

SJIIM Weekly Update

10th December 2021

Important Dates:

4th January - return to school

Upcoming Events:

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Joel Lawrence, Head of Maths.

Sport has always been a major passion of mine. As a student I enjoyed representing my school in a variety of sports and these experiences made up some of my greatest memories from school. The recent announcement of the return of CCA's and sporting opportunities for our students should be welcomed with great excitement and optimism for the possibilities and opportunities that sport can bring to our community.

The various movement control orders across Malaysia and the rest of the world brought a halt to sport for students and athletes around the world for a small period of time in 2020. However, with the introduction of 'bubbles' and the creativity of league leaders around the world, sport quickly made a phased return to our lives. We experienced international events postponed to 2021, including the Tokyo Olympics which I know brought some normality, hope and cheer to our summer of MCOs or quarantines.

As a spectator I find particular enjoyment in analysing possible outcomes from events within a game as well as the strategies that teams can apply in order to obtain an advantage over their opponents. In my earliest memories of spectating sport, I thoroughly enjoyed calculating the different combinations of unconverted tries (5 points), converted tries (7 points) or penalties/drop goals (3 points) required for rugby teams to muster up a comeback or take a 3-point lead in the dying moments of extra-time during a world cup final.



As my passions with mathematics grew, my appreciation for the mathematics in sport grew with it and I found myself becoming a keen enthusiast for Formula 1 racing. In 2008 I enjoyed the triumph of Lewis Hamilton winning his first driver's championship by 1 point over Filipe Massa. The thrills of that F1 season, bringing us a great British prodigy of motor racing, was made all the more memorable by the fact that at the time I was working in a kitchen with a Brazilian head chef who was also an F1 fanatic. Sport continues to show its ability to bring communities together.

13 years later, the F1 world finds itself walking into possibly the best season finale since the days of Senna and Prost. With Lewis Hamilton competing for his record breaking 8th Driver's Championship Title and Max Verstappen entering the scene for his first shot at glory, the two fierce rivals can not be separated by even half a point after 21 races and all will be decided this weekend in Abu Dhabi.

My enjoyment of F1 is supported by my love of maths and physics. Every race offers new excitement of the unknown, and I thoroughly enjoy trying to analyse the mathematics and physics that plays it's part in trying to predict or strengthen teams' opportunities as they compete. In just a pit stop alone there are statisticians and physicists working behind the scenes, evaluating the degradation of tyres alongside the estimated exit time and also the strategy of timing your stop around your opponents' brings game theory into the mix that is already dense with mathematical analysis. All of this thought goes into a 24 second stop that could be the difference between winning the race or having to retire due to a tyre blow out.

Off the track the research and development teams are putting in the hours, adjusting the car by the smallest of margins to improve its performance on straights without sacrificing their ability around corners. The FIA (officials) are continually reflecting on the rules around the design of cars looking to improve the quality and speed of the racing without putting the drivers at more risk. The success of this was shown in Italy with Lewis Hamilton's Halo potentially saving his life. The car changes for next season will cause the flow of dirty air to be projected higher, allowing for opponents to get closer behind before overtaking without it affecting their car performance.

There is so much mathematics in F1 and we can all find opportunities for mathematical analysis in our hobbies or passions and this is the challenge that our IBDP students must look into for their Internal Assessments. This year we have students exploring the optimization of coffee packaging, the normal distribution applied to golf club selection, using regression analysis to evaluate and predict the movements of financial markets and many more. It is great to see our students applying mathematics to their passions and I hope that these opportunities can give them more appreciation for these as well as mathematics.



Christmas Corner



SJIM Christmas Nativity 2021

This year, the ES students have all been working hard to bring you the ES Nativity. Including acting by Early years, Narration by some students of Year 1, and the voices of Years 1-6, this has been a real collaborative effort by staff and students to create a Christmas celebration to bring the community together. We hope you enjoy the presentation of the original Christmas story!

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Project Hello: Christmas Edition

Before the pandemic hit the Lasallian Youth Movement innovated a simple but wonderful project - Project Hello. This year, they wanted to bring it back with some extra Christmas sparkle so they dreamed up Project Hello: Christmas Edition. Every morning for the past week staff, parents and students have been welcomed by the sounds of Christmas music, jingle bells, and Christmas greetings; there has even been a performance or two! Well done Lasallians!



Project Gold

The boxes are complete and are being distributed over the next few days to RPX boys Home and Zomi Education centre. Well done to the students involved who have dedicated hours of their time to this inspirational project that not only gifts essential educational and personal care items to children but also provides hours of reading, craft and writing tutorials to the children. It is wonderful to see our students taking the lead and living out the lasallian value of service. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



Christmas Flash mob

After weeks of secretive lunchtime practice sessions, 19 High School students brought the house down with a flash mob in the canteen. Excellent synchronisation, solo flips and cartwheels along to the unexpected lunchtime music drew a crowd of staff and students alike.



Christmas Ornament Decoration Committee by Jaslyn (Y12)

First off, on behalf of the Christmas Ornament Decoration Committee, I would like to thank everyone who has supported our project and cause by donating and/or purchasing our baubles. We have successfully raised a total of RM 2,420 in order to purchase raincoats for the security guards. In addition to the raincoats, we were also able to purchase security vests along with face masks for each of them to use in school using the money that was raised. We hope this shows our appreciation for them and that it ensures that they know that they are also valued members of our school community!



