

Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:
House Spirit Day 26th
November

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA
(TROPICANA PJ CAMPUS)

"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

**Message from Dale Stacey - Leader of Teaching & Learning (HS)
Head of Music (ES)**

All teachers are Performers...

Since before I can remember, I have always loved performing. It started early. An obsession with Musicals, theatre production, dance, comedy... any type of performance I was drawn to. At one point I even wanted to be a magician in the 'Magic Circle'! Recognising this passion, I went to drama groups, studied the keyboard, took dance lessons and later, as a teenager, formed my first band and started down my journey of education in Drama and Music. This led me to follow a BA in Music in the city where Pop Music started, the home of the Beatles: Liverpool. My career path after university saw me working with some of the biggest bands of the early '00s as a sound engineer, working at large venues across the UK, whilst also pursuing my passion to make it big with own my band. Music even led me to my wife, whom I met at a music festival!

Through working with the industry, it was when working with young bands and musicians that I found true job satisfaction. Realising my calling, I trained to be a Music teacher. I understood that encouraging younger generations to find a passion for music was something that gave me as much, if not more, joy than performing myself. To develop their understanding of the principles of music appraisal and develop a life-long passion for music, whilst pushing the boundaries of their abilities, gave me the same adrenaline rush as before walking on stage. Music, as with all Arts, is a great exponent of values-based education; where students not only learn the skills and knowledge of the subject, but also those of courage, resilience, integrity, communication and so much more. Imparting these lifelong skills had far more importance.

The driving force behind me is my family, which grew alongside my teaching career. Moving abroad was a big step for us, with an 8 and 3 year-old, but we took the leap in 2018. Our decision to move our family across the world stemmed from the hope of opportunity; to see the world, to give our children a more holistic education and to give them a wider world view. Malaysia has more than fulfilled on its promises, with its food, its disparate landscapes to explore, its flora and fauna to inspire, and the warmth from its many cultures. We were drawn to St Joseph's with its promise of a values-based education, high aspiration for all students to achieve their individual best, and its Lasallian values. These aspects are important to us as a family and the values are those which we wish to impart to our children, as well as the students in the school community.



If 'All the World's a stage', when I was younger I craved the 'limelight'. Now, I have learnt to be more fulfilled by playing a 'supporting role' - to my family, to the staff and to the students of our school community.

Catholic Corner

A massive 'Thank You' to our Catholic Activities Committee (CAC) and to our Parents Support Group (PSG) who with the help of Khairul and his team gave up their time to decorate our school foyer in preparation for Advent which starts on November 28th. The foyer looks truly beautiful.

The Year of St. Joseph

This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of when Saint Joseph was declared a saint. As such, on 30th June 2021 our school community celebrated the Year of Saint Joseph via an online virtual liturgy service. Part of this liturgy service involved reflecting on the courage shown by Saint Joseph and a specially designed template was shared so that members of our school community could offer up their own special intentions to Saint Joseph.

This week in school as a follow up to this service, we invited students across high school and elementary to spend time learning about this humble man and shared with them the same template from the end of year virtual service. Students dedicated some quiet time to writing down their ideas on how they would like to develop courage and other virtues within themselves. Thanks to the help of our wonderful parents, these Saint Joseph templates are now on display in our school foyer and a selection will be used as part of our Advent paraliturgu service for students in Year 4-Year 6.





Sponsor a Bag for our SJIIM Cleaners & Guards @ RM 41 /each
(A total of 46 bags to be prepared)

Each essential gift bag will contain

1. Rice (5kg)
2. Coffee/tea (3in1)
3. Biscuits
4. Instant noodles
5. Sugar 1kg
6. Flour 1kg
7. Bar soap

***Payments can be made to the school finance office via online transfer to the following account:**

BANK NAME : OCBC BANK (MALAYSIA) BERHAD
SWIFT CODE : OCBCMYKL
ACCOUNT NAME : TROPICANA SJII EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SDN. BHD.
ACCOUNT NO. : 7071281859
REFERENCE NO. : Xmas Blessing Bag-Student name
EMAIL : finance@sjj-international.edu.my

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***Bags will be gifted during the Christmas Holidays**

Christmas Blessing Bag

Christmas is just around the corner and the festivities at school have begun! It is also a time for giving and receiving gifts. If you would like to sponsor a Christmas Blessing Bag for our SJIIM cleaners and guards kindly transfer your donation to:

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Your kind gesture will be a big blessing to them. Thank you for your generosity.



PLANT JOY!

Get a Christmas Pot with every donation

Receive a gift that will keep growing when you sow seeds of kindness. **KitaKitar** is raising funds to buy new computers for the boys at Rumah Pengajian Xavier (RPX). RPX provides schooling opportunities to children from disadvantaged homes. For a minimum donation of just RM30, you will get a potted plant festively dressed in our signature upcycled uniform creations. It's going to be a green Christmas at SJIIM this year!

100% of proceeds will be donated.

