

SJIIM Weekly Update

11 October 2019



Brother Paul's Lasallian Reflection

Dear Lasallians,

A few days ago I came across a review on a series of unpublished extract from lectures by Henri Nouwen. I like to share this with you.

The Lasallian invitation to prayer is to remember the presence of God. How do we practise the presence of God? Give yourself a moment and think about this question.

The fact is God has come to us and dwells in us and He has given us His breath – life. We are already in God. To practise the presence of God is to do acts of grateful service. It begins with small gestures. Being kind to your family and the people you work and study with, saying a patient word, writing a card, sending a flower.

Be attentive, Be attentive, Be attentive and know that God is here.

Yours in De La Salle,
Brother Paul

CATHOLIC CORNER

Dear parents,

October is an extraordinary missionary month. It is an opportunity for reflection, prayer and support for the missionary efforts of individuals, communities and the whole church. Let us pray for all missionaries in the world today:

Father, please direct our missionaries by your eye, instructing them and teaching them in your ways. Please uphold them with your righteous right arm. May the lamp of your word guide them today and may your words be found in their mouths as they speak to others about Jesus.

Psalm 32:8:8, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 119:105.

Mass this month

Our monthly Mass will take place on **October 18th** in our school chapel, located on the sixth floor. Mass will begin at **12:30pm** and usually finishes at around **1pm**. Students from Year 3-6 will be accompanied by a teacher. We kindly ask parents of students in Year 1 and Year 2 to notify the ES office if you wish for your child to attend. Parents of students in Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to collect your child from the ES office at 12:25 pm and go directly to the chapel. Early lunch provisions will be provided for the children on this day.

Chapel opening hours

A reminder that our school chapel is open every Tuesday and Thursday before school (07:30- 07:50 am) Children from the ES must be accompanied by an adult.

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Whole School Update



Open Classroom (HS) / PTC (ES) Event 12 October

We look forward to welcoming parents to the school on Saturday, October 12th to meet with the teachers. A number of ES & HS Parent Workshops will also take place tomorrow. All parents are invited to attend. Do also drop by the Lasallian centre for informal chat about topics relevant to our students' education and wellbeing. The PSG have kindly offered to serve refreshments so that parents can mingle with staff and other parents.

[ES Parent Workshops](#) - sign up at this [link](#)

[HS Breakout Sessions](#)

PARENT WORKSHOPS
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ES Art Room, Level 1
October 12

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HS BREAKOUT SESSION
2019/20
12 OCT SATURDAY

9:00 - 9:45AM
SCIENCE AT SJIIM BY MR WALSH - DRAMA ROOM
An overview of Science at SJIIM covering the content at different year levels, and an overarching view of the philosophy of teaching in the department that engages the whole student. Will discuss and how to support your child in Science.

REVISION/STUDY STRATEGIES BY MS BENJOW - BLACK BOX
Meets to help parents support students at home with revision/study strategies.

9:45 - 10:30AM
MATHS AT SJIIM BY MR FLYNN - DRAMA ROOM
General introduction to the department and our teachers in the department. Also what will be happening in the department throughout the year ahead.

MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCY MS COCKRELL - ROOM A4-06
Join us for a fun session of music making and see why music lessons challenge, excite and hold curiosity.

THE TREE BY DR BROWN AND MRS QUIGLEY - ES ART ROOM 4TH FLOOR
The Secret to Lasallian Education.

10:30 - 11:15AM
P.E AT SJIIM BY MR O'CONNOR - DRAMA ROOM
Introducing our new PE department and plan for the year. From Nursery - Year 11. Also what will be happening in the department throughout the year ahead.

WHERE SHOULD I GO TO UNIVERSITY? BY MR HOLLIS - BLACK BOX
How to find a university that "fits" this session will provide general advice in supporting the process of researching Colleges and Universities. It will also look at some of the factors to consider when deciding where to apply.

