

SJIIM Weekly Update

12th November 2021

Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:

13 & 14 Nov - PISF Mid Valley
IPC Parent Information
Session : Tue, 16 Nov @ 9am

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Edward Hill - Lead Practitioner KS2

"Kota Kinabalu - where's that?" Such a simple question, yet it was one that would change my life in ways I could never have imagined. Having spent the first few years of my teaching career in the South-West of England, I was in search of a new adventure. The island of Borneo seemed an appropriate place to begin it, and here I am 12 years later, back in Malaysia.

Since I can remember I have always been fascinated by new places, cultures, and languages. I have been incredibly fortunate throughout my adult life to have the opportunity to travel and explore places that fired my imagination in my youth. Borneo was certainly one of those. The richness of Malaysian culture, the extraordinary biodiversity, and of course the cuisine were just a few of the reasons that I was so keen to come back here when the opportunity arose. It has been a delight to reacquaint myself with what is familiar about Malaysia, but also to discover the differences between Sabah and West Malaysia. I thought I spoke some Bahasa from my time in Sabah, but it turns out it's quite different over here!

My travels have taken me to many corners of the globe, and every one of them has taught me something. Whether it was driving a London taxi cab from Hyde Park to Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia, kayaking to the base of Angel Falls in Venezuela, or hiking in the Karakorum mountains in Pakistan, I have learnt that getting out of our comfort zones and making connections with people enriches our lives in so many ways.

This is the same in education. Connection is the theme that runs through all my experiences of teaching; from South Africa to Brazil, from Borneo to Dorset. Where we come from, what language we speak, this doesn't matter - all we really want is to be listened to, to feel safe, and to be part of a community.

Now that the world is opening up, I am excited about having the opportunity to begin travelling again. I look forward to sharing stories and memories with my students and opening their minds to the incredible world that exists out there, and the life-changing experiences that await us if we are brave enough to embrace them.

In our Founder's footsteps

Let the way you live be that of the Gospel- St Thomas.

Our International Week Book Drive in partnership with SVP was a huge success. It was very heartwarming to see the amount of books and stationery items donated by the PSG and families in our school community. This week students in Year 6 gave up their lunch times to come and organise all the books into categories ready for the SVP pick up. The children carried out this act of service with enthusiasm and with gratitude. Well done to everyone who helped to make this service campaign such a success!



The Season of Advent

Advent starts on Nov 28th. The planning of various Advent themed activities for high school and elementary school are underway. More details on this will be shared in next week's update.



House Performing Arts Competition 2021

After weeks of anticipation, students have been able to see the finals for this year's Elementary Performing Arts Competition. There were over 70 entries under the three categories of Music, Dance and Drama across the school and gave the judges a really difficult job in narrowing down the entries and finding our finalists and eventual winners. Our judges were Mr Lawrence for Dance and Mr Yann for Music, both teachers in HS and specialists in this field. The videos are below, enjoy watching and find out who our winners were!

[Drama](#)

[Dance](#)

[Music \(Lower-school\)](#) - Year 1-3

[Music \(Upper-school\)](#) - Year 4-6

Congratulations to all those involved and a special well done to all our finalists and winners!

How does SJIIM teach IPC?

Which IPC topics will your child be learning this year?

What's new this year?

IPC Information Session for Parents
Tuesday, 16th November @9:00am

Unit of Learning
The Big Picture Includes the Themes: Knowledge, Creativity, Innovation, and Problem Solving

Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 848 0942 0970
Passcode: IPC
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84809420970?pwd=SGVtaWRGeFZMZmRjVEFJVU5RbXJTQT09>

For parents from Year 1 to Year 6

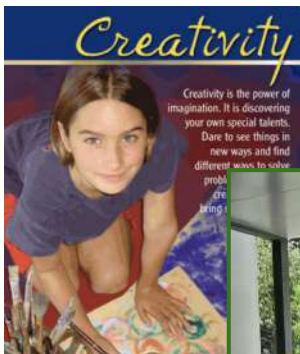
IPC Parent Information Session

Ms McCusker, our IPC leader, will deliver an IPC parent information session on Tuesday, 16th November at 9:00am to give an overview of how SJIIM uses IPC to support our delivery of the curriculum. Topics covered in each year group and new initiatives for this school year will also be discussed. We look forward to seeing you! Please find the meeting details below.