Donations can be channeled to **KitaKitar** via the School from 22 November - 3 December 2021.
Tropicana SJI Education Management Sdn Bhd
OCBC Bank Malaysia Bhd
Account No: 7071281859
Please quote in the payment instruction :
"KitaKitar (Your Child's Name & Class)"

KITA KITAR

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PLANT Joy! KitaKitar Krismas campaign

This Christmas forget the mistletoe and show love with a plant instead! **KitaKitar** is collaborating with Rumah Pengajian Xavier (RPX), a home for boys run by the Society of St Vincent de Paul Malaysia that has been helping disadvantaged families for over 20 years. The RPX boys are growing plants to raise funds for much-needed laptops for school work. For a minimum donation of just RM30, you will receive a plant gift that is nurtured by the aspirations of the RPX boys, and dressed ready for Christmas by **KitaKitar** volunteers. Donations can be channeled to **KitaKitar** via the School's Finance Office from **22 November - 3 December 2021** or transfer your donations to :

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SWIFT CODE : OCBCMYKL
ACCOUNT NAME : TROPICANA SJII EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SDN. BHD.
ACCOUNT NO. : 7071281859
REFERENCE NO.: KitaKitar (Your child's name and class)
EMAIL : finance@sjj-international.edu.my



House Spirit Day/Spelling Bee

Friday 26th November will be the first House Spirit Day this year. This is a termly event which gives children the opportunity to compete for and connect with their House community. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their House colours. All lessons during the day will have a House theme and children will take part in a House Spelling Bee competition in their home class. Please see this [video](#) from our new House Captains for further details, as well as the current scores for each house! This has also been shared on Seesaw.



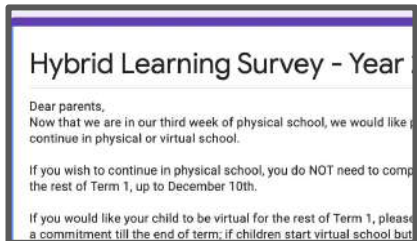
Share Your Creativity

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](#)



Virtual School survey and intentions

A gentle reminder for all Year 2 and 3 parents to complete their final hybrid learning survey today. Next week, we will survey families with students in Years 4-6. This will be our final survey for hybrid learning, which will take us to the end of Term 1. We do not plan to offer virtual learning in Term 2.



Canteen offering for ES Students

Thank you for the feedback about our new Canteen operator. They are regularly seeking feedback and the students seem very happy. As a reminder, ES students are not allowed to purchase drinks or snacks to encourage them to eat their healthy lunches.



Art is Fair / KL

This year the KL Art Show is hybrid! Visit in person or online to stimulate quality conversation and inspire community and culture. This is a great opportunity for ES families to promote learning outside the classroom. Please find the [link](#) for more information on the physical and online exhibits running 11th- 28th November.



The poster for 'Project Gold' features a central yellow gift box with a red ribbon. Surrounding the box are various icons representing different items: books, a laptop, a Zoom logo, a calendar with '10/12', envelopes, and drawing supplies. The text is arranged in a collage style with torn paper edges.

LYM mission
Cultivating curiosity
Delivering dreams
Empowering experiences

The GOLD Project
Gifts of Love and Dreams

GIFTS OF LOVE AND DREAMS
-RPX . ZOMI . DESTINY HOMES-

DELIVERY BY:

- Quiz books
- Non-fictional books
- Coloring books
- Audiobooks
- Handwriting books
- Greeting cards
- Personalized messages
- Video tutorials: language, crafts...
- Online zoom meetings! :->
- *each person will have free access to tutorials!
- Draw-along activities
- Origami
- Building kits
- Calligraphy pens

Payment of RM 45 via:
- Cash at Finance Office
- Cheque made payable to "Tropicana SJII Education Management Sdn. Bhd."
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DONATE NOW

Project Gold

Members of the LYM present, Project Gold (Gifts of Love and Dreams).

[Watch this video](#) to learn more.

Please support our wonderful LYM students by sponsoring a learning pack that will include 5 hours of tutorials and live zoom sessions. The students are working hard to deliver 50 packs to children from three different homes in the area. From ordering to packing to delivery the whole of LYM are involved in this project. Our students are busy creating tutorials and preparing for their online zoom sessions.

Students are asking for donations of RM45. If paying by transfer please use 'Gold Project' as the reference for payment. [Click here](#) for payment options.



Student Representative Council Election

This week our students have been giving speeches to their peers in the hope of being elected to the SRC.

We are now counting the votes and we will hopefully be able to announce our new SRC next week.

We will then begin the process of electing our SRC President!

It was wonderful to be able to do these live again. Huge congratulations and thanks to those students who put themselves forward.

Year 9 and Year 11 Options Assemblies and Parent Information Sessions



Today students in Year 11 had an assembly in which Ms. Stacey talked about the well-being aspects of making big decisions about the future and Mrs Fitzgerald talked about the IB Diploma Programme at SJIIM.

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 Ms. Stacey will also be available to answer questions and give support to parents who are guiding their children through a very important year.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

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.

Parents can access the session with the following Zoom links:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88689683694?pwd=YmNlbk85ZHNCZUVXbE5pS0hETlZndz09>

Meeting ID: 886 8968 3694

Passcode: 915385



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