

SJIS Weekly Update

24th May 2024

Important Dates:

20th - 30th May - HS End of Year Exams

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

From front of the class to front of the pack: the inspiring double life of our ironman teacher!

On Sunday 19th May, our very own High School Humanities teacher, Mr Joe Taylor, qualified for the World Championship Ironman competition in Taupo, New Zealand this December.

In order to qualify, Mr Taylor, dominated a gruelling sequence of events. Mr Taylor began the event by swimming 1.9km off the southern coast of Desaru, followed by a 90km bike ride and finished strong by running a half marathon of 21km. He finished in a staggering 5 hours and 18 minutes, resulting in his automatic qualification to the world championships.

As if that wasn't impressive enough, Mr Taylor achieved the collective fastest time as part of a 5 man team, enabling the team to win the Asia Club Championship.

We have asked Mr Taylor to share some of his experiences and reflections with us.

This event gave me butterflies in my stomach, I had been preparing for a number of years. My training in 2024 had been going very well and I had been able to achieve real consistency leading up to the race. However, I still had a mix of emotions before I started, including nerves and excitement as I stood on the beach and contemplated the challenge ahead and the plan in my mind to execute during the race. This was going to require resilience.

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Finally, on with my running shoes and on to the half marathon to finish. It is a really hilly and hot course but I had practised for it and on it, hence I was well prepared. I managed to move up a few more places on the run course, as some withered under the heat and suffered with cramps. I felt really strong as I finished and I was delighted that I had executed my plan with all the attention to detail and strategies.

On reflection I am really proud to have secured my World Championship slot, which has been an inspiration to me and an ambition of mine since I was a young boy. The journey doesn't end here though; I now need to set new goals, write a new training plan and continue training with consistency in order to make slow but steady progress towards the World Championships.

I really believe that the character and virtues that I use in order to help me train and then cross my sporting finish line are firmly comparable and relatable to pupils of St Joseph's as they navigate through school life, education and exams.

Those butterflies in my stomach grew, they turned into dragons and they breathed fire. Thank you all for your support - diolch yn fawr.

This is truly an outstanding achievement, and we are lucky to have such an inspirational and driven member of staff in our community. We would like to offer him our congratulations and best wishes for his training over the next few months!



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Change of school name: St Joseph's Institution International School

We have recently received approval for the change of the school name from St. Joseph's Institution International Malaysia (Tropicana PJ Campus) to **St. Joseph's Institution International School**. As such St. Joseph's Institution International School will be used in future communications, as well as the abbreviation **SJIS**.



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PSG Update - Founder's Day

"Founder's Day was a joyful time with the whole school coming together for this celebration. The SJIS Parent Volunteers (SPV) helped the Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM) with the decoration at the foyer and staircase. The banner and tassels were fully funded by the SPV.

The SPV also contributed towards a wide variety of food and snacks sold during the celebration and 100% of the proceeds from the sales by the SPV, amounting to RM 3271 was donated to MAPPAC.

We would like to thank Heri, Janet and the team from the Korean community who contributed their time and effort in making delicious hotteok for sale that day. We would also like to extend a big 'thank you' to the SPV volunteers that have continuously given their support to all our events.



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**LOOKING TO
ACADEMIC YEAR
2024/2025**

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**Thursday,
6th June 2024
8.00 a.m.
SJIS Auditorium**

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BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Parent Consultation

Members of the HS SLT were pleased to welcome so many parents from Years 5,6,7 & 8 to a consultation event on Thursday morning. The focus of the event was to share the High School's strategy for integrating technology. We were grateful to parents for their thoughts and feedback on the new policy, and we look forward to moving forward as a community with this initiative.

Founder's Week

Founder's Week began with a warm welcome from the LYM's Project Hello: the LYM greeted students, parents and teachers as they entered school with colourful posters and bright smiles.

Prior to Founder's Week, the school was decorated with the Footsteps of De La Salle (with the help of the CCC and the SPV), with each footstep carrying a Lasallian virtue picked by students.

Throughout the week, the LYM hosted an assembly as well as tutor time activities to educate the students on the story of De La Salle, as well as to celebrate our Founder's life in different ways: through the Stealth Stars activity and a competitive Blooket quiz.

On Friday, students came in their Founder's Day T-shirts which were designed by the LYM. Thank you to everyone who bought the shirts – 100% of the profits will be used to fund all LYM service initiatives.

During the ES and HS Founder's Day assemblies on Friday, students from the LYM, SRC, PALs and House Captains performed a special dance that was choreographed by Manaal Atiq and Suyi Chan, and organised by the LYM Leaders and Deputies. After assembly, students enjoyed ice creams from the school, carrying on our Founder's Day tradition. SJIIM had also sponsored additional ice creams to be delivered to 5 homes that the LYM works closely with – ROPJ, RKKI, RPX, ZOMI and Rumah Hope.

