

# SJIIM Weekly Update

## 7th May 2021



### **Our alumni: Josephians near and afar, but always connected**

As we approach another end of year, albeit an interrupted one, another batch of Josephians will soon head out into the world and onto exciting opportunities at some amazing universities. The IGCSE and IB exams are now well under way and, over the next few months, we will have a much clearer picture of what the future holds for our Year 13s.

As you will know, this year, the school has been connecting, and in some cases, reconnecting with our alumni. We are immensely proud of our students and, in the years to come, we hope that our growing number of students who pass through our school, will continue to want to feel part of the Lasallian community.

In recent weeks, we wrote to all of our former students to update us on what they are doing but to also get their input into our St. Joseph's Alumni Network. Of course, many of our students are keen to have social events and reunions when they return to Malaysia from their studies. Who wouldn't?

In the spirit of 'Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve', our alumni are also keen to give back - to still support our current students as they make significant life choices about what and where they plan to study. For example, our alumni have offered to provide guidance on university applications and be a point of contact to our students moving to different countries. So, for example, if one of our Year 11 or Year 12 students happened to be interested in applying to study Physics in the UK, Visagan Ravindran, from the Class of 2018 is currently studying Theoretical Physics at Durham University and would be happy to offer guidance on the university application and studying in the UK. For students wondering what it might be like to live and study in Hong Kong, we have Peace Foo, Dang Vu Minh, and Rie Wong from the class of 2019 who are living and studying there and willing to offer guidance.

The development of our alumni network is exciting for us and we believe that it will improve the experience of our students - watch this space!



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### Catholic Corner

The month of May is a special time for Catholics to pay homage or to honour our Blessed Mother Mary.

Mother Mary has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without Sin, who by her own free will agreed to bring the "Word made flesh", (John 1:14) our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into the world. Mary always seeks to be a *bridge* to her Divine Son Jesus Christ! Don't ever feel afraid to approach her in prayer for grace, strength and her intercession to Jesus for your personal intentions!

During the month of May many families create a May altar as a means of being able to honour Mother Mary and to offer up their prayers. Throughout this month we will continue to pray for our school community. In our prayers, we think about our students who are doing examinations, and we also pray for every country fighting the coronavirus pandemic and of course we offer up our own private prayers too.



#### PRAYER TO MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your Son Jesus to give me the gift of peace. Pray for me for peace; peace in my heart, peace of mind and of soul, peace in my family, peace with all whom I meet, the peace of Jesus.

I put all my hopes in thee, all my salvation. Receive me as thy servant and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou the Mother of mercy!

Amen.

**'Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.'**



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### Cross Curricular Activities (CCA) Update Elementary School and High School

It is with great sadness that we have made the collective decision to postpone the CCA programme 2020/2021 for the foreseeable future. This decision was made with the safety of our students in mind and another way, as a school, we could limit the risk of possible cases in school. I hope, in light of the current situation, you can understand our decision and support us in explaining this to your children.

We will work on creating a rich and diverse programme that will be ready and in place for students upon their return to school in August 2021, and we hope that our CCA programme 2021/2022 will run without any disruption. We understand how important our CCA programme is for the development of our students, not only academically, but socially and mentally.

### Book Donation Drive

Thanks for supporting the Book Donation Drive! Unfortunately we have to postpone the program due to the current situation. We shall resume it when the situation gets better! - PSG Team



### Parent-Led Webinars

After a really positive first event, led by Komal Chopra. We are pleased to share our next parent-led webinar in the series. Sign up at this [link](#).

Register Today!

### Parent-Led Webinar: Meet The Speaker



**JENNY KHOR**

Devoted Mother of 5,  
Certified Yoga  
Teacher

**Mental & Physical Resilience  
in Times of a Pandemic**  
Tuesday 11th May @ 8:30pm

### Mental & Physical Resilience In Times of a Pandemic

Tuesday, 11th May 2021, 8:30pm

"MY HUSBAND WAS DIAGNOSED WITH COVID-19 IN NOV LAST YEAR. SOON AFTER THAT, I WAS THE ONLY ONE FOUND POSITIVE AMONG ALL HIS CLOSE CONTACTS.

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY JOURNEY ON HOW MINDFUL LIVING INFLUENCED MY RECOVERY FROM THE VIRUS AND STRENGTHENED MY MENTAL RESILIENCE TOWARDS THIS PANDEMIC."

**REGISTER  
TODAY!**

# Elementary Weekly Update



## EY & ES Parent Teacher Consultations

You will have received an email to your family gmail account today that gives guidance about how and when appointments can be made via our online booking system 'Meet the Teacher'. Bookings are open from Tuesday May 11th, 8:00 am and close on different dates according to each conference. Please refer to the email as it gives specific details you will need to use when logging in. As a reminder, the conference dates are as follows:

- ES Language Teacher Consultation (Y1-Y6), Friday 21st May (8.00am - 2:30pm)
- EY & ES Class Teacher Consultation (Nursery - Y6), Wednesday 24th May (3:30pm - 5:30pm), Wednesday 2nd June (3:30pm - 5:30pm)
- EY Mandarin Teacher Consultation (Nursery & Reception), Wednesday 2nd June (3:30 pm - 5:30pm)

If you need assistance do contact the SJIIM Helpdesk [helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:helpdesk@sjj-international.edu.my) open from Monday to Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm.

## Hari Raya Dress Up Day

# Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri



## Wednesday 12th May

We are very excited to be celebrating this special time at St Joseph's. We would like to invite you to join in with the fun by dressing in beautiful pakaian tradisional Hari Raya.

### Gentle Reminder:

Remember to send your photo to your teacher so that we have a lovely selection for our yearbook!



