

SJIIM Weekly Update

1st April 2022

Important Dates:

2nd (10am) -5th Apr (6pm) -

T3 CCA open for signup

3rd Apr - Ramadan Mubarak starts

25th Apr - 10th June IGCSE Exam

28th Apr - 18th May IBDP Exam

Upcoming Events:

2nd Apr - SJIIM and Selangor Symphony Youth Orchestra Combined Concert

4th - 8th Apr - Arts Week

4th - 8th Apr - ES Mental Health week

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Mdm Mak Lai Ying, Frances (ex Head of School)



For most of my time in Malaysia, it was spent in virtual school. Most of the teachers worked at home. The school leadership team and I were always in school. We worked hard to ensure that our online provision met the learning needs of our students. We listened to parents' feedback and constantly improved our craft. We devised means to promote online virtual interactions among students and we provided special sessions for students who needed group activities.

Malaysia is a beautiful country. Because of the lockdowns, I was unable to explore much of the country. I have, however, met a number of very kind and thoughtful colleagues and parents who have provided the school with strong support. I also have the opportunity to interact with Brother Patrick and Brother Felipe. It is very good to have the brothers in SJIIM. Their presence and input provide a strong sense of calm to the community.

I am extremely grateful to have dedicated, steadfast and caring staff who always have the well-being of students at heart. The Lasallian ethos is strong in the school. And it will only grow stronger with the renewed presence of the De la Salle brothers. As we do our best to safely emerge from the pandemic, different programme and activities such as CCA and short expeditions have resumed. We look forward to a new equilibrium where all of us stay safe and make the best of the learning opportunities presented to us.

When I accepted the job at SJIIM, I assumed that I was able to make frequent trips home to Singapore. This was not to be. I, however, have more time to reflect and develop my spiritual well-being. God always knows what is best for me. I am happy that Mr Gary Cairns will lead the school in the next phase of its development. He is a founding staff member and is well respected by staff, parents and students. Dato Larry Gan, the Chairman of Board of Governors, is dynamic and very supportive of the school's developments. The school is in very good hands and I am confident that I will hear inspiring and good news/updates very often.

Message from Gary Cairns (Head of School)



As I mentioned in my letter this morning, on behalf of the SJIIM community, I would like to express my thanks to Madam Mak. She has been a great mentor and friend to me and I hope that she enjoys her retirement.

Term 3 presents a great opportunity for us to come together as a community of teachers, students and parents and bring back the joy of being part of SJIIM. Let's make this final term of the year one to remember and lay the foundations for our best year ever in 2022/2023.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Catholic Corner

It was wonderful to celebrate our first Mass of this academic school year. The Mass was well attended by students across the high school and elementary. During the Mass Father Alvin invited our examination students to come forward for a special blessing.

We would like to wish all our examination students the best in their studies. Thank you Father Alvin for coming to school to offer our students confessions and to celebrate this meaningful Mass with the SJIIM community.



In Catholic CCA our students demonstrated the virtues of enthusiasm and excellence as they worked collaboratively to make a variety of colourful sea turtles. This activity linked with our school's chosen charity, The Juara turtle project and of course with the wonderful activities that took place for Mutien day last week.





Happy Ramadan Mubarak - 3rd April

This year, Ramadan will begin on the 3rd April. We wish all members of our community who celebrate Ramadan a blessed time. Ramadan Mubarak to you and your family.



Sat, 2nd April - SJIM and Selangor Symphony Youth Orchestra Combined Concert

The orchestra have had a brilliant three days already, working with Eugene Pook and Brian Larson from the Selangor Symphony Orchestra in preparation for our concert tomorrow.

There are limited tickets left.

Tickets can be reserved through this [link](#) and RM40 will be collected at the door to be donated to purchasing musical instruments for RPX Boys Home. (RM20 concession (age below 16, under 18 with student ID, 60+).



CCA SIGN UP

Please be reminded that the CCA Sign-up for Term 3 will open this **Saturday 2nd April at 10am until Tuesday 5th April at 6pm.** To sign up for a CCA, please go to St. Joseph's Schools buddy portal [here](#) or use the Schools buddy app on your mobile.

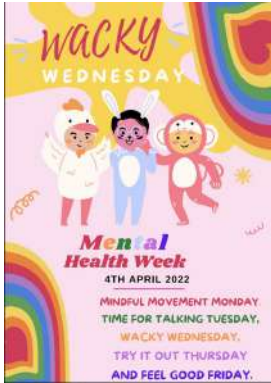
Please take some time to read through our ES [CCA website](#) or HS [CCA site](#), where you will find the list of CCAs on offer and a description for each.

Allocations will be finalised by Friday 8th April. After this, an email will be sent with your CCA allocations.

Term 3 CCAs will run from the **9th May until 24th June 2022.**

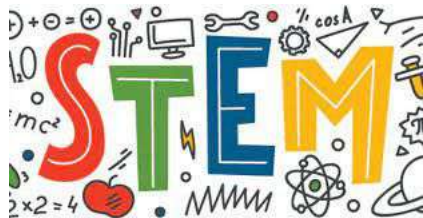


SchoolsBuddy



Mental Health Week and Wacky Wednesday Reminder

On Monday 4th April, we begin our Mental Health Week. Each year group will explore ways in which we can develop a greater understanding of our emotional well being. We will be marking the occasion with a display of WACKINESS to express our unique individuality on Wacky Wednesday (6th April). Children are encouraged to come to school in a wacky and wonderful outfit. What a fantastic way to end the term!



