

## SJIIM Weekly Update

5th November 2021



ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MALAYSIA  
(TROPICANA PJ CAMPUS)

*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

### Important Dates:

### Upcoming Events:

9 Nov: KS1 Singapore Math  
Parent Information Session

11 Nov - Y9 IGCSE Parent info  
session

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### **Message from Sahana Fried-Elementary School Pastoral Leader**

It is hard to believe that this is my sixth year at St Joseph's. From teaching the youngest children in Nursery back in 2016 to setting up the Virtues Project, to now working as the Pastoral Leader, it's been a joy as well as a challenge. Now with our students returning to our physical school, I have been focusing on finding ways of making that transition as smooth and gentle as possible. One of my projects at the moment is to build a website filled with stories from our own SJIIM teachers about going to school as young children. Our students simply love to hear about the kind of fun mischief their teachers got up to.



Aside from the amusement and humour, there are very valuable lessons to be gained from this activity. When we share our stories, it awakens our sense of meaning to our community. The act of listening to stories is a precious one and it's a way to honour that particular person, which honours us all. One of our most amazing storytellers is Brother Thomas. He was the first person to greet and welcome me to the SJIIM community. Since then, we have grown our character education programme year by year.

As a mother, I have loved watching my son Avi blossom, embrace his learning and develop an enthusiasm for helping others. As a family, we feel proud to live and work in a country that prides itself on being a melting pot of cultures and communities. During our six years here, we have explored the beauties of this wonderful and exciting land. From the dynamism of KL to the wonderful pristine beaches of the East coast, the highlands of Cameron or Johor Bahru in the south, we've always come across the exceptional warmth and kindness of the people of Malaysia.

Our school, SJIIM, has been, a home within a home, a community within the larger community of Malaysia. I feel that The Virtues Project has been the glue that has held and solidified all the disparate components of what a school should be. It is what makes us unique and has and will continue to hold us together as one strong whole. As our children continue to return to our physical school, it will be the sense of community held by the virtues that will help us weather the transition and any challenges we may face. We look forward to our corridors once again filled with children, to the sounds of laughter and learning, and the hum of a community in motion, moving on.



## Deepavali

Our celebration day on Wednesday was a great success -thank you parents for dressing your children in such lovely outfits. A big special thank you to parents who sent in Deepavali decorations to help make the classrooms look festive. For the Hindu families in our community, may the diya lamps light your life with joy and prosperity. Happy Deepavali to you and your families! We hope you enjoy this special celebration.



## School Mascot

A few weeks ago Miss Spensley was in her classroom teaching a zoom class when she could hear some loud cries. After investigating further she found a small tiny kitten huddled up behind the bins looking lost and afraid! With the help of Miss Chadwick, they rescued the small kitten and took it to the vet. After a few weeks of rest and relaxation baby Joseph (named after SJIIM) is looking healthy and fabulous. He is currently spending his days with Miss Spensley but if anyone is looking for a new cat to cuddle and could give our St Joseph's cat a forever home, please let us know. We would love him to stay in the SJIIM family.

### KS1 Singapore Maths Information Session

On Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 9:15am, Mr Fitzgerald will be hosting a KS1 mathematics information session via zoom.

Please find the link for the session below:

<https://zoom.us/j/96635796068?pwd=SWcrbHVhVkdCNU1kKdIFoz3c4OWtKUT09>

Meeting ID: 966 3579 6068  
Passcode: laughed

If you have any questions about KS1 maths, please email me ahead of Tuesday and I will try and answer them in the session. Please find my email attached: [dfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:dfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my)

## KS1 Singapore Math Parent Information Session

On Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 9:15am, Mr Fitzgerald, our KS1 Mathematics leader, will be hosting an information session via zoom. He will be giving a overview of content areas and key strategies. To be sure he is meeting the needs of our parents, Mr Fitzgerald is happy for parents to email him before the meeting at [dfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:dfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my) with any questions about the KS1 mathematics curriculum, delivery of the curriculum or approaches to teaching and learning.

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## 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.



## So You Think You Can Debate?

One of our IB students, Sandra Ong, is sharing an opportunity for interested students to involve themselves in a debating tournament called So You Think You Can Debate? Though not affiliated with the school, you can find out more by emailing Sandra directly at :

[23song@sj-international.edu.my](mailto:23song@sj-international.edu.my).

## Y9 IGCSE Parent Information Session

Mr Bush, Mr Hussain and Mr Hollis will be hosting a Year 9 IGCSE parent information session about the IGCSE options that are available for our Year 9 students when they transition into Year 10 next academic year. The session will be held virtually on **Thursday, 11th November at 4pm**. At this moment of time, then information will be generic but it is a good session for you and your child to start thinking about future plans.

# PARENT INFORMATION SESSION





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