

## SJIIM Weekly Update

27th August 2021

### Important Dates:

3rd Sept - Deadline of HS  
Vaccination Survey form by  
MOE

### Upcoming Events:

30th August - 3rd Sept:  
ES Parent Information  
Sessions

### 1st - 15th Sept:

HS Year group Information  
Sessions

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

**A message from Brother Dato Paul Ho,  
Chairman/Board of Governors**



Dear Josephians,

As you enter the foyer of the school, what is the maxim that you noticed on the wall? Many a time many of you would pass it and not given any thought to it. If you are a new student to SJIIM, you will notice, read and off you go.

*Enter to learn, leave to serve*

Welcome Josephians to another academic year. It will be another challenging year for not only you but also for your teachers as our face-to-face teaching days might be limited. But we hope that when the opportunity does allow this, let us make the best of those times to "catch-up" with lessons and friendships.

We enter to learn together, you and the teachers. We learn from one another as our founder, St. John Baptist de La Salle reminds us that we are a learning community that fosters brotherhood and sisterhood. The word, we use in our Lasallian vocabulary is "fraternity."

You have gifts that are unique to you, and we hope you will share your giftedness with the others so that we can all build personal cordial and fraternal educational relationships. Nobody in SJIIM should feel that they are not appreciated especially your classmates who may need an extra "hand" to them overcome an obstacle physically or emotionally. The staff who look after the school, enter to learn to wish them and greet them with gratitude for what they have doing especially during this pandemic.

There is so much to learn in your "short" stay at SJIIM and there is so much more you can serve in the wider community once you leave us. Let us this year foster serenity in our learning and relationships in SJIIM.

Be grateful always for family, wellness, and safety in our homes. God bless and have an adventurous academic year.

We can safely declare, SJIIM fosters serenity.

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### Message from Mak Lai Ying Frances, Head of School



Most of the staff members including myself spent our summer break in Malaysia. We all, in our own ways, found interesting endeavours to occupy our time meaningfully. The Tokyo Olympics also kept many captivated during that time. With the available technology, we have been able to keep in touch with families and friends from different parts of the world.

I learnt how to cycle when I was in my late 50s and I brought my foldable bicycle to Malaysia. I am afraid to cycle along the roads of Malaysia and the bicycle remained unused until the end of July. With most facilities closed, I had to consider other exercise options. I am glad that I pushed myself to get the bike ready and started cycling again.

I also got myself an iPad and downloaded the LIBBY app. so that I can use the app. to borrow ebooks/emagazines/audio books from the National Library of Singapore. The recording function in the iPad showed me how badly I played the few new piano pieces and reminded me that hard work, practice and perseverance are essential ingredients for good quality output. There is still much more to learn about what the iPad can do and I will learn to do some drawing/designing with the Apple pencil.

The summer break has also reinforced good habits for me, such as listening to Catholic daily reflections before bedtime and attending online mass in the morning. I also devoted time to praying for others, including a few that I wish I did not have to relate to. This has not been easy and I have to get continuous help from God.

All things shall pass and the pandemic will eventually end. We will need to live with a new equilibrium in how we work and play. While we may not fully return to what it was like in 2019, I am confident that most of us are flexible and have learnt to adapt during the past months. Our IGCSE and IBDP results are a testimony to what is achievable despite challenging times. We will be able to live out 2021/2022 well by being the best version of ourselves – remaining positive and hopeful in the days to come and doing our best in whatever that we need to accomplish.

Stay safe and keep well.

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NEWS

SJIIM Yearbook 2020-21



We are delighted to share with you the SJIIM Yearbook for the academic year 2020-21.

The challenges faced by our community last year changed many aspects of school life, yet throughout these sometimes difficult times there were positive moments too, which hopefully this yearbook has captured, in a new digital format.

At a time when mobile technology is the way forward for our students and families, we wanted to maximise the creativity and flexibility a digital yearbook can offer. As well as creating a product which is easier to share more widely with family and friends around the world, a digital product has no environmental impact. In these most disconnected of times we felt that a yearbook which could be shared quickly and easily with loved ones was fitting, keeping families connected even while they are apart.

We hope that you will cherish the memories our digital yearbook contains, and appreciate how this new style matches the unique contents recording a landmark year, both across the globe and in our own community.

[SJIIM Yearbook 2020/21 Link](#)

**Sahana Fried & Christine Pardo**

**Community Reflection**

When we moved to Malaysia from Singapore in August 2016, it was no coincidence that SJIIM opened up at the same time. We were looking for value-based education options for our three children, Prayers, David and Isabella, and SJIIM came to be the best fit. Since it was a new school, it seemed like we were taking a chance but little did we know that this experience would turn out to be an enriching one!

