# SJIIM Weekly Update 15th March 2024

Important Dates:
Fri 22nd March - End of Term 2
CCAs
Thur 28th March - Nuzul
Al-Quran

# **Upcoming Events:** WS

Tues 19th March - Springtime Showcase

#### ES

Mon 25th & Weds 27th March Parent & Class Teacher Conferences
Wed 27th & Fri 29th March - Parent &
Language Teacher Conferences

#### HS

Wed 20th March - HS Coffee Morning
- Cyber Sip & Learn
Wed 27th March - Exam Success
Toolkit: A Parent's Guide to Navigating
Exam Season
Wed 27th March - HS Parent Teacher
Conference

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

## This week's highlights





## **Benilde Day**

Sponge the teacher - the highlight of all of our students' week!





#### Catholic and Christian Life

#### The feast of Saint Patrick.

In our CCA today our students were very happy and curious to learn about the patron saint of Ireland-Saint Patrick.

For Catholics and Christians, St. Patrick holds a significant place as one of the most beloved saints, revered for his missionary work in Ireland. He is celebrated for his efforts in spreading Christianity throughout the country. St. Patrick's Day, marked on March 17th is celebrated around the world with special Masses and festivities.

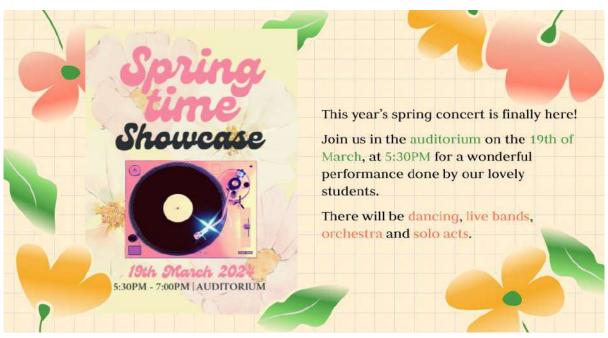




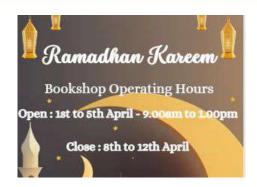
St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) to the Irish people during his missionary work.



## Springtime Showcase - 19th March 5.30-7.00pm



## Whole School Update



Please take note of our school book shop operating hours during Hari Raya break:

1st to 5th April - 9am till 1pm 8th to 12th April - Closed



#### **Lost and Found**

If your child is missing any of their personal items, they can be claimed at lost property. There is lost property in the canteen (near the sinks), as well as in the High School office. Please encourage your students to collect their items.



#### School Bags

Students must use school book bags (Elementary School) and school backpacks purchased from the school uniform shop only.

#### **Footwear**

We require all students from Year 1 - Year 13 to wear black enclosed school shoes that should have either laces or a strap. Platform soles, high heels or stiletto heels are not allowed. All school shoes should be black and logo free. EY students should be in comfortable well-fitting closed shoes.

# Elementary School Update



#### **Benilde Day**

It was a fantastic day of House spirit today as we celebrated Benilde. In the spirit of Service and Community, Elementary and High School students and staff came together to 'get sponged'! A huge thank you to all of the teachers who volunteered to get soaked - this is always an incredibly popular event in the school calendar, with students queueing up enthusiastically. A huge congratulations and thank you to our House Captains - both ES and HS for their organisation and commitment. A special acknowledgement to Arjun and Brandon T, our ES Benilde House Captain. Funds that were raised today will go towards our schools' ongoing support of MAPPAC (Malaysian Association of Pediatric Palliative Care).



#### **Rest of the World Rocks Competition**

Our students battled valiantly this week in the TTRS 'Rest of the World Rocks' competition. From March 12-14th students from schools all over the world went head to head to try to get the highest average number of correct answers per pupil, within a one hour daily cap. Congratulations to all participants; our school accumulated over a quarter of a million points over the three days of competition.

On total points SJII was 38th out of 338 schools - a great effort. Helping Malaysia achieve a top ten placing overall! Special mentions go to our Top three classes: 1st Place - 6J. 2nd Place 6S, 3rd Place 6I

Top three students: 1st Matzka Wang 3I, 2nd Ethan Yap 6J, 3rd Jun Xi Lim 4S

## END OF CCA





#### **CCAs**

A reminder that next week is the last week of Term 2 CCAs. The details of choices for Term 3 CCAs will be shared with parents next week.



#### **Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs)**

A reminder of this opportunity to meet face to face with your child's class, Bahasa, Mandarin or EAL teacher to discuss your child's pastoral and academic development. A separate letter has been sent to your school family gmail with details and how to make a booking on Meet the Teacher. If you need assistance do contact the SJIIM Helpdesk: helpdesk@sji-international.edu.my

#### **ES Class Teachers - in school**

Monday 25th March 3:00 - 7:30pm Wednesday 27th March 3:00 - 5:30pm

**ES Languages - in school** 

Wednesday 27th March - 3:00-5:30pm Friday 29th March - 8:00-2:30pm

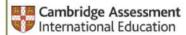
**Bookings window:** 

Monday 11th March 8am-Thurs 21st March 4pm.

