SJIIM Weekly Update

22nd March 2024

Important Dates: Fri 22nd March - End of Term 2 CCAs and ASCC Thur 28th March - Nuzul Al-Quran Fri 29th March - End of Term 2

Upcoming Events: WS Fri 29th March - House Spirit Day

w/c 22nd April - Book Week (Remember to get your costume ready!)

ES

Mon 25th & Weds 27th March -Parent & Class Teacher Conferences Wed 27th & Fri 29th March - Parent & Language Teacher Conferences w/c 25th March Science Week Thur 18th April - Fri 19th April Y3 Residential

HS

Wed 27th March - Exam Success Toolkit: A Parent's Guide to Navigating Exam Season Wed 27th March - HS Parent Teacher Conference (PTC)

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This week's highlights



Catholic and Christian Life

The feast of Saint Joseph.

March 19th was the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. This feast day honours his role in the Holy Family and his virtues of humility, faithfulness, and obedience. He is known as the patron saint of workers and a model of fatherhood and family life.

We pray that Saint Joseph will always protect and watch over our school.

Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

"He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord'" (St. Bernardine of Siena).



Notice: Departure of School Counselor

We would like to inform you that our school counselor, Sue Wei Lim, will be leaving our school community at the end of this term.

During their time here, Sue, has made significant contributions to the well-being of our students. They have provided valuable support and guidance, helping many students navigate various challenges and achieve personal growth.

We appreciate Sue's dedication and professionalism and wish them the best in their future endeavors. In the meantime, arrangements will be made to ensure a smooth transition for students who may require ongoing support whilst we find a suitable replacement.



TERM 3 CCA

Whole School **Update**



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Term 3 CCAs

A reminder that today is the last day of Term 2 CCAs and the

CCA Term 3 : 22nd April - 14th June

Sign-up Open: Wednesday, 27th March 2024 @ 5pm Sign-up Close : Thursday 7th April 2024 @ 8pm

Website : WS CCA (also available in the Useful link)

All CCA sign-up for Term 3 will be done through

Meal plan purchases can be made via the Epurse portal at

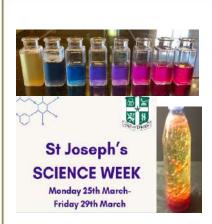
Please ensure that you have sufficient balance on the parent's card prior to making the meal plan purchase.

If you need assistance on how to top up the funds on the card,

HS Walk and Talk

Advance warning - the school will be closed to traffic between 8:10am and 9:00am on Friday 29th March. This will be for HS students who will be completing the Walk and Talk as part of mental health awareness. Any cars still on site between these times will not be able to exit. Should you need to drop off after 8:10, you should proceed to gate B, where you will be directed by the guards.

Elementary School Update



Science Week & House Spirit Day

Get ready for an exciting week ahead as Science Week starts next Monday, 25th March! This year's theme, 'change', promises an array of captivating experiments rooted in the fascinating world of chemistry. From explosive reactions to colourful transformations, students will be fully engaged in the wonders of scientific inquiry. They'll have the opportunity to earn valuable house points by showcasing their scientific skills. The week with culminate in House Spirit Day where all children are asked to showcase their House pride by coming to school in their House coloured PE kits that day. We'll be announcing the house winners during Friday's assembly, where we will showcase all of the fun experiments that happened across the year groups. We're excited to spark curiosity and share the magic of science!

Early Years and Year 1 trip to Little Palette

It was a wonderful and thrilling sensory experience for our EY and Year 1 students as they made a trip to Little Palette! In preparation for our upcoming science week, the children engaged in a range of activities where they explored and observed change when materials/ substances are combined. These included colour mixing, light changes, and play dough making. The highlight of this experience was the opportunity to get messy and dive into some bubble play!



Year 6 Art Exhibition





Our Year 6 art exhibition showcases the artistic talents of our students as they express their cultural heritage through paintings. Taking inspiration from the renowned artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, the children use symbols to convey aspects of their culture, identity, and heritage. They thoughtfully plan and select colours, creating meaningful and visually striking artworks that reflect their unique backgrounds and perspectives.



Elementary School Update



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Benilde Day

After all the fun, food and soaking that happened on Benilde Day, we are pleased to share that the grand total raised for charity was RM2078! Thanks again to all the House Captains for organising such a great event and for all the children, teachers and parents who supported it. A reminder that all the money raised will go towards the children's palliative care charity MAPPAC.

Book Week and Book Swap

Our annual Book Week will be happening after the holidays; w/c 22nd April. We will kick the week off with our annual dress-up day! One of the many activities planned during this week is our Book Swap (on Friday 26th April). To support this, we are asking for any pre-loved books the ES Office of the ES Library where you will receive a ticket in return. Children can then use their ticket to 'buy' a new book at the Book Swap. We are open to receiving books from next week onwards. More news will follow about the other activities for Book Week in due course.



Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs)

Thank you for all those parents who have made booking to see class and language teachers next week. A reminder that bookings are now closed. **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

Sibling Club Changes: Year 3 - Year 6

Due to our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday 25th March and Wednesday 27th March, sibling club locations will be relocated on these days to the following locations.