Christmas Hampers from Year 10

This Christmas, the newly formed Year 10 Wellbeing and Social committee (Victoria, Amira, Alyssa, Jiwon, Xin Ni, Tjun Eu, Bernice and Sher Ying) organised a Christmas Hamper Project for the Year 10 students. This project allowed students and teachers to purchase small and affordable hampers for themselves, their friends or their teachers. Over the past month, they advertised and sold over 50 hampers, collecting over RM700 to purchase the hampers. The hampers were individually packed by the committee, and gifted to the intended recipients yesterday.



PSG - Christmas Door Decorating Competition

After almost two long quiet years, SJIIM is starting to look a lot like Christmas. For this, the PSG initiated a Christmas Door Decoration Competition among the ES and HS classes to celebrate the much-awaited community school life. All prizes are proudly sponsored by the PSG. With this, the PSG would like to wish all a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy 2022! The winners from ES are 1J, 3I, 3J, EAL, 2J, 2S and 10M, 11K and 11L from HS.



House Christmas Carolling Competition

Yesterday saw the reintroduction of an event enjoyed in the High School two years ago, the House Christmas Carolling Competition. Despite limited opportunities to practice together every student on site got up and sang with their peers in their houses across four sessions. Great fun and some super performance, well done to everyone for getting involved and thank you to the Performing Arts Leaders and House Captains for their untiring commitment to making this event a success.

School Shop Operating Hours during holiday

Please be informed that the school shop will only be opened on **Monday & Wednesday, 9am-1pm**. This arrangement is from **13th December to 31st December**. No walk-in appointments are accepted. Appointments can be made [here](#)



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Swimming next term

It's been great to see Year 3-6 continue their swimming lessons and we are looking forward to our Reception to Y8 classes being back in the pool at the start of Term 2. A reminder that on swimming days, students should come to school wearing their swimwear underneath their PE kit and bring their complete swim kit: swimming cap, goggles, and towel.



Christmas Bench ball Tournament

A big thank you to the PE and Swim departments for organising a fantastic Christmas themed tournament. Teams of snowmen, Santas, reindeer, elves, Christmas trees, Polar bears and candy canes competed across Year 2-6 and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



Starting back next term: 4th January

We hope all of our families have a joyous, restful and healthy holiday break! We will look forward to welcoming students back on site on Tuesday 4th January (teachers will be back on the 3rd for training and preparations). Students will have a hybrid option for the first week back, 4th - 7th January. After that, we will resume full physical school on 10th January.



2nd Annual Inter-House Performing Arts Competition

The Performing Arts Leaders at SJIIM are proud to bring back SJIIM's 2nd Annual Inter-House Performing Arts Competition! This inter-house competition will allow HS students to compete in three categories: Music, Drama, and Dance.

Students are to apply through a [Google form](#) found here and posted on their House's Google Classroom by the 7th of January 2022. Houses can have as many submissions as possible, with each submission contributing house points. Students can participate in more than one category. Unlike last year, there is no specific theme for the competition, and so students are free to perform any song they wish with a 3-minute time limit.

Music submissions: performance of any piece, any style/instrument

Drama submissions: monologue/duologue either written by a student or a professional

Dance submissions: performance of any style

If you do have any queries, please do contact either Mr Stacey, Mr Hague, Ms Pardo, or any of the HS Performing Arts Leaders (Alysa Y11, Shir-Ning Y11, Amira Y10, Victoria Y10, Sher Ying Y10, Shir-Ree Y9, David Y9, Nathan Y9, Aurelia Y8, Shuen Y8, Vayden Y8, Michelle Y8).



“Top in Malaysia” CIE IGCSE Results

Congratulations to the following students from last year's Year 11 batch who achieved the highest marks in Malaysia in the May 2021 CIE IGCSE exams, earning the illustrious award of “Top in Malaysia” for that exam session! Very well done!



Student Name	Subject
Cheong Ni Co	Economics
Asif Feisal Bin Mohamad Hishammudin	Foreign Language Malay
Tan Kwang Wei	Foreign Language Malay
Sreerag Anish Nair	International Mathematics



Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our new SRC President Alistair Tan.

Alistair and the new SRC met for the first time on Thursday afternoon and started working on projects for the upcoming year. Their first project will be a new student induction on the 3rd January. Once again, many thanks to Clement and our departing our SRC for all of their hard work.

**SJIIM HS 2021
Christmas Concert**
Date: 10th December 2021
Time: Tutor Time
Performers:

- HS
- HS Orchestra
- HS Choir
- Alysa, Fiona & Shir-Ning
- Caitlin & Suyen
- Chloe Yeo
- Challyse, Huei Hsin, Hui Mei, Neha and Susanna
- Daniel Lee
- Yohanna, Kayla
- Joe Ng

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Performing Arts Leaders



High School Virtual Concert

Today our High School students watched our [virtual Christmas Concert](#) during form time which they have all been a part of in one way or another. The concert features students from across the High School and across various musical disciplines, orchestra and choir as well as the whole High School carol, Jingle Bells. The show has been coordinated, compiled and will be presented by the PALs, with leadership by Year 10 students Amira Marcellus, Victoria Wong and Sher-Ying Lee under the oversight of Mr Luke Hague.

Please enjoy watching the fruit of our students incredible efforts. You will need to access this link while logged into your family SJIIM account on your browser.



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