11:15 - 12:00PM
ENGLISH AT SJIIM BY MR HOLT - DRAMA ROOM
Teacher session on what a lesson in English Language and Literature may look like. A range of tasks and activities will be shared covered with a focus on how the IB teacher profile underpins what we do.

HOW DO YOU KNOW? BY MS FITZGERALD - ROOM 12-02
Theory of Knowledge (TOK) session! This will be an opportunity to have a practical understanding of what the "Theory of Knowledge" course is about and why it is such an important part of the IB Learner Programme. You will be challenged to consider how and why you know what you know.

12:00 - 1:00PM
SUCCESS IN GCSE AND PROGRESSION TO IB BY MR BUSH - BLACK BOX
Background information on GCSE courses and the pathway to IB.

BUILDING CHARACTER THROUGH LASALLIAN EDUCATION BY MR CAIRNS - ROOM 12-01
In this session, we will look at the links between this term's Lasallian Education areas of focus, the six pillars, and our character development programme. This presentation is suitable for all parents and will feature some fun facts on activities so that parents can gain a better understanding of the experience of the students.

1:00 - 1:45PM
HUMANITIES AT SJIIM BY MR HAYES - DRAMA ROOM
An overview of the humanities subjects and the progression through IGCSE and IB DP.

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THINKING ABOUT THINKING BY MR BAYFIELD - ROOM 12-08
Reflective thinking and being able to understand your own thought processes are a key part of thinking as a learner and a person, though both are often difficult to teach and learn. This session will look at why it is important, the ways students and adults can learn to improve their own thinking and how it can be taught in school and at home.

1:45 - 2:30PM
LANGUAGES AT SJIIM BY MS WONG - DRAMA ROOM
An introduction to the department and the Language pathways through the school.

Parent Event Performers

A big thank you to all the students from both HS and ES who have made themselves available to perform tomorrow at our Open Classroom day. We're really looking forward to hearing you perform throughout the day. All visitors to the school tomorrow are invited to pass by the Lasallian Mission Centre to enjoy these performances and show the students your support.

Driving & Parking and Safety at SJIIM

Safety of your children is paramount on the school campus. Please ensure that you are driving through the campus and car parks in line with the speed limits. There have been some reports of near accidents. Please do not double park around the side of the Early Years building. Double parking reduces visibility in an area where very small children are moving towards their parents cars.

Parents and staff have reported that there are still cars idling in the carpark. This is a health and safety risk for all who use or work in the carpark. Please speak to your driver if they wait for you or your children in the car parks. Vehicle registration numbers of cars that continue to idle in the car park will be published in the school update from next week.

Safe School Update: This week:



ADVICE FOR PARENTS WHEN SETTING UP SOCIAL MEDIA CLASS GROUPS

Check members are parents before accepting them into the group.

For safeguarding reasons, it's important to check that all members are parents of a child in the class before allowing them into the group

If you're unsure if someone is a parent of a child in the class, check with the class teacher before accepting them

Enable post approval

Facebook allows admins to 'approve' posts by all members before they are posted onto the group

If you decide not to approve a post, or to remove one, Facebook sends the member a message telling them which rule was broken

For platforms that don't allow post approval (WhatsApp or an email chain), you'll need to read all comments carefully to see if they break any rules and then ask the parent to remove their comment if it does

Group rules

All class reps should set the following rules for their groups:

1. Be respectful to staff, children and other parents at all times
2. Don't use the group to complain about a member of staff or the school. Raise complaints through the school's official channels so they can be dealt with in the appropriate way
3. Don't use the group to call attention to, or to try to solve, specific behaviour incidents. Discuss these with the class teacher or another member of staff so they can respond in line with the school's behaviour policy
4. Only share or post pictures of your own child. Get permission from another child's parents before posting or sharing photos of them

You can remove parents from Facebook, WhatsApp or email groups if they violate the group's rules.