## **High School Update**







#### **Exam Updates**

Last week has seen the start of the IGCSE/IBDP exam sessions, with students taking their speaking exams in Spanish and Malay. Congratulations to all of the students, they all approached the exams with great maturity and I am sure that they performed well. The Oral exams continues next week as scheduled below:

IGCSE Foreign Language Mandarin Chinese - 18th March

IGCSE Mandarin Second Language - 18th March IGCSE Foreign Language Spanish - 21st March IGCSE English Second Language - 17th &18th April

The official dates for other exams are:

IBDP - 25th Apr to 16th May AS Level - 25th Apr to 11th June IGCSE - 26th Apr to 13th June



For parents of Y11, A Level and Y13 students

Date: Wednesday 27th March

Time: 3.30-4.30pm Venue: Auditorium

Please come along to gather information and ideas about revision techniques, study routines and how to best support your child's wellbeing. Sign up using the QR code.









### Cyber Sip & Learn: A HS coffee morning exploring AI at SJIIM

For any HS parents

Date: Wednesday 20th March

Time: 8.30-9.30am

Venue: Brothers Quarters'

Learn about AI and how it is playing a role in school life. Hear about SJIIM's journey so far and planned next steps. Ask questions and get involved in future parent focus groups on this topic. Sign up using the QR code.

**Deadline for registering: Monday 18th March** 

### Parent Teacher Conferences: Wednesday 27th March

- Non exam classes (Y7,8,9,10 and Year 12 IBDP) will not be in school.
- Exam classes (Y11, Y13 and Y12 A Level) will be in school for bespoke exam focused workshops.
- A step-by-step user guide can be found here.

Bookings window opens for non exam classes: Friday 22nd March, 8am Bookings window opens for exam classes: Monday 25th March, 8am Bookings window closes for all: Monday 25th March, 5pm





# High School Update



### TeachMeet - Teachers sharing with teachers

Monday saw the second of our TeachMeets this year where teachers from HS shared their ideas and good practice on their chosen areas of teaching & learning. The topics ranged from assessment methods, to active classrooms; from differentiation to the use of AI.

The diversity of interests and expertise was extensive, and everyone took away something new to try. For more information on our teacher PD programme, please <u>read our blog</u> posted earlier this year on the website.







#### **Science Society**

On the 24th of February, the St. Joseph's Science Society was proud to organise and host SJIIM's first-ever interschool STEM Debate Competition involving KTJ, GIS and IGB, along with SJIIM. The motions debated were based on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and focused on giving students a platform to advocate for a future they want to live in. Team SJIIM ended up winning this event, so congratulations to Amira Marcellus, Shun Yu Tan, Marcus Goh and Colin Ooi!





## Student ECO Conference

Last Saturday, seven of us attended an on-line Climate Conference hosted by Kellet School (Hong Kong). It was a fantastic opportunity to delve deeper into our interests in Sustainability, seeking creative and collaborative solutions to Go Green! We heard from many speakers on topics such as fast fashion, shark conservation, and sustainability in the workplace. In addition to this, international schools from across Asia shared their respective ways to reduce their impact on the climate. There were even renowned experts, from the UK Geographical Society for example, invited to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of COP agreements. Overall, it was an insightful day filled with knowledge, critical thinking, and unity over a common goal.







Congratulations to our Lasalians of the Week as awarded in assembly.

## **High School Update**



#### **FOBISIA Climbing**

We had 6 high school students competing at the FOBISIA Climbing competition hosted by the International School of Penang. The students compete over 2 days having an opportunity to climb 20 high rope and 30 boulder routes, which helps them earn points individually and as a school. We had one of the smallest teams at the competition, and for the majority of them, it was their first time competing, so it was just about gaining some experience for them. Nevertheless, one of our competitors, Joshua Ong (Y11) won gold medal in the Under 17 bouldering competition. Well done and congratulations. We are hoping that we can take a bigger team for next year's competition.



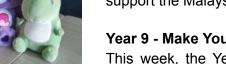
#### Ledu Service Projects Update

We're presently conducting three service projects as part of our Lasallian Education curriculum, each crafted to cultivate a profound sense of social responsibility and compassion among our students. Aligned with our Lasallian Core Values, these initiatives involve both direct interaction and indirect support for communities in need. More info and photos found here.



#### Year 8 - Toy For Joy

The Year 8 students are collaborating with Kita Kitar and have been invited to contribute by donating either a new or gently used soft toy (plushie) to support the Malaysian Association of Paediatric Palliative Care (MAPPAC).



#### Year 9 - Make Your Mark

This week, the Year 9 Service Projects, 'Make Your Mark,' have gained significant momentum, with nearly all groups completing their first full week of trading. As highlighted in last week's update, the project's objective is to cultivate essential skills through real-world business experiences with actual funds



#### Year 12 - ES and Community Service

Year 12 students are actively participating in Direct Service Learning, generously dedicating their time to support individuals both within our school and throughout the wider community. These projects continue until Easter.







# **Useful Links**



ES Student Absence Form HS Student Absence Form



HS Parent Overview Assessment 23/24
HS Parent Calendar 23/24
ES Parent Calendar 23/24
WS Parent Calendar 24/25



WS Teaching Staff Email 23/24



Epurse (Meal Selection/Top up credit)

**Eservice Manual** 

DeliSchool Menu: Term 3 23/24

**Newsletter** 

Delischool Email:

cafeteria.sji@shfservices.com



Catholic & Christian Community 23/24



SPV Update 23/24



**Music Website** 



Schoolsbuddy
WS CCA Website



Parent portal (For ES)



Sports Fixtures
Website



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HS Booklist 2023/24 ES Booklist 2023/24



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