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## Virtual PE Provision: Choice Activities

In an effort to increase student engagement and interest in virtual PE lessons, the PE team will be offering students the choice of a range of activities. Virtual lessons run by the PE team will have the same place on the timetable, however during morning lessons classes will have some choice, supported by the teacher, in the activity they would like to have during the lessons. For the afternoon lesson students will be able to choose the zoom they would like to join based on the activity that interests them. Some examples of themes of virtual activities will be: Get Active, Be Creative, Show and Tell, Just Dance or Tell Jokes, Story Time & Socialise.

## Zoom Update

As another period of virtual school begins, please ensure you have updated your Zoom software on whatever device your child uses. Simply click on the settings and go to 'check for updates'.



# High School Weekly Update



## International Overseas Teenage Chinese Essay Competition

Students from the Year 8 Chinese Advanced class - Brian, Tham Kah Xin (谭家兴) and Jeanelle, Mah Ren Yi (马仁谊) - have both won 3rd grade prizes (三等奖) in the 21st International Overseas Chinese Teenage Essay Competition 2020 - "2020年 第21届 '华人少年作文交流展示活动(海外)' ". The guiding teacher for these two students was Dr. CK Leow (Ms. Jenny). Follow this link for their essays.

Brian, Tham Kah Hin's (8M) essay entitled "My 2020" — 《我的2020》— skilfully portrays his achievements as a Malaysian child in the year 2020, despite the pandemic disaster changing his study habits. He expresses his thoughts about missing the sports and activities he likes doing and his friends in school. Looking back, he realises he has now grown to be a more mature child and, thankfully, did not waste his 2020.

Jeanelle, Mah Ren Ee's (8Y) essay entitled "Present" — 《礼物》— expresses her feelings about a crystal sandglass which she received from her mother. It is not merely a present, but a symbol of encouragement. When looking back, she now understands that nothing is impossible, and for any challenge we need to give ourselves time and patience. Finally, if necessary, we can always start afresh, just like turning over a sandglass.



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## World Book Day

Although COVID had other plans for our World Book Day on 23rd April, the students still managed to enjoy some online activities celebrating this year's 'Heroes and Villains' theme. Students were treated to some dramatic performances from teachers in our 'Masked Reader' competition. Teachers disguised themselves and their voices and read excerpts from their favourite hero or villain literature. Students enjoyed guessing the teacher and the text, as well as voting for their favourite. The winner was Mrs Edmunds with her powerful reenactment of Lady Macbeth! Well done, Mrs Edmunds!

In addition to this, students and staff also sent in photos for the 'Extreme Reader Challenge', showing themselves reading their favourite books in strange and unusual situations. These were shared in an online photo montage for everyone to enjoy. We hope to enjoy the costumes at a future date, as well as the Year 6 English transition workshops that were scheduled.

'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader' - Margaret Fuller



Vayden Wong



Mr. Bayfield



Mrs. Edmunds as  
Lady Macbeth



James & Maya  
Fedorowicz



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## IGCSE Examinations

The written IGCSE exam papers have begun this week with International Mathematics and Malay First language papers. The exams run from 27th April to 11th June, and know that our students have worked very hard in preparation for these exams - in incredibly challenging circumstances!

We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them in August.



## IB Examinations

Our Year 13 students began their final IB examinations this week with Chinese B and Business Management. It has been a pleasure to see them in school this week for these exams and for them to have the opportunity to display all of the knowledge that they have gained over the past two years. They have worked very hard to prepare for these examinations, and we are looking forward to their final results in early July.

## End of Year Examinations

### Years 7 to 9

This has been a difficult year for students with movement between Virtual School and face to face school. With this in mind, it will be important in our final term to support our younger learners in continuing to develop confidence in their understanding of the material being covered. As a result, there will not be any end of year examinations for Years 7 to 9 this year. Instead, teachers will focus their assessments this term with these students on material covered in term 3.

### Year 10 and Year 12

The end of year examinations for Years 10 and 12 are an important opportunity to gain experience in sitting whole papers in timed conditions, as part of their preparation for the final exams in Years 11 and 13. These end of year examinations were due to begin on 25 May. With the recent announcement of MCO 3.0 and the move back into Virtual School, we are planning to return to face to face lessons on 24 May. In order to support these students in feeling fully prepared and also having some time to meet their teachers in a face to face learning environment, we have postponed the start of these examinations until 10 June.

# STRAVA RUNNING UPDATE (Monday 3 May)

**This week's top 3 CLIMBERS (The runners who have run the most hills!)**

## **Miguel**

1. Tze Kirk Lee
2. Eva W
3. Doreen Teo

## **Mutien**

1. Ven Chellam
2. Yivon Ng
3. Jo Lim

## **Benilde**

1. Anna Ngooi
2. Siew Ying
3. Sow Wang Ng

## **Jaime**

1. Jeremy Sim (Y11 Student)
2. Jeff Hashim
3. Michaela Goodson

**Mutien**

**7360**

**Miguel**

**6764**

**Jaime**

**4374**

**Benilde**

**3453**

## **SOME TIPS IF YOUR MILES HAVE DROPPED...**

- ★ Change up your running route - it's nice to see new things
- ★ Treat yourself to some new running shoes - it'll be sure to get you out again
- ★ Make a new playlist, or find a new book/podcast to listen to
- ★ Now we can, find a running partner, or even group
- ★ Run for time, not distance
- ★ Leave your gear close to the door!

**Ever tried hill sprints!? You can run for less time if you add them in...**



# Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2020/21](#)  
[ES Parent calendar 2020/21](#)



[Whole School Teaching Staff Email 2020/21](#)



[Term 3 AY 20/21 meal charges](#)  
[ES Menu May 2021](#)  
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[Epurple Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)  
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