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Share Your Creativity

We are launching a very exciting challenge this week and asking our young Lasallians to think of actions to accompany our Lasallian school song.

Feel free to involve the whole family in recording your special action filled Lasallian song. Let your virtue of creativity take over...

Lasallian Song [link](#)

Add your videos [here](#)



Student Representative Council Elections

One of the strongest features of our school has always been our incredible student council. Our SRC are now in the process of organising the elections of our new Student Representative Council and, of course, our President who will be selected from amongst our Year 12s.

Whose name will be added to our Honour's Board?

With the return to school, we are excited that 2022 is going to be the year when we get to see our student body bring back many exciting events and provide more of a say for our students in how the school is run.

The deadline for applications is today so we hope to see as many students as possible putting themselves forward.

Annual Lasallian International Experience Student Conference

For the second year running, SJIIM sent a group of students from the LYM to represent our school. The Lasallian International Experience 2.0 (LINE 2.0) was a four week long formation programme including students and teachers from schools around the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD). There were over 270 participants from 26 different schools in 7 different countries of LEAD. Some of the countries involved were Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Myanmar, the Philippines and Japan. Our school was represented by ten students from Year 10 and 12: Allison, Meagan, Dhanya, Shinz Jo, Amira, Ethan, Sher Ying, Deborah, Jiwon and Isabella. We are extremely proud of our students for representing our school at this important Lasallian East Asia District event. [Read more](#)



HS Timings and Pick up arrangements

This is a reminder that, from next week, HS will return to the normal school timings. Lessons will revert to being 80 minutes in length and the school day will end at 3:10pm. A letter has been sent out about the new pick up arrangements which will also come into effect from next week.

Year 9 and Year 11 Options Assemblies and Parent Information Sessions



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

With the Options Information event coming up on **2nd March 2022** for students in Year 9 and Year 11 and their parents, we will be starting the process with those students and their parents to prepare for the decisions for their IGCSE and IB options choices. With our IB Options event taking place on 2 March, we want to give students all the information available so that they can start thinking towards making the right decisions for their next steps in education.

Parents of Year 9 students had an information session on Thursday with Mr. Hussain and Mr. Bush with some initial guidance and information. Year 9 students will then have an assembly next week with them. Following this, all Year 9 students will have a one to one meeting with either Mr. Hussain or Mr. Bush so that they can ask any questions they might have at this stage.

On **Friday 19th November, Year 11** students will attend an assembly where they will learn more about further education and the IB provision here at SJIIM. During the assembly, Ms. Stacey will talk about the well-being aspects of making big decisions about the future. Mrs Fitzgerald will then talk about the IB programme and scholarships.

On **Tuesday 23rd November, 4pm - 5pm**, we will be delivering the same session to parents, with the additional support of Mr Hollis, Head of Year 13 and University and Careers Counsellor. Mrs Fitzgerald will be available to answer questions about the IB programme and scholarships and I will also be available to answer questions and give support to parents who are guiding their children through a very important year.

Following these sessions, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Ms. Stacey will meet with each student during the final weeks of term, to give them an opportunity to start talking through their potential choices and to answer any questions for them. They could also make an appointment with Mr. Hollis, if that would be helpful.



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



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



[HS Nov/Dec menu](#)
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[Catholic Corner 20/21](#)
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[PSG Update 20/21](#)



[Music Website](#)



[Sports Website](#)



[Epulse \(Top up credit\)](#)
[Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)
[Parent portal \(For ES\)](#)



University & Careers
Counsellor (TBA)



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