Throughout the day, LYM students hosted the REC student choir with a school tour, ice breaker activities and an exciting match of captain ball. We hope the students enjoyed themselves in our school!

Finally the day ended with a picnic hosted by the LYM. We invited food trucks and had performances organised by the PALs on the field, similar to how we celebrated Founder's Day pre-Covid. A huge thank you to the school for sponsoring the popcorn and cotton candy machines, and we hope the students were able to record their memories with the photobooth sponsored by the LYM. We would also like to thank the SPV who supported the picnic by running a food stall!

We are looking forward to Founder's Day next year!





Year 5 Exit Point

As the exit point for their 'Bake It!' IPC unit, our year 5s were tasked with making and selling their own baked products. The children baked cookies themselves and developed advertising, a logo and created the packaging to sell their delicious products to their parents in a bake sale extravaganza in the school foyer on Monday. It was extremely successful event, also raising nearly 2000RM for the animal welfare charity PAWS, a cause chosen by the year 5 students. Thank you to all that contributed, helped and made it possible!



Year 6 Trip to NextGen

The year 6 students enjoyed an exciting trip to the Next Gen Theme Park at 1 Utama today. As their Elementary School journey nears its end, this outing provided a fantastic opportunity for the students to come together, enjoy a variety of activities, and celebrate their time in Elementary School before they move on to High School. The highlights of the trip included the thrilling Ninja obstacle arena, where the students could test their agility and strength. They also had the chance to explore the vibrant Arcade zones, showcase their singing talents in the Karaoke area, and immerse themselves in the interactive Gaming and Dance zones.



Y3-6 House Swimming Galas

We are excited to announce our first ES year 3-6 House Swimming Galas to wrap up another great year in the pool. The swim galas will be held as whole year groups on the days below. They will replace normal year 3-6 swim lessons that week.

Friday, 14th June - Year 6

Tuesday, 18th June - Year 5

Wednesday, 19th June - Year 4

Thursday, 20th June - Year 3



For our EY to Y2 classes, swim lessons will carry on following the normal timetable, however, they will also enjoy a fun end of year session with activities such as pool noodle race, treasure pick-up, and throwing balls into goals. We believe that this will be an exciting end of year opportunity after all the hard work students have put into their swimming development throughout the year. We regret that, for safeguarding and other health and safety reasons, parents are not allowed to spectate the events. Please do not hesitate to contact Coach Zyanne if you have any questions.

Founder's Week - Service Games

We are pleased to share the funds raised from the service games our Elementary School children led during Founder's Week was a fantastic grand total of RM2,465. All funds will be donated to the Malaysian Association of Paediatric care (MAPPAC).





Computer Science Society

On Tuesday, we welcomed back an SJIIM Alumni, Muhammed Hazim, who delivered an engaging session, titled: 'Why Data Analytics' - sharing valuable insights and also introducing the concepts of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, deep learning, and generative AI. Muhammed guided our students on how they could start their journey in these up-and-coming fields. We had over 30 students, staff, and parents in attendance for this incredibly impactful session. We're optimistic about the future and committed to empowering the next generation of innovators here at SJIIM. Thank you, Muhammed, for your ongoing support and dedication to the St. Joseph's Computer Science Society!



End of Year Exams Update

Whist Year 10 and 12 exams continue for one more week, exams for Years 7, 8 and 9 come to an end today. It has been uplifting to witness how maturely and confidently our younger students have approached these assessments. For Year 7 in particular, this first experience of formal examinations can be a little daunting, but they have taken it in their stride, and we look forward to sharing their results in June, ahead of the final round of Parent Teacher Conferences. More information will follow on this shortly.



School Shines at Kuala Lumpur Junior Maths Competition (KLJMC)

We are proud to announce our school's stellar performance at the recent Kuala Lumpur Junior Maths Competition (KLJMC). Our delegation comprised 12 talented students divided into four teams, with six students from Year 7 and six from Year 8.

The competition, renowned for its challenging events including the Individual Round, The Chase, and Dragon Maths, saw our students achieving remarkable results.

Our Year 7 teams particularly excelled, clinching a Silver medal in The Chase, and showcasing their exceptional problem-solving skills by securing a Gold medal in Dragon Maths. Furthermore, in the Individual Round, our Year 7 students demonstrated outstanding mathematical prowess, earning another Gold medal.

Congratulations to all our participating students for their hard work and dedication, and for representing our school with such distinction at the KLJMC!



7L Celebrates End of Year with a Marble Run Extravaganza!

This week, the 7L class wrapped up the 2024/2025 school year with a fantastic STEM activity – building marble runs! Not only did they showcase their creativity and dedication in utilizing recycled materials, but they also had a blast exploring engineering principles, teamwork, problem-solving, and physics! Please find more info and photos [here](#).



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