

SJIS Weekly Update

28 Aug 2026

Important Dates:

Public Holiday:

31 Aug - Hari Merdeka (National Day)

1 Sept - Selangor special holiday (SUKMA)

2 Sept - Students come back to school

16 Sept - Malaysia Day

Upcoming Events:

Whole School

14 Sept - CCA Term 1 starts

High School:

2 Sept - Y7 Celebration Evening

3 Sept - KS4&5 Meet the Teachers

11 Sept - Y11 Coffee morning

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

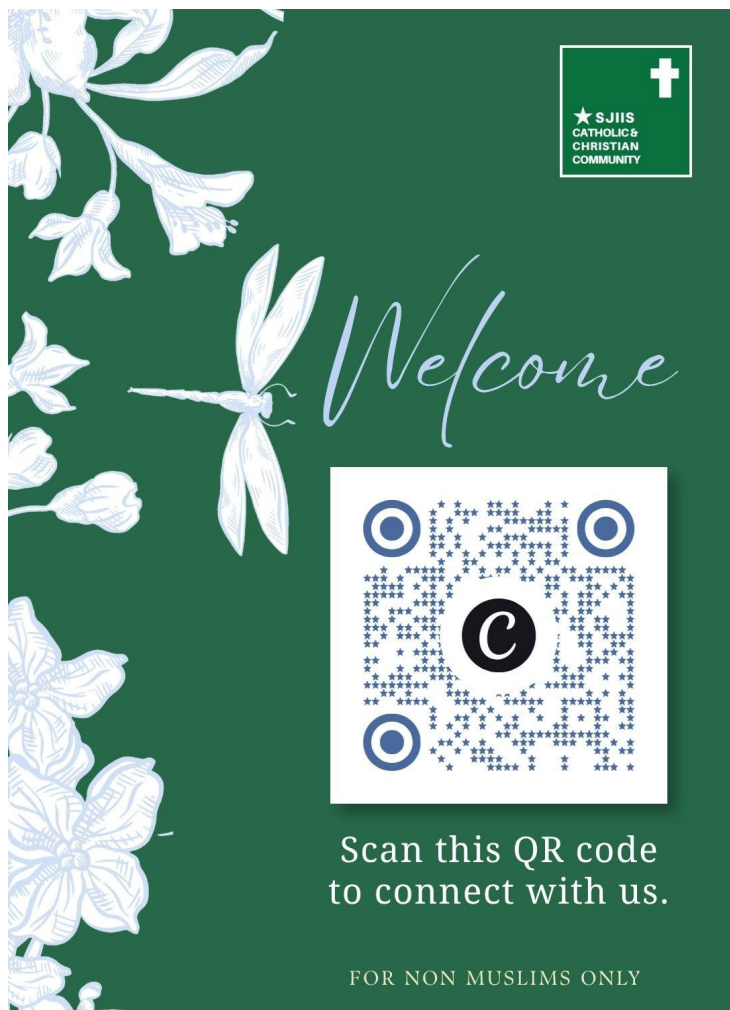
Growing our Virtues Community

Thank you to all the parents who joined our recent Virtues Language session on Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many members of our community coming together, sharing stories and making meaningful connections.

The Virtues Project™ is a whole-school commitment that strengthens the shared language and values connecting our students, staff and families. We look forward to offering more opportunities for parents to become involved, deepen their understanding and continue this important journey alongside us. **Special thanks to Ms. Natalie who helped lead the session with such grace and enthusiasm.** Here a few photos taken from the session.



