

SJIS Weekly Update

9th January 2026



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Important Dates:

6-16 Jan - Y10/11 IGCSE mock exam

6-13 Jan - Y12/13 AS/A Level mock exam

17th & 18th Jan - Weekend CCAs starts.

Upcoming Events:

Dear SJIS Community,

As we step into a new year, I would like to wish all members of our community and their families a prosperous and happy 2026.

2026 is a hugely significant year for our school as it marks 10 years since we first opened our doors to students. At the start of the academic year in August, I shared a video with staff of the first time we gathered all of our students together to sing 'We are Lasallian'. In those days, we could just about fit the entire school into our auditorium and, as a founding member of staff, I remember the moment both clearly and fondly.

As a teacher joining a brand new school, it was incredibly exciting. It was a chance to build a culture and identity from the ground up. In that session with staff at the beginning of Term 1, I also shared the careers and journeys that some of the young people singing "We are Lasallian" in that video had gone on to pursue: lawyers, doctors, neuroscientists, physicists, software engineers, AI consultants, sustainability consultants, environmentalists but, above all, I hope good people who lead in their chosen fields with heart and continue to carry our Lasallian ethos and the words 'Enter to learn, Leave to serve' into their chosen places of work, communities and family homes.



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Whilst many of the staff who were present when we first sang 'We are Lasallian' as a school community have moved on (though some do remain), for current staff who were not there in those early days of SJIIS, I wanted them to share and be part of that history of our school. History is important. It is the shared narrative of our journey that unites us and strengthens bonds between all members of our community whether leaders, teachers, administrative staff, students, parents or alumni. Of course, this is not only the shared history of our school but the shared history of all Lasallian schools around the world that continue the work of our founder St. John Baptist De La Salle.

This year, 2026, I look forward to celebrating '10 years of teaching minds and touching hearts' with you all and whether you are still a member of the SJIIS community or have moved on, please remember that you are and always will be a Lasallian.

I have no doubt that as we look forward to the next decade of St. Joseph's Institution International School in Malaysia, the school will continue to prosper and develop outstanding and caring young people. I am very much excited to see what the future holds for our students and community.

Happy New Year to you all.

Ora Et Labora.

Mr Cairns

(You can watch the video that I shared with staff [here](#).)



Catholic and Christian Community

As we begin a new school year, we give thanks to God for the gift of new beginnings.

Our school community returns refreshed, ready to learn, grow, and serve together.

Inspired by the Lasallian values of faith, service, and community, we commit to showing kindness, respect, and compassion in all we do.

This year, we place a strong emphasis on building meaningful relationships and caring for every member of our community.

We encourage our students to be courageous learners who recognise their God-given gifts and use them to serve others.

With faith at the heart of our school, we trust God to guide our learning and our actions each day.

May this be a year filled with joy, purpose, and God's blessings for all.



Update from SPV

Pickleball Parents

Come join other parents **every Thursday morning** for a fun pickleball session!

🎾 No experience needed 🎾 All levels welcome
🎾 Coffee & chats after playing

HOW TO JOIN

- 1 Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp Group
- 2 Put your name down for the days you can come
- 3 We'll book the courts!

Every Thursday 8.00AM - 10.00 AM
The Kitch'n Club @ Kota Damansara

see you soon

Brought to you by SJIIS Parent Volunteers

Welcome back to the new term! Our first pickleball session will start next week:

Date: Thursday 15th January 26

Time : 8-10am

Venue: The Kitch'n Club, Kota Damansara

Please scan the QR Code to join the whatsapp group for updates.



Welcome Back

It was wonderful to begin the term by hosting our student and family orientation session on Monday to warmly welcome all new students and families to our school community. The session provided an overview of key information to support our new students as they transition into the Elementary School. Families were introduced to important learning and communication tools, including a Seesaw information workshop led by Ms Chin, and an overview of our English as an Additional Language (EAL) programme led by our Head of EAL, Ms Adrienn, and her team. These sessions were designed to help families feel informed, confident, and supported as they begin their journey with us. We are delighted to have our new families join the SJIS community and look forward to a wonderful term ahead.



Mid Year Reports

This is a reminder that your child's **Mid-Year Report** will be available after **12:00pm on Friday, 23rd January 2026**. More information about how to access the report will be shared in the coming weeks. The Mid-Year Report provides an overview of your child's progress across **all subjects they participate in**, offering insight into their learning, effort, and development during the first half of the academic year. It is a valuable opportunity to take time to review the feedback provided by teachers, celebrate achievements, and reflect on areas for continued growth.



Lasallian Formation - Staff Training

It was deeply meaningful to gather as a whole-school staff for a purposeful, values-driven Lasallian formation session under the theme *Heart to Heart, Hand in Hand*. The session strengthened our understanding of association, reminding us that we are a Lasallian family who care for and support one another. Through presence, solidarity, and modelling kindness, we renewed our commitment to living the Lasallian mission with our colleagues, students, and families each day.

IPC Learning in Year 3 & Year 6

Year 3 turned into archaeologists for the day as we introduced our new topic, 'Footprints from the Past'. The children had an amazing time excavating fossils using tools and dusting them down carefully with fossil brushes. We are excited to learn more about this fascinating topic.

Year 6 launched into their new unit 'Express Yourself' with an exciting entry point. Students completed four activities which gave them the opportunity to express themselves musically and artistically, as well as completing a year group graffiti wall and shadow performances.



Thank you S'Kitar!

A huge thank you to our **S'Kitar team** for running the second-hand uniform initiative for new and returning parents. This wonderful project encourages **upcycling and sustainability**, giving pre-loved uniforms a new life within our school community. It's a practical and meaningful way to make **eco-friendly choices** while supporting other families.



The Korean Parent Community

On Dec 11th, 2025, our Korean Parent Community and Secondary students hosted a festive Christmas party and lunch for the children at the **Children's Future Education Centre (CFEC)**.

During the visit, the group presented a **RM4,000 donation**, raised through Christmas Fair proceeds and individual contributions. We are incredibly proud of our students and parents for their generosity and for making this meaningful year-end experience possible.



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



High School Counsellor

This week, Ms. Joelle Chan joined us as the new high school counsellor. She is excited to join the SJIIS team and support the students' well-being!

Registered & Licensed Counsellor, Lembaga Kaunselor Malaysia (KB11824; PA11441)
Master of Counselling, IMU University
Bachelor of Psychology (Hons.), HELP University





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