And that is how we would choose to best describe our experience as growing in the Lasean community: enriching lives.

Now, we don't mean the physical maintenance being provided by SIOOIO at the school cafeteria but rather the nourishment of the soul.

The holistic approach to the child's development, be it academic or pastoral, is what our family treasures as. The importance of the Liturgy Programme is also highly appreciated and the Lasean Education in high school is much needed in today's world. Warm regards to our children as they get exposure to the same at school.

The learning environment in the elementary school encourages curiosity, each day facing something exciting that feeds the students. As a result, our sons eagerly looked forward to attending school.

While in high school, the students are encouraged to be independent learners, to self-reflect, set goals, and be focused. This same approach to learning has led our daughter to opt for the IB program next year and we are able to help in support her decision as we believe that SJIIM will do its best and keep up to its motto: Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve.

The extracurricular activities have given our children more great exposure and helped them further develop their talents.

**CLASS 3S**

Miss Witz | Miss Faye

The children of 3S have made very big strides. They have become 3S with so much enthusiasm, patience and cooperation which has made the journey truly special for them together. Although much of the time has been spent on online learning, they have shown that they have enjoyed every day in their special together.

As an animal loving class, we have had some amazing thought-provoking conversations and shared our knowledge with each other. Caring for our class pets (chickens) and fish has been a highlight of practical work and has helped the students to learn more about the importance and responsibility.

3S have produced some high-quality work for World Class from The Daily, Animal Awareness, Supporting the program's, Chemistry lab and the Maths book. This is only a very small glimpse of what we do here throughout the year, and the things they have done for the school year and beyond.

I wish class 3S very much over year. As it has been every year I believe that they are well prepared for the year ahead ahead. I hope they remain curious, do not forget their school buddies to meet.

**CLASS 3S**  
We are the Perfect Paleontologists

3S | 2020-2021

MORNING TIMETABLE				
	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00	<b>Morning Meeting</b> Welcome and get to know each other games	<b>Morning Meeting</b> Our community & zoom room	<b>Morning Meeting</b> Let's build a friend	<b>Assembly</b>
8:30	Story & create a portrait	Seesaw skills Task	Seesaw skills: 'All about me' book Task	Kahoot: How well do you know your class?
10:00	Breaktime			
10:30	What makes us special?	<b>Music</b>	Seesaw skills: 'All about me' book Task	<b>Bahasa</b>
11:00	<b>Independent</b> fine motor task reading	<b>Independent</b> fine motor task reading	<b>Independent</b> fine motor task reading	<b>Independent</b> fine motor task reading

### New Virtual / Hybrid Timetables

Based on parent feedback last term, we have adapted the virtual school timetables to align more closely with our in school timetables. This will allow us to move more seamlessly back to in-school or hybrid learning. Some sessions are taught synchronously (on Zoom) and some are asynchronous (in Google Classroom or Seesaw). You will notice in Mandarin, in addition to the three Zoom lessons, we have added two asynchronous lessons, so children have daily practise.

### SJIIM PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



### Parent Information session

Year group parent information sessions will run next week, commencing on 30th August. You will receive the date, time and Zoom details for your meeting from your child's Head of Year.



### Welcome New Families

Our new ES parents were welcomed to our St. Joseph's community by the year group parents reps this week in our 'virtual coffee social'. It was a truly heartwarming opportunity for sharing between our new parents and we hope it helped everyone feel a bit more connected. Thank you to our parent reps for your expertise and enthusiasm. Most of all - welcome to our new families!



### Virtues

Here are a few wonderful Virtues Project resources for you to use with your family.

We hope these resources help to support your children to blossom through these challenging times and to help them turn these challenges into moral victories.

The Virtues Shop : <https://virtuesshop.com/>

Virtues Podcast: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/govirtues/id1522130353>

The Virtues Project website: <https://www.virtuesproject.com/>

## Welcome Back to High School!

We hope that the first week back has gone well for the students. We are happy to see that so many of the students are engaging with their virtual learning. A warm welcome to our new students and our new Year 7s too!

### Teachers' profile :

[Mrs Clare Drennan](#)

[Mr Adam Ford](#)

## Welcome to our new teachers

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new HS teachers, Mrs Clare Drennan (English/EAL & Year 9 tutor), Mr Adam Ford (Science and Year 7 tutor) and Ms Jessica Kuok (Art maternity cover).