- Year 3 & 4: Lasallian Centre Mon & Wed only
- Year 5 & 6: Level 2 ES Music Room Mon & Wed only

Please can you remind HS students who are collecting younger siblings on these days.

High School Update



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) <u>will</u> 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



Exam Success Toolkit: A Parent's Guide to Navigating Exam Season

For parents of Y11, A Level and Y13 students Date : Wednesday 27th March Time : 3.30-4.30pm Venue : Black Box (1st Floor)



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.

KS3 Anthotype Printing

Throughout the week, our KS3 students not only delved into the fascinating world of science but also discovered the exciting connection between science and art. Guided by the theme of exploration, they dove into the innovative technique of Anthotype printing. This involved using plant material sensitive to light to make images. Through hands-on experimentation, students applied their newfound knowledge in a practical way. This activity wasn't just a break from assessments; it was a fun and unique opportunity for students to explore the intersection of science and creativity.

Cyber Sip & Learn: Parent Coffee Morning

This was an excellent opportunity for our parents to find out more about how SJIIM is integrating AI into the daily lives of our teachers and students. Technology is changing rapidly, and although there are many exciting advantages to this growth, there are also pitfalls that educators and parents need to be mindful of. This was a great place to start this conversation, and there will be more opportunities to follow. You can check the slides from the session on the Parent Google Classrooms.





Parent Google Classrooms

This is a reminder that key information relating to your child's learning and journey at SJIIM will be shared via Parent Google Classrooms. This makes it easier to find the information you need, when you need it. Please use the links below to sign up if you haven't already done so.

Y7 Parents / Y8 Parents / Y9 Parents / Y10 Parents / Y11 Parents / Y12 Parents / Y13 Parents



World Book Week 2024 (starting Monday 22nd April)

Students will take part in a wide range of exciting activities during the upcoming World Book Week after the holidays. This year's theme is focusing on individuality and diversity in reading: Read Your Way. The week will begin with the dress up day (so please help your child find a costume of their chosen book character). The week will end with a HS poetry slam, showcasing students' writing and performance skills.

Three-part Parent University Information Session

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all our parents to join us for the upcoming Three-Part Parent University Information Series here in our school. As part of our commitment to supporting our students in their higher education journey, we are excited to host a series of informative sessions to provide valuable insights into various aspects of our students journey. This series aims to empower parents with the knowledge and resources needed to make informed decisions about their children's future academic pursuits. Read for more information here and sign up here for the session.







Duke of Edinburgh

Over the last weekend, our students embarked on a two-day camping trip (DOE). This trip wasn't just about communing with nature; it was an experience aimed at refining essential life skills and fostering independence among our students. From the moment they arrived, students were thrown into a world without their screens and gadgets, learning to rely on themselves and their companions for entertainment and survival. Please find more info here.

Impressive assessments in HS EAL

This half term, the EAL learners here at SJIIM have been impressing their teachers with their increasing confidence in English. Year 7 students have produced a presentation on poetry made up of both original compositions and reactions to poems from writers as diverse as William Shakespeare and Michael Rosen! Meanwhile Year 8 have learnt a lot about population and over-consumption. Please read more info <u>here.</u>

High School Update





Spring Showcase Concert 2024

On Tuesday the 19th of March, we had the pleasure of watching our High Schools's 2024 Spring Showcase Concert! Our showcase included a wide range of performances from different individuals and groups in our school, from the orchestra to the Dance CCA to the Y7 Honours Band. We were able to experience a variety of music performances, including solos, duets, and rock band items, all performed by the talented students of SJIIM. We are delighted to see so many students expressing their creativity through music and dance, and we are looking forward to more performances in the future! More photos <u>here.</u>

Arts Week Activities

Embracing the theme "What a Wonderful World," our HS Arts Week has been a journey of creativity and expression. From learning "What a Wonderful World" during assembly and tutor times to our whole-school rendition in the MPH today, we've been reminded of our value of community and bringing our best. Tutor groups captured photographs of tableaus echoing the theme. Performances in the lobby and outside the LMC further enriched our days, from rock bands, to soloists to chamber groups. More photos <u>here</u>.



Lasallian Scholars Award

Today Mr Merrett and Ms Cole launched the Lasallian Scholars Award to our year 11 students. This is a leadership development programme, for our very best students in year 12. The awards will be a mix of academic excellence and community and service. Students will be able to apply for this award once they have started in year 12. <u>Link to the</u> <u>presentation here</u>.



School bags

Following feedback from the students and parents, we have updated the policy on student bags around the site. Students will now be permitted to carry their bags around the school site. They may leave them outside their classrooms, on top of the lockers, or if the teacher allows, they may bring them into the classroom and place them under the desks. Students must however, continue to use their lockers, where they must place books and sports/music equipment that they do not need for that lesson. Students must not carry all of their books and equipment around all day, this is a health and safety risk for them.

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Useful Links