When to report something to the school:

Speak to your class teacher, or a senior member of staff, if:

- Someone posts something in your group that is aggressive or abusive
- Someone in your group has broken a rule, or consistently breaks the rules, and hasn't responded to your requests or warnings about their behaviour
- Someone says something that suggests that a child may be at risk of harm
- Someone makes an allegation about inappropriate behaviour by a member of school staff
- The school will decide what further action should be taken

Elementary School Update

U9 Girls Bench Ball

Another great week for our sporting teams. Please see the P.E. [website](#) for the latest match reports and photographs.

Parent Teacher Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to school tomorrow for the PTCs. Class teacher consultations will take place in your child's classroom. Mandarin consultations on level 4 and Bahasa consultations in HS-H101, level 1, HS block.

Please remember to drop in to our teacher workshops.

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Spelling Bee

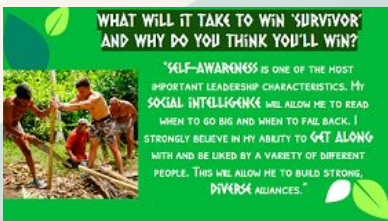
The first house event of the year will be taking place next **Thursday 17th October** for Years 1 - 6. All children should come to school wearing PE kits to support their teams.

If your child has been selected to take part in the Spelling Bee, please take the time to support your child in learning the spellings. Good luck everyone.

High School Update

Pre-Camp Assembly by Ms Cole

On Monday we had a lively "Survivor" themed assembly building up to camp. We began by listening to advice on building relationships and 'surviving' camp from Dean Kowalski, a contestant on Season 39 of the long-running reality TV series, 'Survivor.' After participating on the show, Dean's biggest advice to students was to "be a listener," to form "diverse bonds" and to "control your attitude, even when you can't control the situation." Students then played interactive games where they were immediately able to apply some of his advice. These games tested their ability to adapt and react to different situations, how well they know their year group, and how to play to different team member's strengths. All in all, it was an engaging assembly that left both students and teachers alike looking forward to camp next week!



Art Expo

Art and Design Students had a great day viewing over 1000 pieces of art at the 13th Annual Art Expo. Each student had a personal favorite. Kim, Il- Tae golden paintings, Nyoman Nuarta steel wire sculptures, and Lisa Wong Sook Kuan stork 'Origins' paintings were amongst the most talked-about pieces.



HS Character Camp Week

Best of luck to the students and teachers heading off on the Character Camp Week on Monday. We're sure that an amazing time will be had by all! This will be a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to build those important relationships whilst also making a worthwhile contribution to the communities that we will visit. Throughout the week, we will send out updates of our progress. A huge thank you to the Heads of Year for their hard work in organising the week. It is a process we started in Term 3 of the last academic year. We're all excited that it has finally arrived!

Donations

A huge thank you to all of the parents and students for contributing to the camp donations. We are all set for camp and the local families will appreciate this very much. Thank you especially to the parents and students who arranged the boxes in the foyer for the year 8 camp, a fantastic job all round.

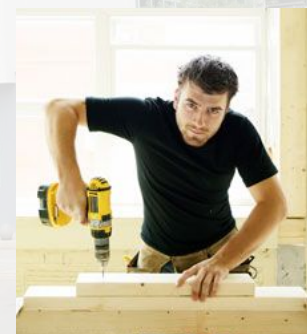


Calling all DIY enthusiasts

Are you handy with a power tool? Do you like building things your own hands? Then we need you!

The High School Musical this term is Shrek, and we need some enthusiastic people to help with set building! A tower, a castle! You will get to see your creation live on stage this Christmas!

Please contact Miss Pardo at cpardo@sj-international.edu.my if this is something you can help out with!



Useful Links



[ES Student Absence Form](#)
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[HS Parent Calendar 2019/20](#)
[ES Parent calendar 2019/20](#)



[HS Staff Email 2019/20](#)
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