

SJIIM Weekly Update

27th May 2022

Important Dates:

25th Apr - 10th June IGCSE Exam

23rd May - 3rd June HS EOY Exam

28th June - HS SLC/PTM/Sixth Form Info Session

Upcoming Events:

27th May - EY Sports Day

28th May - ES Sports Day

3rd June - HS Summer concert

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from The SJIIM Parent Support Group (PSG)

Studies have shown that when parents get actively involved in their children's school life, their children tend to enjoy school more, learn to serve the community, and have better social skills which in turn help them adapt to the school environment, and needless to say, when they enter into society as useful citizens.

We are a group of like-minded parents who want to create an enjoyable and vibrant school life for our children, to model for them that learning is beyond academic grades but a holistic experience for themselves, for others, and the larger community, living out the SJIIM motto 'Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve'.



The PSG Committee Members 2021- 2022 L - R
(Huey Ling, Pui Leng, Brendi, Myra, Lisa, Natalie & Belinda)

One of the exciting new initiatives that the PSG introduced this year is **The CARE Series**; a series of talks, discussions, dialogues, and workshops designed for parents, caregivers & educators of the SJIIM community.

To know more about what **CARE** stands for, you can click on the link [CARE](#)

The first CARE session, in a face-to-face format after a 2-year hiatus, was held on 16th March 2022. Helmed by our very own Br. Felipe C Belleza, the dialogue brought 40 participants through an interactive, hilarious, and yet reflective breakfast parenting talk with an eye-catching title: A Guide by the Side or The Sage on the Stage?. Br. Felipe shared wise, insightful nuggets and inspiring anecdotes on parenting from the rich experience he had working with children, teenagers, and parents for more than 3 decades. Reminding parents that "No child is perfect, neither is any parent". Both parent and child have to continue to keep working on the relationship. The session ended off with a celebratory tree-sap planting ceremony by Br. Felipe and the outgoing Head of School, Mdm Frances Mak.



After learning the importance of building meaningful relationships from the first session, CARE series #2 focuses on the 'How'. On 24 May 2022, with Br. Patrick Tierney as our special guest, teachers *Karen Willoughby* and *Sahana Fried* took some time off their busy teaching schedule to share with parents the critical role virtues play in our relationships with our children. The personable and hands-on session '*The Fundamental Role of Virtues in Coping with Change*' attracted 45 eager parents who were first brought through a meaningful icebreaker to face our own adult emotions in times of change, and how we want to help our children manage change.



Karen shared that 'Listening' and 'Words' are two very powerful tools parents have to either build up or tear down their children. The poem *Listen* by *Dr. Ralph Roughton* sent home the message loud and clear that our children need validation of their emotions through parent's active listening. Sahana, on the other hand, introduced the *Companionship Strategy* by believing that our children have all they need to go through the challenges of life, and hence, parents should strive to be their companions, to be present and validate their feelings, for them to eventually care for themselves and others. Many participants took home helpful tips for using virtues as the bedrock of building character in our children. For many of us, it will also be an ongoing learning process to undo old habits and relearn new ways to build relationships to be better parents and better humans.

If you have missed attending our first 2 series, do try and make it for the next one. The value that we receive from this series, we believe, will have a positive impact on the students of this school, namely our own children.

To find out more about the PSG and how you can be a part of it, do go through this clip [PSG](#).



The PSG Team

Catholic and Christian Life

Term 3 is already whizzing by. We are delighted to see so many children getting involved with our Catholic activities at school. This term we welcomed 37 children into our Catholic CCA in the ES. Children from Year 1 to Year 6 came along last Friday full of joy, confidence and energy!

During the session we focussed on the use of a candle in the Catholic faith and what it symbolises- Hope, Peace and Love. The children recited the Lord's prayer together and sang 'This little light of mine' by candlelight. We concluded our lesson by making our own paper candle crafts.





[Pre-Order for Yearbook 2021/22](#)

If you would like to pre-order a copy of this year's yearbook, kindly fill out the form.

It has certainly been a year to remember and many of the magical moments from 2021 and 2022 have been captured in this year's yearbook. We see the joy, resilience and enthusiasm for learning bounce of the pages that the children have so beautifully designed.

Final date for orders is 10th June.

Farewell and Thanks to Mr Dale Stacey and Mrs Victoria Stacey



Sadly, next week will be Mr and Mrs Stacey's last week at SJIIM as they are returning to the UK to be closer to family. Since joining the school in August 2020, Mr Stacey has undoubtedly raised the profile of the arts in the school and has demonstrated his passion for teaching and learning, whilst Mrs Stacey has greatly elevated the student experience through Lasallian Education and LYM. Both played a huge part in the Founder's Day celebrations that were such a welcome return and lift to our community. We wish the whole Stacey family a safe return to the UK and we hope to see them again someday. We will miss their passion for the Lasallian life of the school and their commitment to all they do.



Performing Arts Leaders Assembly

Next Friday, our Key Stage 2 students will be treated to watching a performance of the High School Summer Concert, specially prepared for them by the High School Performing Arts Leaders. The concert has a theme of 'Musicals' and features soloists, small ensembles and, in excited anticipation, a teaser for our upcoming Whole School production of the Jungle Book!

EY Sports Day

Early Years had a wonderful Sports Day today in the MPH and parents were invited to enjoy the fun. We want to congratulate our youngest students for demonstrating their amazing skills in jumping, skipping, hopping and maneuvering over and around obstacles with such great skill and control. The children took part in lots of fun activities including; egg and spoon races, obstacle courses, relay races and so much more. Special thanks to our super House captains who made sure everyone took part and most importantly had fun! And of course a HUGE thank you to our fantastic PE team for organising this wonderful event- we cannot wait for tomorrow's Sports Day for our Elementary School students. Please remember to bring your own water bottle, apply sunscreen and wear a hat.