## HS New Student Induction

On Monday 23rd August, our High School SRC organised and led a session to welcome our new students to SJIIM.

Welcoming students and family to our community is very important to us and, in these circumstances, we need to be even more proactive in reaching out and creating togetherness. This year, each new family was welcomed with a hand written SJIIM postcard from Mr Cairns or Mrs Fedorowicz. In the HS, Heads of Year also met with our new students before the start of term to welcome them and check they were prepared, whilst Mrs Fitzgerald provided an excellent introduction to the Virtual School session.



### HS Year group Info Sessions dates:

Year 7 with Ms Sousa - 7.9.21 (Tue)  
Year 8 with Ms Battle - 14.9.21 (Tue)  
Year 9 with Mr Husain - 15.9.21 Wed  
Year 10 with Ms Pollitt - 1.9.21 (Wed)  
Year 11 with Mrs Stacey - 8.9.21 (Wed)  
Year 12 with Ms Cole - 2.9.21 (Thurs)  
Year 13 with Mr Hollis - 9.9.21 (Thurs)

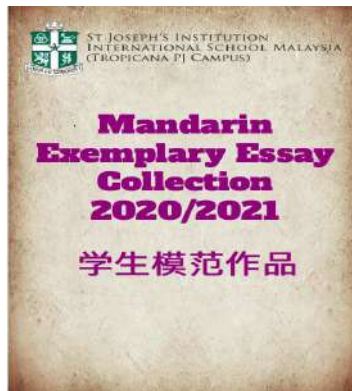
## Head of Year Information Sessions

Please check the parent calendar for the dates for these sessions. Heads of Year will send an invitation, along with the codes in advance of the meeting. The session, which looks ahead to the coming academic year, provides parents with important information and guidance on how to support their child.



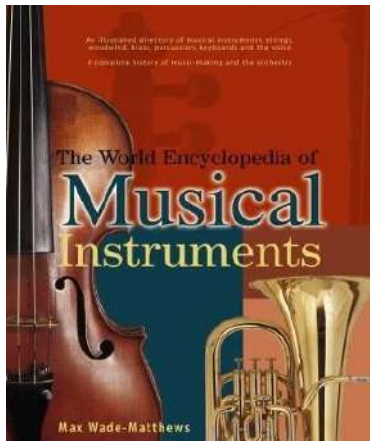
## Y12 Lasallian Leadership Camp

Due to the restrictions of the MCOs, our 6th Lasallian Leadership Camp was an online event this year, held on 16-18th Aug. This year the camp was co-facilitated by the Ipoh facilitators and Mrs Victoria Stacey-Swale, our Lasallian Education teacher.



## Chinese Class Students' Exemplary Essay Collection 2020/2021

Students' exemplary essays from the academic year 2020/2021 have been selected by their Mandarin class teachers. From IB Chinese B to class Foreign Language, we've carefully selected a few of the best essays from each student and compiled them into the model works so it's easy for us to see students' achievements. Thus, you may click on the [link](#) and spread the joy.



## Drop off of Musical Instruments and Collection/Drop off of English books

We have created a form for parents to book a time to drop off musical instruments and collect/drop off English books. Students will be informed by their English teachers which books they need to collect/drop off. In order to book a slot, please complete [this form](#) and reserve a slot on the calendar. Please note that we need two days notice to prepare. Parents will be able to drive up to the front of school and we will handover/collect books and instruments.

As of yet, we are not able to allow students on site to clear lockers. If students remember the location and number of their locker, we will collect things from the locker but we do need that important information.

### COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Students in Singapore aged 11 and above can register for their vaccinations starting Jun 1, 2021. Those taking their N, O- or A Level exams this year will get priority.

Starting June 1, you or your parents will get an SMS inviting you to book your vaccination slot.

You can get your jab at community vaccination centres or at 4 dedicated MICE vaccination centres.

If you're below 18, you will only be offered the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine if you're 16 and above, you can choose between the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

The earliest vaccination slots are available from Jun 1.

If your 12th birthday falls after Jun 1, you will be invited for vaccination at a later date.

Ministry of Education, Singapore

## Vaccination programme for private school students from 12 to 17 years old

The Ministry of Education has requested that we provide them with student information as part of the vaccination programme for private school students aged 12 - 17 years old.

Please complete the form by Friday September 3rd:  
<https://forms.gle/ZKnthSJCduNugNEm9>



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[ES Parent calendar 21/22](#)



[WS Teaching Staff Email 21/22](#)



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