

SJIS Weekly Update

31st May 2024

Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:

5th June - Y12 IB TOK Exhibition

6th June - Looking to Academic year 24/25 with Mr Cairns

13th June - Y10 Sixth Form Taster Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Founder's Day service campaign 2024 - Following in the footsteps of La Salle.

We welcomed representatives from the Malaysian Association of Paediatric Palliative Care this week to wrap up SJIS' campaign for Founder's Day. Various school wide activities raised RM26,735 to help MAPPAC continue doing their indispensable work at their hospice centres.

Certificates from MAPPAC were proudly presented to volunteers from SPV, LYM, the Medical Society, the ES Service Games team, the Korea and China communities and KitaKitar in recognition of their enthusiastic effort both on campus and at the bazaar.

Thank you to all the SJIS parents who supported the bazaar by purchasing vouchers, stocking the stalls with home cooked meals, donating 14 cartons of toys and encouraging your children to experience service-in-action by volunteering last Sunday.

We are humbled by the SJIS community who time and time again never fail to support the Last, the Lost and the Least.



A reflection from Brother Mico de Leon FSC

Celebrating Founder's Day at SJIS

I stepped foot on SJIS and immediately felt at home. As we entered the school lobby, students greeted the Brothers, Lasallian partners, and other guests with creative Happy Founder's Day posters. Affable smiles were exchanged among Lasallians who were meeting for the first time.

"We are one, but we are many. And from all the lands of the earth, we come." This line from our school hymn rang true at that moment and throughout the rest of the encounters of the Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD) Youth Vocations and Committee (YVC) and La Salle University Ozamiz with the SJIS community from May 16-18, 2024, for the Founder's Day celebrations. We came from Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, and Vietnam, yet we all felt a warm welcome.

While visiting SJIS, the LEAD YVC team conducted Lasallian formation sessions for students, staff, and parents. We also participated in the Open Day, where we had the chance to meet potential parents and students. Our discussions revolved around the theme "We, The Faces of St. La Salle," reflecting on how we could honor St. La Salle's legacy by learning from his story and the values that shaped his life. I left the school that day feeling grateful and inspired, with a huge smile on my face.

It was my first time spending Founder's Day outside the Philippines, and I say it was one for the books. The Mass and fellowship gathering were very meaningful and the community picnic afterwards demonstrated unity amongst parents, students and staff. I believe Saint La Salle would be proud of us for the inclusive family we have built. For Brother Butch and I, all roads lead to SJIS for August 2024. We are in the final stages of preparing our documentary requirements for leaving the Philippines. We will teach Lasallian education classes in HS and hope to contribute to the rich Lasallian life at SJIS.

May the spirit of St. La Salle continue to live in our hearts.



Catholic and Christian Life

Over the next three to four weeks, our Catholic CCA students will be collaborating with some of our high school students (LYM) on an exciting sustainability project. This initiative aims to foster environmental awareness and responsibility among our students through hands-on activities and creative projects. The first part of our lessons each Friday will remain the same—opening prayer, circle time game, and a sharing from the Bible before we begin our service work.

Here's a brief overview of what each year group will be working on:

Years 1-3: Planting and Decorating Pots

Our younger students will get involved by decorating pots and engaging in some planting activities. This project will teach them about the importance of plants in our ecosystem, the basics of gardening, and how to care for living things.

Years 4-6: Upcycling (Eco-Fashion)

Students in Years 4-6 will focus on upcycling, specifically in the area of eco-fashion. They will explore ways to repurpose old clothing and materials. This activity will not only boost their creativity but also promote the importance of reducing waste and reusing resources.



Instrumental Music Recital - Thurs 30 May

23 students from our school's instrumental music program performed to an audience of family and friends. This recital provided a delightful and relaxed setting for students to familiarize themselves with the nerves performing can generate and prepare them for future opportunities. Instruments played included violin, cello, voice, guitar, ukulele, trombone, piano, and drum kit. It was a wonderful showcase of our students' hard work and talent.