Lost & Found

While parents are on site for Sports Day tomorrow, it would be a great opportunity for you to look through our 'Lost and Found' area which is located by the canteen. We seem to have accumulated a rather large amount of uniform and water bottles. Thank you for helping us with this.

4J & 6I Class Assemblies

Our programme of class assemblies continued this week. 6I took the stage to share their learning, including their amazing science and art projects. What followed was a hilarious reenactment of the year group story created during Book Week. A hugely popular Kahoot quiz ended the show. 4J also performed a drama inspired by Julia Donaldson's famous book, 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. They finished it off with a video they'd made showing how 4J have practised the virtue of service around school and at home.



IB Graduation



The IB graduation on Wednesday evening was a lovely event for our Year 13 students and their families. The audience were treated to a range of inspiring speeches, including those from our Josephian of the Year, Clement Khoo, and from the Students' Choice speaker, Scarlet Kim. Dhanya Dharmendarn gave a beautiful performance of "In My Life" by the Beatles on piano and vocals. Our two emcees - Alastair Tan and Meagan Motha - did a wonderful job to guide and narrate the events of the event for the audience. We wish all of our Year 13 students the very best of luck for their IBDP results on 6 July, and all that they will do in the future - we are so proud of them all!



In memory of Pam Carter

It is with sadness, this week, that we learned of the passing of our former colleague, Ms Pam Carter. Pam joined St. Joseph's Institution International Malaysia in 2016 from St. Joseph's Institution International Singapore. Pam was our founding IB Coordinator, a Biology teacher and, in 2017, Assistant Principal before retiring to the UK in January 2018. Pam was instrumental in setting up the IB Diploma programme at the school and was working hard to gain the school IB accreditation many, many months before we opened our doors to students. She was a woman we respected deeply for her strength, commitment and humour. She will be greatly missed.

Y6 to Y7 Transition



On Tuesday, SJIIM held a transition assembly for parents of Y6 students (the first in person transition event for 3 years.) Ms Sousa and Miss Williams provided information on what is involved for both students and parents in the transition process from Y6 to Y7. We hope that parents left the session with a good understanding of what is involved in the change from elementary to high school, whilst feeling reassured that there is a support network in place to respond to their child's character, well-being and academic needs. Parents also had the opportunity to hear more about the structure and process of Chinese classes in the high school, from Dr Leow. We hope that the presentations answered any burning questions about high school, however if any further questions/concerns materialise over the coming weeks, we encourage parents to get in touch.



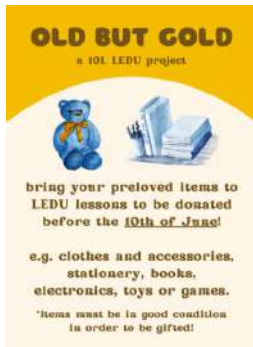
Miguel Day

When brainstorming about Miguel Day with my house captains: Isaac, Ayleen and Shawn, we were told to keep ideas simple yet unique. We came to the idea of a green sale with freshly squeezed juice and green baked goods as well as an informative presentation about Saint Miguel followed by a Kahoot. All revenue was going to the RPX Boy's home, The Hope Branch. With the assistance of two amazing mums from the PSG, Friday lunchtime sales were a success and our green items sold out very quickly. Overall it was a very successful sale and it wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the assistance of the amazing Miguel teachers, the Miguel parents and the Miguel captains. *By Syafik Azwan Khan Y12*



High School Summer Concert Performance

Next Friday, the whole High School (with the exception of Y11 & 13) will be treated to watching a performance of the High School Summer Concert during tutor time, specially prepared for them by the High School Performing Arts Leaders. This will be the first time we have been able to congregate together for any event, let alone one as exciting as this. The concert has a theme of 'Musicals' and features soloists and small ensembles and, in excited anticipation, will also include a teaser for our upcoming Whole School production of the Jungle Book!



Old But Gold

10L are running a service project called 'Old But Gold' where they are requesting for community members to donate pre-loved items to the needy. Students will bring these items to their LEDU lessons over the next few weeks to be passed to their respective LEDU teacher (in the teacher's classroom). If you happen to have any pre-loved items that you would like to contribute, I am sure 10L would be happy to collect them and pass it on to those who need it. We are looking for shoes, stationery, books, games, toys, etc. If the items are too big to be carried to class, please contact johnnoi@sji-international.edu.my to discuss how the item can be donated. Thank you in advance and have a lovely weekend!



Student Led Conferences and Parent Teacher Conferences Combined

Sixth Form Subject Information Sessions

28 June - 8am to 4.30pm

We are so pleased to be able to hold meetings with teachers, students and teachers in person this term, after having to hold these meetings online during the pandemic! In order to take full advantage of this opportunity, the student led conferences scheduled for 28 June will now be combined with parent teacher conferences. Parents will be able to make 10 minute appointments with teachers for that day. Please note that there will not be any lessons on this day, in order for teachers and students to be free for these meetings.



During those 10 minute conferences, students will lead half of the conference by talking about their reflections on their learning in that subject area. Students will be prepared for this in the coming weeks in their reflection work in class with their teachers and form tutors. The other half will include more teacher input about this. Parents will also be encouraged to ask questions of both teachers and your child during the conferences. More details will follow nearer to the time, including details on how to book appointments for this online.



We will also hold information sessions throughout the day for all interested parents and students about each of the IBDP and A Level subjects to be offered as part of our new Sixth Form, which is due to start in 2023.



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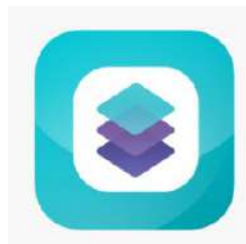
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