

SJIIM Weekly Update

13th May 2022

Important Dates:

25th Apr - 10th June IGCSE Exam

28th Apr - 18th May IBDP Exam

23rd May - 3rd June HS EOY Exam

Upcoming Events:

21st May - Open Day

24th May - The Fundamental Role of Virtues in Coping with Change

27th May - EY Sports Day

28th May - ES Sports Day

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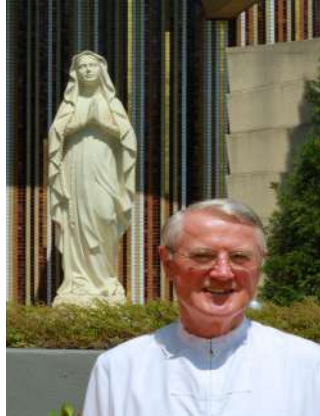
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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Brother Patrick Tierney



I recall clearly, when in elementary school, we were led over each year to the parish church for a special Mass in honour of St La Salle. We filed into the church, class by class, and took our seats row by row. A Brother sat or knelt at the end of each class row. I cannot recall anything said in the homilies on such occasions but perhaps something seeped through. What I remember most was the hymn at the end of Mass. It was entitled "St La Salle our Dearest Father" and I have not heard it sung much since then.

If truth be told, the highlight of the day came afterwards. We were led back to school where soft drinks and buns awaited us. At that time and at that age we were always hungry. And so, there was the spiritual feast and the material feast.

I believe the Mass, or a Prayer Service is still the official highlight of celebrating Founder's Day. Some schools hold quizzes and some produce beautiful art displays. Some gather around the school statue of the Founder for a prayer or compose prayers themselves. Sometimes there may be a drama, musical or dance performances.

Here at SJIIM, whatever the form of celebration, my feeling is that it should be joyful, that all staff and students and parents can feel the difference. They will feel the difference between working, studying or being associated with a Lasallian school rather than any other school.

This is what we sometimes refer to as the Lasallian spirit, a spirit of inclusivity which opens up spiritual values or virtues to all without neglecting quality academic education.

May this be our prayer: We will strive our best to build up a loving and learning community in our school, to make it a realm of knowledge and a ground for spreading God's love. We want to follow our founder, St John Baptist de La Salle, in practising faith, service and love in our daily lives. May we continue to live out our Lasallian spirit by responding to the needs of our society, glorifying God with our words and deeds.

I am, you are, we are Lasallian!

Founder's Week 2022

For Founder's week 2022 students, staff and parents have worked collaboratively with the aim of raising awareness for our chosen school charities as well as raising funds in partnership with Kita Kitar for the National Stroke Association of Malaysia (NSAM).

As this was our first Founder's week celebrated in school since 2019 we wanted to make it extra memorable. As such a fantastic team of high school students designed special Founder's day t-shirts for staff and students to wear. Our 'Project Hello' team demonstrated great unity and joyfulness by providing uplifting music in the foyer and our talented music team guided students in creating a human configuration of the figure 170 on our school field to commemorate 170 years of Lasallian education in Asia.



In the elementary school students participated in a range of student-led games. The proceeds from these games will be donated to NSAM. Year 9 planned many activities including busking, floor decorating and sports competitions and HS students are creating care packages for SJIIM support staff and local children's homes. LYM are beginning their street art inspired mural project as a way to mark this special week. Both the ES and HS have also been involved in creating fantastic sustainable art projects. We are excited to see these projects evolve over the next few weeks.



Founder's Week in view

Every year on Founder's day a special Mass is celebrated in remembrance of Saint John Baptist de la Salle. A big thank you to Fr Alvin for celebrating the Mass and to Brother Patrick who shared with us a very meaningful reflection to mark this special occasion. In the spirit of our Founder a group of thoughtful students led a surprise teacher appreciation event to recognise and acknowledge the teachers in our school. Another tradition that takes place each year is the sharing of ice cream. This year we have taken this tradition beyond our school and into our local community by donating icecreams to the children of the Saint Vincent de Paul, Rumah Hope and Zomi Education. Lastly it was great to welcome parents and guests to a shared fellowship after the Mass.

Founder's Week 2022 demonstrates beautifully what can be achieved when all members of a school community come together to serve others.

St. John Baptist De La Salle, Pray for us.
Live Jesus in our hearts forever.





Moms In Prayer - SJIM

A group of SJIM mothers have been meeting to pray regularly since the beginning of the academic year 21/22 using the Moms In Prayer (MIP) prayer guide (read about the interdenominational ministry of MIP here: <https://momsinprayer.org>). They aim to support each other, our children and the school faculty & community through prayers and connection.

Meetings are weekly via Zoom and in person every last Friday of the month. Please connect with either Karen (+60123266995) or Sheila (+60 12 220 0507) for details about the next in-person meeting on 27th May Fri morning.

The Fundamental Role of Virtues in Coping with Change

We're back with another interesting workshop on the fundamental role of virtues in coping with change. Come and join our two specialist teachers and Br. Patrick Tierney to discuss the various strategies to support a child dealing with change.