Spirit Day on Friday - STEM and SRC Bake Sale

On the last day of term this Friday, we will be revelling in the House Spirit again! This time we will have a STEM focus. Children will complete tasks which allow them to practise their science, technology, engineering and maths skills, each involving a chance to earn points for their house. A special thank you to the IPC and maths team for putting together such an exciting day. In the spirit of service and community, the Student Representative Council (SRC) is also organising a Bake Sale on Spirit Day, to raise funds for the four House charities, as well as an SRC project. More details of the Bake Sale will be shared on Seesaw on Monday. A reminder that on Spirit Days, all children are asked to come to school dressed in their house colours.



SRC Leaders Awarded Special Badges

We would like to congratulate all of our SRC leaders on receiving their official badges this week in assembly. Our SRC leaders have already started their work by helping to gather information from their classmates and attending weekly meetings, and today they were officially recognised on stage in front of their whole year group. We hope that you are able to wear your badges with pride and continue to enjoy supporting our community and making such a valuable difference.



Reports for Term 3 early leavers

Please be advised that if your family is leaving St Joseph's early during Term 3 (from 25th April onward) you will receive a full report for your child. However, teachers will need at least one month's notice and that you would like a report. Please communicate any intentions for withdrawal to the Admissions department, who will notify class teachers. All other students will receive their End of Year Reports as normal in the penultimate week of the final term.

HS - CCA

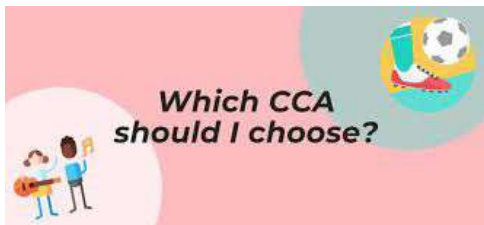


SchoolsBuddy (Term 3) will open for sign-ups on Saturday 2 April at 10.00 am. This will then close on Tuesday 5 April at 18.00 pm. You will have this time to sign up for your CCAs for term 3. Term 3 CCA will start: WB 9 May and run until 24 June

Some notable changes to our programme:

- No limit to the number of CCAs you can choose
- Paid CCAs return which will include a variety of external providers, for example, karate, taekwondo and manga/anime drawing.
- Offsite CCAs will return, for example, Camp 5 Rock Climbing and Tennis at Tropicana Golf Resort
- Please choose a 1st choice and 2nd choice per day
- 8 new student-led CCAs will be offered
- New CCAs will be provided, based on student feedback, for example, Science Dissection Club and K-Pop Appreciation Club!

Please take the time from today, until Saturday to look through the [CCA Google Site](#) to see what is on offer. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to email directly to Mr Joe O'Connor email : joconnor@sj-i-international.edu.my



Arts Week

Arts Week is coming up, from the 4th to the 8th of April. We have a lot of exciting opportunities for the students to show their creativity and talent.

Each day will start with student instrumental performances at the ES drop off and school lobby. During the day we have large student artworks planned for year groups to work on, an art recreation competition, student Drama performances, and Busking. At the end of the day, the students will play in the lobby. One of the highlights of the week will be the DP IB Visual Arts exhibition (Also including Art from the IGCSE students) which opens on the 5th of April and will be accessible for student viewing throughout the day. We hope to end the Week with an Improve House Competition. It is sure to be a fantastic week.





Group 4 Project

On Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th Mar, our year 12 students completed their Group 4 project. This is a necessary part of the course of studies for all IBDP students, the idea being that the students complete an entire scientific project, with an emphasis on cooperation between the normally separate sciences. This is the first time we have done this for two years due to COVID SOPs, so it was warmly welcomed by all the science department and students. The project is generally a wide general topic to allow students to investigate how they see fit, the only condition placed is that each group contains students of at least two separate specialities, so that each project examines the interaction of the three sciences together. This year the theme was on "Recycling and Sustainability".



On Monday the students set about designing their experiments, or projects depending on how each group decided to go about the project. Mr Hafizi and Ms Akidah were inundated with requests for materials and worked closely with the students to try to address how they could achieve their aims with the materials we could arrange. Part of the task of a working scientist usually involves re-assessing what is possible in the time frame allotted for reporting, on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning the groups worked on their projects. The final part of the project was on Tuesday afternoon, when the students showcased their projects. In normal years this would have been an open invitation to students in lower years, particularly those in year 11, so they can see how the IBDP is not just about hard study and academic rigour, but can be enjoyable too.



We attach a [link](#) to a website where the students have placed their videos explaining what they did, the posters will be placed in the foyer until the end of term, and will then take their place in the Science Department.

DP Art Exhibition



Best of luck to the IB DP Visual Arts Students Neha and Hui Mei who are in the process of curating their first exhibitions. The exhibition is a culmination of their work from the past 18 months. This exhibition will also showcase a selected work from Art students in IGCSE 1 and DP 1. The exhibition will open to students and staff on the 5th of April at 3:30 and the students' involved parents will be invited to see the work. Historically, the IB DP Art Exhibition has been open to all parents, unfortunately, due to SOPS, we have to limit the number of attendees. The students will have an opportunity to visit the exhibition during class time. We hope to share with you all the artwork of these very talented students virtually as soon as possible.



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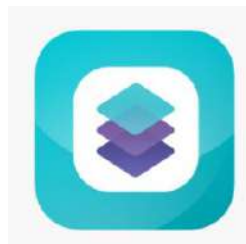
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