

SJIS Weekly Update

13th September 2024

Important Dates:

16 & 17 Sept - public holiday
(Malaysia Day & Prophet
Muhammad's birthday)

Upcoming Events:

HS University and Careers
Coffee Morning with Ms.
Quennie

19 Sept - Y12
25 Sept - Y10

23 Oct - Catholic Mass

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS World's Scholar Cup

Last week, students from across the High School participated in the World Scholar's Cup competition in Bangkok, Thailand. In total 38 students took part in the event which included debating, writing and the study on a broad range of academic subjects. This year, the theme of the competition was 'Reimagining the Present' and was attended by around 4000 students from across the globe. In their teams, students were tested on and debated topics ranging from the use of AI to artwork by Andy Warhol and Banksy.

SJIS has an outstanding record in the competition and this year was no different with all of our students bringing home medals (and a wide variety of brightly coloured alpacas). In the Junior Division, Daniel (Y9), Ayleen (Y9) and Jin Yang (Y10) managed to secure third place overall team!

In addition to the academic rounds of the competition, students had great fun completing a scavenger hunt at a theme park in Bangkok. During the scavenger hunt, students complete a range of fun tasks working as part of a group with students from different schools and countries.

The students had an amazing experience and all qualified for the Tournament of Champions at Yale University in November.

Our Head of School, Mr Gary Cairns, who first introduced the World Scholar's Cup at SJIS way back in 2016 was also recognised for his contribution to the programme and his commitment to coaching our students. Mr Cairns was awarded 'The Coach of the Decade' so our congratulations to him too.



Catholic CCA

This week, we began a new term of Catholic CCA with students from Year 1 to Year 6, welcoming over 60 students to the program. During our session, we explored the concept of forgiveness at age-appropriate levels, using the Bible story of Jesus forgiving Peter. To conclude, the students created their own forgiveness cards and prayers as part of their learning.



Save the date: First Mass of the school year.

Date: Wednesday, October 23rd

Time: 12:30pm in the chapel, located on the sixth floor.

For: Students in Year 3 and above.

Families of our students are warmly invited to join us.



Dear Lord,
I'm sorry for all my sins,
For not loving others,
And for not loving you.
Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.
Amen



Virtues in the
family
workshop
SJIIS



Virtues for the Family Parent Workshop

We would like to sincerely thank all the parents who attended this morning's *Virtues in the Family* session. It was a fabulous opportunity to connect and share stories about being a parent. We all courageously embraced the language of Virtues, taking our first steps as parents on our own Virtues journey.

Attached are the slides we used during the session, along with links to the Virtues store and the *Parent Virtues Pick* option, if you'd like to join. We already have a few sign-ups, which is wonderful!

[SLIDES LINK HERE](#)

New Parents Coffee Morning Coming Soon!

After a wonderful start to the new academic year we look forward to inviting our new families back to school to enjoy a relaxed coffee morning. At SJIIS, community fosters connection, support, and a sense of belonging among students, parents, and staff. A coffee morning is planned to strengthen these bonds, offering a relaxed space for sharing experiences, building relationships, and enhancing collaboration within the school community, creating a more unified environment. More information to follow shortly!



Malaysia Day celebration within our community

Our wonderful Head of Bahasa in the Elementary School, Cikgu Nalla, recently shared her family's heartwarming tradition of celebrating Malaysia Day. They believe in the power of community and often spend the day volunteering together. This year, they gathered in Kajang to contribute to their nation by participating in a blood donation drive. The family joined in a festive Malaysia Day celebration. Singing patriotic songs, cutting a celebratory cake, and sharing in the collective spirit, they experienced a profound sense of pride and unity that is truly the essence of being Malaysian.

Traffic Hazard

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring the safety and smooth flow of traffic around the school. Please avoid dropping off your children directly in front of the school gate. This practice can lead to congestion and pose a safety hazard.

Thank you for your understanding and adherence to this important safety measure.

**TRAFFIC
HAZARD**



New PSHE and RSE Curriculum session

Thank you to everyone who attended our PSHE talk on Tuesday, 10th September.

The atmosphere in the room was filled with positive energy as we delved into the significance of high-quality PSHE lessons and the importance of nurturing the whole child in our teaching approach.



Term 1 CCA

We have had a successful start to our Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) program. This program is a great way to enhance students' learning experiences and foster personal development. Thank you to all the teachers and LA's who have offered a CCA in Term 1.



Year 6 House Captains - Applications

A quick reminder that the deadline for your video presentations is Wednesday, 18th September. These videos will be shared during assemblies for Years 1-6 on Friday, 20th September. The announcement of the successful House Captains will take place in assembly on Friday, 27th September.

Next week's Reminders

- Mon 16th & Tues 17th - Public Holidays (Malaysia Day & Prophet Muhammad's Birthday)
- Wed 18th - ES SRC Launch- class vote week after
- Weds 18th - Y6 Residential Information Session 2:50 - 3:30 in the Auditorium
- Thurs 19th - ES Assessment Parent Information Session 9am (online)



High School Parent Assessment Event

Catherine Ellis (HS Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning) welcomed over a hundred parents to this week's information event on assessment and reporting at SJIIS. Information was shared on how student potential is determined, as well as how assessments are administered and quality assured within the school. Details of how parents can support their children at home, as well as how teachers will communicate progress was outlined. We look forward to repeating this session online in Term 2 for anyone who missed it, as well as for new parents. Until then, you can view the slides [here](#).



Y11 Parent Coffee Morning

It was a great opportunity for Y11 parents to learn about the different pathways for further education and make informed decisions about their children's futures. Our University and Careers Counsellor, Ms. Quennie, highlighted what both parents and students should be doing throughout Year 11 to prepare for their futures. She highlighted the importance of choosing the right subjects that align with their personal interests and future career goals; outlined the rigour of A levels and ways to manage the workload, and provided an overview of the Y11 timeline. More photos and information [here](#).



University Visit

Last Friday, University of Bristol representatives came to our campus at lunchtime, together with a Professor of Life Science. They shared Bristol's long-standing history as a prestigious university and highlighted its rankings and achievements in various fields. They also showcased the university's diverse range of undergraduate programs and emphasized the innovative programs offered. The professor talked about the quality of teaching and research conducted by Bristol faculty, as well as the different companies they are associated with for student research and internships. More photos [here](#).

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to join us for our upcoming University Coffee Morning at 8:00 - 9:00 AM in the Brother's Quarter. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and discuss about supporting our students.

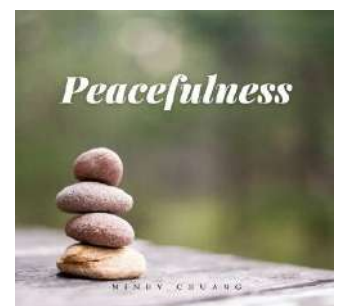
If you have any clarifications or questions, please do not hesitate to contact quenniyang@sjj-international.edu.my. We look forward to seeing you there.



Lasallian Staff Member of the Week : Mr Majid Hussain

Virtue of the week - Peacefulness

Inner calm and tranquility. Giving up the love of power for the power of love. Resolving conflict in a just and gentle way.





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