Please confirm your participation as soon as possible by registering here: <https://www.sji-international.edu.my/the-fundamental.../>

We look forward to meeting you!



Open Day - 21st May

Our next Open Day has been scheduled for 21st May 2022, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please help us share this news with any of your friends who are currently looking for a top school for their children.

On the Open Day, parents will have guided tour of the campus, and an opportunity for a one-to-one meeting with the Head of School, members of the Senior Leadership Team or teaching staff.

Advance booking is required via this registration link: <https://www.sji-international.edu.my/open-day/>



Change in the Timetable - 19th May

A reminder that there will be a change in the timetable whereby .on Thursday, 19/5 , we will follow a 'Tuesday' timetable.



CCAs will run as normal.



Founder's Week

Together, we celebrated our founder and our foundation this week! Not only did being together make our celebration special, but this Founder's Day marks 170 year of Lasallian education in Asia. Throughout the week, there were numerous opportunities to practice our core values of faith, service and community. Older year groups connected with their younger peers through service games, we created sustainable art projects to support the National Stroke Association of Malaysia with the support of KitaKitar, our PSG organised a teacher appreciation initiative and the week culminated in a special tribute to this momentous occasion with our entire school participating in song on the field. Our Catholic families participated in a Mass with Brother Alvin and even Ello was involved in our Founder's Day ice cream tradition. Thank you to all of the members of our SJIM community for making this Founder's Day a joyous and memorable one.



Miguel Day

Next Friday 20th May will be our last House Saint Day of the year. The Miguel House Captains have met to plan and prepare for the day. There will be a chance for students to learn more about St Miguel through a presentation and Kahoot quiz prepared by the Y6 House Captains. The High School House Captains will focus on the service element of the day and are busy preparing for a green and healthy themed food and juice bar! As with previous Saint Days, all Miguel students are asked to wear their Miguel House PE kit on the day, and all other students to wear one green accessory. More details will be provided next week.



Before School and After School

Term Three has gotten off to a promising start. The students have had an opportunity to play in the morning which means more time together to interact and be active. This is one example of the positives that progress continues to bring. Students having access to more options for CCA's afterschool provides further opportunities for students to develop cognitively, physically, socially and emotionally. We are excited to be able to offer access to expertise by having outside providers and we look forward to what is next on the horizon.



Congratulations...Mutien!

Well done to Mutien House for winning this year's Sport's Day. This was our first Sport's Day since 2019 and the students had a fantastic day. Thank you to Mr O'Connor for organising and all the teachers and parents who came out to support the students.

Parents... we need your help! 🙏



- Do you have an inspiring or interesting career or job?
- Do you enjoy public speaking?
- Would you be willing to talk to a small group of our students about your experience? (This could be in person or remotely)
- Are you free during the week beginning Tues 7th June?

If you can't help, that's OK, but perhaps you know someone who can... 🙏

During the week beginning Tuesday 7th June, our Year 8 students will take part in a whole week of careers and progression focused events to help better prepare them for Year 9 option choices next year and beyond. Further information about this event will be communicated with students and their parents shortly, but I am looking for willing volunteers from our community to help inspire our students in a short (15-20 minute) presentation followed by some Q&A.

If you would be interested in taking part, or know someone who would, please can you contact Ms Catherine Ellis (Head of English) directly (catherineellis@sjj-international.edu.my).

We thank you in advance for your support with this exciting event!



End of Year Exams

The end of year exams will take place on the following dates. Further details, including a timetable for these exams, were sent out last week to all parents, and to students in Year 10 and Year 12.

Years 7, 8 and 9: 23 May to 27 May

Year 10: 24 May to 3 June

Year 12: 17 and 18 May (Psychology only) and 24 May to 2 June (all students)

International Overseas Teenage Chinese Essay Competition

Our Year 9 student - Evelyn Teng Qiao Yun - has won the 3rd grade award (三等奖) in the 22nd International Overseas Chinese Teenage Essay Competition 2021 (2021年 第21届 ‘华人少年作文交流展示活动(海外)'). This competition is organised by 中国关心下一代工作委员会事业发展中心 and 北京华人少年儿童文化教育交流协会 and co-organised by 学友元教育传媒集团。

Evelyn's essay entitled "Me and My Scrapbook Story" 《我和它的故事》expresses her feelings towards a scrapbook - a present given by her mother four years ago. It has a cream coloured cover, with a pocket filled with hundreds of stickers at the back. It is this scrapbook she stored all her memories, i.e., candy wrappers, decorative papers, colourful drawings, sketchings and writings. When looking back, she now understands that without this scrapbook, all her memories will merely be vague pictures. She is thankful for keeping her memory tangible and this means a lot to her. Evelyn's writing was guided by Dr. CK Leow.





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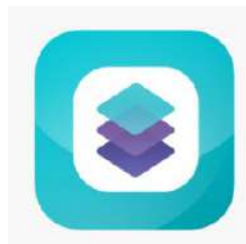
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