Catholic and Christian Community

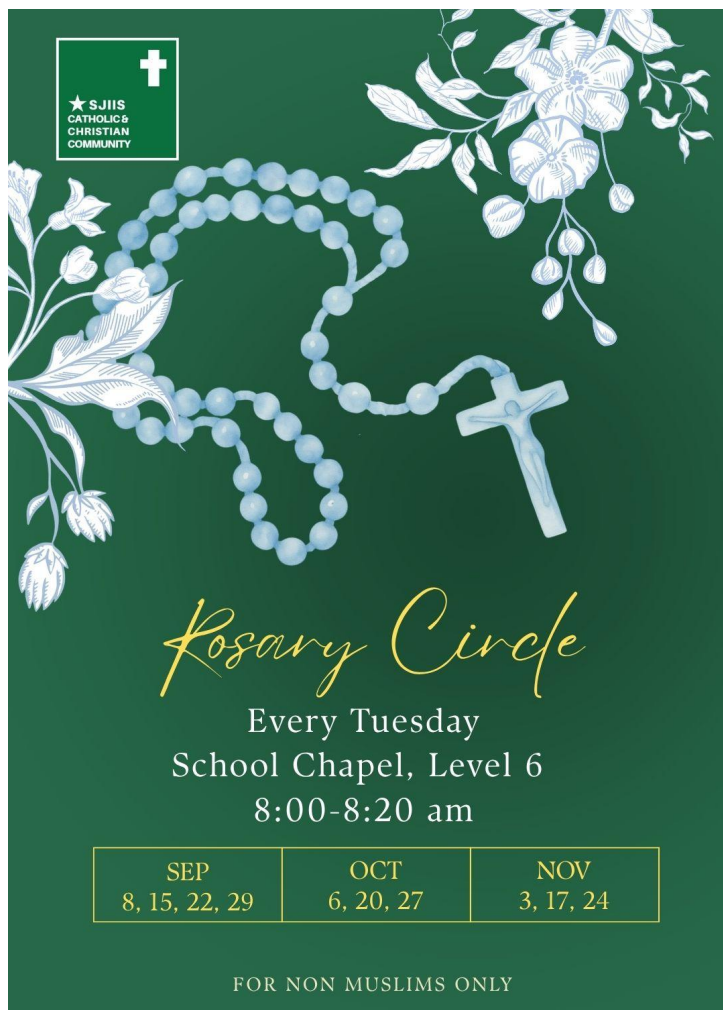


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Welcome

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to connect with us.

FOR NON MUSLIMS ONLY



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Rosary Circle

Every Tuesday
School Chapel, Level 6
8:00-8:20 am

SEP 8, 15, 22, 29	OCT 6, 20, 27	NOV 3, 17, 24
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The **Catholic & Christian Community (CCC)** is a parent-led group that brings SJIS families together through faith, friendship and service. Throughout the year, we create opportunities for parents and families to connect and share in the life of our school. From weekly Rosaries, monthly Masses and fellowship gatherings, to celebrations such as the Christmas Fair and Founder's Day, there are many ways to get involved. We also organize service projects that offer meaningful opportunities to give back and support our school and the wider community. Open to all non-Muslim SJIS families, you can join us in prayer, help with an activity, volunteer for a project, or simply meet other parents.

Get involved today — we look forward to welcoming you!



A Lasallian Bestseller



Here is a Lasallian connection you may not expect: **James Patterson**, one of the world's bestselling authors, is a 1969 graduate of Manhattan University in New York—a Lasallian university founded by the Brothers in 1853. And the timing is perfect: on 25 August 2026, Patterson returns to his university for a public conversation with fellow author and journalist Mike Lupica about writing and their careers. Lasallian alumni have travelled into almost every imaginable field—including publishing on a very large scale.

Access this [link](#) for more information.

*that is very
Lasallian!*



LASALLIAN REFLECTION

**“Have great respect
for each person you
are with.”**

St. John Baptist de La Salle, 77A. Part 1, Chapter 2
in *The Rules of Christian Decorum and Civility*.



A WEEKEND QUESTION

**How did you show respect
to others this week?**

Take this question into the weekend. Discuss it with your family over a meal or whenever you have a moment together.

Responding to the haze

As many of you will be aware, Selangor has seen higher haze levels this week, and we've reactivated our haze protocols for the first time in a couple of years.

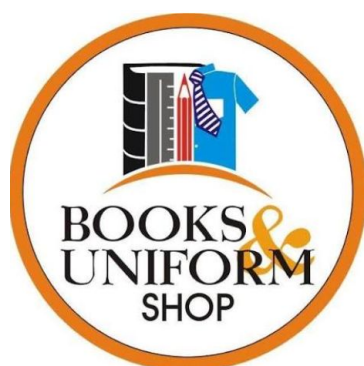
The health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff remains our top priority. We're monitoring air quality closely throughout the day and adjusting the school schedule as needed — including moving outdoor activities indoors — to keep students safe and comfortable.

We've been really impressed by how flexible and good-humoured our students have been in adapting to these temporary changes.

We will continue tracking air quality closely and will act promptly based on the latest readings. For full details, please see our [Haze Policy](#) on the school website.

How we respond to air quality readings (API)

API Reading	Air Quality	What Happens
0–50	Good/Moderate	Normal activities
51–100	Good/Moderate	Students advised to drink more water; those with asthma or heart conditions monitored closely and may move breaks indoors
101–199	Unhealthy	No outdoor activities; all breaks indoors
200+	Very Unhealthy	School closes immediately (per government circular, 3 Oct 2023)
500+	Hazardous	Teaching and support staff also excused from coming on-site



Bookshop Notice

Please take note of our bookshop's operating hours on:
2nd September - 7.30am to 1.00pm



SPV CONNECT

Welcome • Connection • Community

Welcome to SJIS!