We are Lasallian Recording

Our school song, "We Are Lasallian," is sung at all key events, uniting us and reminding us of our core values and history. A team of High School Performing Arts Leaders are organising an updated video and have been filming small groups of students from each year level singing and performing actions to a few lines of the song. Filmed in various locations around the school, this new video aims to capture the heart of our community. Filming will continue throughout the term, with the new video expected to be ready for the next academic year.



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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Looking to Academic Year 2024/25

6th June

8.00am

SJIS Auditorium

Please scan the QR code to sign up

Mr Gary Cairns, Head of School, invites parents to hear about next year's School Development Plan followed by a workshop with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) in which parents will have a chance to work with SLT on the strategic plan.



Yearbook
23/24

Pre-orders now open for Yearbook 2023/24

We are excited to share this year's physical yearbook order request form. We will as always have a digital copy for everyone (free) but you can also order a physical copy should you wish to have one at home.

Based on the number of orders received, prices will vary*

Qty : 50 (RM135 per book)

Qty: 100 (RM100 per book)

Qty: 200 (RM65 per book)

Deadline for pre-order: 7th June 2023

Deadline for payment : 18th June 2023

***Confirmation of the price will be shared on Monday 10th June**

Your yearbook will be:

ES- distributed to classes in the first week of Term 1 AY 24/25.

HS -available for collection from the High School office in the first week of Term 1 AY 24/25.



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AIMS Language Competition

17 talented students from ES represented our school in the prestigious AIMS Language Competition this year. Their hard work and dedication shone brightly as they showcased their exceptional skills in both Bahasa Melayu and Mandarin languages. We are delighted to announce the following SJIS winners for this year:

Nurul Demellia James: KS1 Mandarin Foreign Language (Bronze)
 Nunu, Liu Yinuo: KS2A Mandarin 1st Language (Bronze)
 Moon Junesoo: KS2A Mandarin Foreign Language (Gold)
 Hong Yijun: KS2A Mandarin Foreign Language (Silver)
 Mahalechmi A/P Vijay: KS2A Bahasa 1st Language (Bronze)

We extend a huge congratulations to all participants and winners for their outstanding performances.

Year 3 Service Learning

As part of our service learning unit, our Year 3 students have been busy spreading kindness throughout our school community. From posting anonymous positive affirmations and messages in students' lockers to making sandwiches for members of our school community, the children have learned the profound impact of their words and actions. They now understand that words can be powerful tools to uplift and encourage others. Additionally, they've discovered that being kind not only benefits others but also makes them feel good.

In a world where you can be anything,

be kind.



KLSM Primary Swim Meet

Our primary swimmers performed really well at the KL Sports League swim meet at IGB International School today. Our swimmers won 35 gold, 16 silver, and 18 bronze medals! SJIS was placed runner up for both the U9 and U10 age group, and were crowned champions in the U11 age group, leading to our school coming to a fantastic 2nd place finish overall. A massive congratulations to all the swimmers involved and a huge thank you to our wonderful swim coaches for their continued hard work and dedication to the success of the swimming programme here at SJIS.





End of Year Exams Update

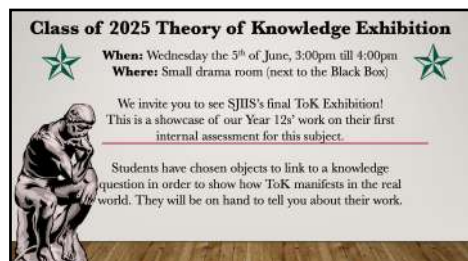
The End of Year Exams for Year 12(IB) and 10 came to an end on 29th and 30th May. We look forward to sharing their results in June, ahead of the final round of Parent Teacher Conferences. More information will follow on this shortly.

Class of 2025 Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Exhibition

5th June (Wednesday)

3.00-4.00pm, Drama room

Mr. Glanz and Mr. Hayes invite you to attend SJIS's last ever Theory of Knowledge Exhibition on the afternoon of the 5th of June. This is the presentation aspect of our Year 12 IB cohort's first internal assessment of the subject. Students have chosen from a range of knowledge questions, and then chose three objects through which to explore this knowledge question. They will be on hand to explain their work to you. Come along for a thought-provoking afternoon, and to support our students!



