and celebrate becoming an accredited Virtues School, it is more important than ever that we work in partnership with you on this Virtues journey.

This session will help you understand how the Virtues Project is embedded in school life and how you can support your children at home — navigating difficult conversations and guiding conflict with kindness and compassion. We look forward to welcoming you. All details can be found on the poster.





Extension for 1st Payment for EOY Camps June 2026

Due to new families joining this term and more interest for the camp, we are extending the deadline for the first payment (RM1,000) for your child's place on the 2026 Camps Programme (Beach, City, or Jungle).

The initial 50% payment of 1,000 MYR is now due on Thursday 22nd January 2026



Sensitive Topics for PSHCE during tutor time Term 2

Parental Consent and Opt-Out Option letter sent out Today.

We recognise that families may hold different views on some aspects of the PSHCE curriculum. If you wish for your child to opt out of any of these sessions, please complete the Google Form linked below.

Alternative arrangements will be provided for students who do not participate.

Please complete the form by **Tuesday, 20 January 2026**.

[LETTER OF CONSENT](#)

[OPT OUT GOOGLE FORM](#)

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in supporting your child's education and wellbeing. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss the programme further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Mock Examinations

Mock examinations have finished today! Year 11-13 (and some Year 10s) have been sitting their IGCSE and A Level mock exams during these past two weeks. Their experience has been planned to mirror the final exams as closely as possible, and we trust they will have gained valuable experience from this process. We wish them luck in their mock results coming soon!



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)

More information will follow shortly on how to book appointments. We look forward to seeing you there.



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Our Safeguarding Team



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