Join us for a relaxed morning over breakfast to meet fellow new parents, and get to know the SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) team!



Wednesday, 9th September 2026



8:15 AM - 10 AM



Brother's Quarters, Level 5



Kindly confirm your attendance by Friday, 4th September. Please scan the QR code or click on the link below.

[RSVP link](#)

Settling In and Looking Ahead

It has been a great week of **Meet the Teacher** sessions, **Virtues Parent sessions** and **Read Write Inc. workshops**. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to create opportunities for parents to connect with their children's learning through our **Year Group Curriculum Sessions**, as well as an **all-Elementary Maths Workshop**. Please keep an eye on the Google Calendar, our school website and posters around school for further details and session times.

Looking further ahead, our **Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Friday 6 November**. In line with how Parent-Teacher Conferences are organised in the High School, this will be a **non-school day for students**, with families invited to come into school together for their scheduled conference.

The focus will be on how children have settled into the year, their early experiences of teaching and learning, their progress and assessment, and their individual next steps. We strongly encourage children to attend alongside their parents, as we want them to be active participants in these conversations — celebrating their successes, reflecting on their learning and identifying their next steps. The conference will also provide an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers across the curriculum, not just their homeroom teacher.



Haze Reminders & Public Holidays

Haze We are closely tracking local air quality levels everyday In accordance with government guidelines and the MOE Guidelines on Managing School Operations During Haze (SPI Bil. 1/2019), all outdoor activities will be suspended if the Air Pollutant Index (API) surpasses 100. To safeguard student health and safety, the following measures are in effect:

- **Indoor Activities:** All physical education (PE) classes, swimming lessons, and daily breaks will move indoors or be adapted to indoor settings until readings improve.
- **Health Monitoring:** Staff are paying special attention to students with susceptible conditions (such as asthma or respiratory sensitivities).
- **Hydration:** Teachers are actively reminding students to stay hydrated throughout the day using their water bottles and school refill stations.

We will continue to monitor official API updates via the Department of Environment APIMS Portal throughout the school day and will notify you promptly of any further changes.

**Key
Reminders**

- **Public Holiday: Monday 31 August & Tuesday 1st September** – there will be **no school**.
- Students return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**

Proud to deliver



The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Now Open

Is your child looking for an award recognised by universities and employers worldwide? Can they commit to a skill, volunteering and physical activity each week? Do they enjoy the outdoors and want to experience camping with their friends?

Then they should sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award!

Open to:

- **Year 9** – Bronze Award
- **Year 10** – Silver Award
- **Year 12** – Silver Award

Students may go to see Mr Cartwright in **H3-06** to sign up. **Sign-up deadline: Wednesday 16th September.**

Enrolment fee: RM400. Registration letters with outline costs and provisional expedition dates available from tutors or Mr Cartwright.



Upcoming CAT4 Assessments in High School

CAT4 Testing – Years 7, 10 & 12

As part of our ongoing commitment to understanding and supporting student progress, students in **Years 7, 10 and 12** will be completing **CAT4 (Cognitive Abilities Test)** assessments. CAT4 provides a profile of students' strengths across verbal, quantitative, non-verbal and spatial reasoning. This helps teachers understand how students learn and informs teaching, intervention, academic guidance and appropriate challenge or support.

Students do not need to revise or prepare for CAT4. The assessments are designed to measure reasoning abilities rather than curriculum knowledge, so preparation can distort the results and provide a less accurate picture of a student's natural cognitive profile. Students should simply arrive rested, relaxed and ready to do their best. Further information for parents on CAT4 tests can be found [here](#).

A **Parent Information Session for CAT 4 and Assessment protocols throughout the year** will be held in the Auditorium on **Friday 4 September at 08:00**.

CAT4 testing – Periods 1 & 2:

- **Year 7:** Wednesday 9 September
- **Years 10 & 12:** Thursday 10 September



Students should bring a **fully charged device and headphones/earphones**.