AIMS Language Competition

Last Saturday 25/05 we attended the AIMS Language Competition in Garden International School. 18 students from HS performed outstandingly (6 - Bahasa Melayu, 4 - Spanish, 8 - Mandarin), showing an amazing courage, and accurate language knowledge and a superb competitive spirit. Even though the standards were really high, some of our students managed to get a medal, and the winners were:



Wan, Sumaiea: KS3 Bahasa First Language (Gold)
Moon, Juhuk: KS3 Spanish Foreign Language (Bronze)
Sohn, Seongmin: KS4 Mandarin Foreign Language (Bronze)
Wu, Jingyi: KS4 Mandarin First Language (Bronze)



We would like to acknowledge and recognize all their efforts and congratulate all the participants for their brilliant work and performances!

Year 7 Honours Band Assembly Performance

The Year 7 Honours Band, an invitational ensemble featuring students who have shown exceptional application and aptitude on their instruments as part of the Year 7 Music Curriculum, entertaining the High School Assembly on Monday with a stellar performance during assembly. These talented young musicians, who began the year as beginners, showcased their impressive skills and dedication, delivering a challenging piece that impressed both students and staff. Congratulations to the Year 7 Honours Band for an outstanding performance that added a vibrant touch to our assembly!

MAPPAC Medical Society

MAPPAC's 2024 charity fair was a huge success, filled with heartwarming moments and community spirit. It was amazing to see so many people eager to support the advancement of child palliative care. The joy on people's faces, especially the children's, as they purchased toys and participated in activities, was a highlight of the day. The collective effort and generosity of everyone involved made a significant impact, and I'm happy and proud to have been part of such a meaningful cause. The event not only raised funds but also raised awareness, reminding us all of the importance of compassion and support for those in need. More photos found [here](#).





High School Performing Arts Competition

This competition took place in stages across the year, showcasing the remarkable talent across music, drama, and dance. Initial video entries led to live finals, with participants competing in both solo and ensemble categories across key stages 3 and 4/5.

- **KS3 Music Solo:** Juhyuk Moon (Miguel)
- **KS3 Music Ensemble:** Sumaiea Wan Saifulrizal (Miguel), Joanna Chia (Mutien), Alena Marcellus (Jaime)
- **KS4/5 Music Solo:** Sophia Lee (Miguel), Conor Callaham (Benilde) - Joint Winners
- **KS4/5 Music Ensemble:** Braeden Eng, Kevin Park, Caithleen Eng (Miguel)
- **KS3 Dance Solo:** Sophia Goh (Mutien)
- **KS4/5 Dance Solo:** Harry Nam (Benilde)
- **KS4/5 Dance Ensemble:** Xuen Lin Kok (Jaime), Valerie Chua (Mutien)
- **KS3 Drama Solo:** Yu Xuan Neo (Benilde)

Overall winners: Miguel for music, Mutien for dance, and Benilde for drama. Congratulations to all participants and winners for earning points for their houses!



Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day

Our Year 10 Sixth Form Taster Day is coming up on Thursday, 13th June. We will have a logistics and preparation assembly for students next Thursday during tutor time, and a parent briefing after school from 4:00-4:30pm. Details were emailed to parents of Year 10 students yesterday.

Year 13 Graduation

Last Friday, we celebrated twelve phenomenal IBDP graduates from the class of 2024. We heard brilliant speeches from Student Choice Speaker, Francine Phang, and Josephian of the Year, Alysa Marcellus. Mr. Cairns and Ms. Cole reflected on the strengths of this particular cohort, and offered advice for their future. We heard a musical performance from the talented Caithleen Eng, Ng Jen Ying, and Alysa Marcellus. Yoonkyu Nam impressed with his dance moves, and Year 12 Emcees Amira Marcellus and Jasmine Ooi did a phenomenal job. Congratulations once again to our exceptional Class of 2024 students for achieving this significant academic milestone!





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