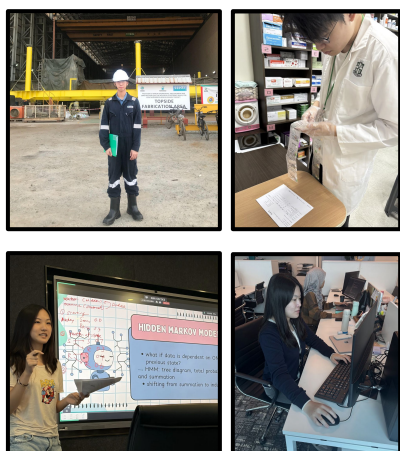
Pathway Programme Launched (Year 12 and Year 13)

Thursday the 27th marked the debut of the 6th Form's Pathways initiative. This involved students registering their interest in one of a number of workshops, namely:

- Health, Medicine and Life;
- Science, Sustainability, and the Natural World;
- Enterprise, Business and Global Markets;
- Engineering and Technology, and People,
- Power and Society.

Students met with their mentor teachers based on their interests and discussed a number of readings and real-world scenarios. Some conversations lasted well into break time!

This will continue each Thursday, and we hope it will create flexible forums in which students can get a taste for what studying these subjects at university might be like.



Year 13 Internship Success!

Our Year 13 secured internship placement towards the end of the last school year and some did it over the summer break. It is a powerful stepping stone toward higher education and beyond. By effectively navigating the unique demands of the Science, Engineering and Humanities sectors, over half of our cohort gained hands-on experience in the exact careers they plan to pursue. Browse over some photos and write up that they shared about their experience.

For more information, please see their [detailed reflections](#).

Y12 and Y13 Lasallian Formation Camp Launch 2026

We are almost ready to finalise our numbers for the Lasallian Formation Camp 2026, open to this year's Year 12 and Year 13 students. The [invitation letter](#) contains further details about the camp and how students can take part. The deadline to make the initial payment to secure your place was at the end of last term, so please get in touch with the Sixth Form Team as soon as possible to enquire.



Y12 and Y13 UK University Trip: Expression of Interest

The proposed UK University Trip for Sixth Form students will now run in June 2027. This trip is designed to provide an inspiring introduction to university study and life in the UK, including visits to leading institutions such as Oxford and London universities. Please note that the deadline for the initial payment was at the end of last term in order to secure the proposed flights within the given budget.

Please refer to Option 2 in [this letter](#) if you are interested in signing up and make arrangements for the deposit as soon as possible to secure your place.

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Schools Tour 2026



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DATE

Friday, 4 September 2026

TIME

2:30pm – 4:30pm

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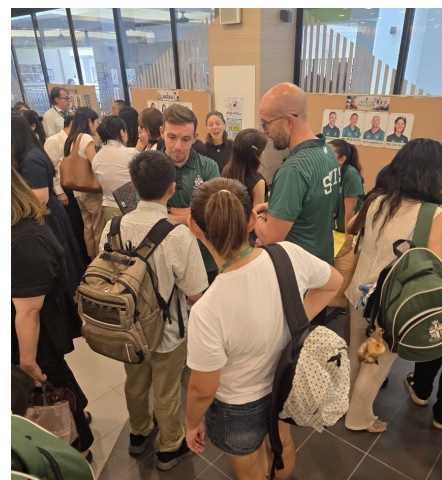
Wednesday 26th August 2026
KS3 - Year 7 to Year 9 (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Thursday 3rd September 2026
KS 4&5 - Year 10 to Year 13 (3.30pm-4.30pm)

Format:
 3.15 - 3.25pm: Arrival and Sign-in at the Foyer
 3.30 - 3.45pm: Auditorium (Introductions)
 3.45 - 4.30pm: Marketplace stalls school canteen

Please submit this [RSVP google form](#) by
Friday, 21 August 2026.





HS Meet the Teacher Event

This week, we welcomed our KS3 students and families to our Meet the Teacher event. We were delighted with the strong participation and engagement from families, and it provided teachers with a valuable opportunity to introduce themselves informally and begin building positive relationships with students and their families. We are now looking forward to welcoming our KS4 and KS5 students and parents to the next Meet the Teacher event. The event will begin in the Auditorium with introductions from the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), followed by an opportunity for families to move to the school dining hall to meet and connect with their child's teachers. We look forward to seeing our KS4 and KS5 families and continuing to strengthen our school-home partnerships.

[Please click here the to view the slides from the KS3 Meet the Teacher's Event.](#)

ENTER
TO LEARNLEAVE
TO SERVE

YEAR 7

CELEBRATION EVENING

*Celebrating the beginning of your
Josephian journey in High School*

A proud moment for students and parents to celebrate
what it means to be a Josephian and Lasallian
in SJIIS High School.



WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2026



3.30PM ARRIVAL



3.45PM PROMPT START



AUDITORIUM

PLEASE RSVP

BY WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

*Scan the QR code
to confirm your attendance.*





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[HS Student absence form](#)



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