

## SJIS Weekly Update

23rd August 2024



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

## This Week's Highlight at SJIS

### Important Dates:

Welcome Back to SJIS!

As Head of School at St. Joseph's Institution International School, I am thrilled to welcome all members of our Lasallian community back for a new academic year.

St. Joseph's is more than just a school. It's a community where we support, encourage, and inspire one another. Our mission is to deliver, not only an outstanding education to our students, but also to develop young people who are guided by a moral compass, empathy, tolerance and consideration for others.

This coming academic year, we will work together to foster a positive and inclusive atmosphere filled with learning and, through acts of service, opportunities to develop good character.

I wish all members of our Lasallian community a wonderful year ahead.

'Ora Et Labora'.

### Upcoming Events:

Creating Healthy Routines  
Parent Workshop (HS and  
ES)- 29/8  
8:15 - 9:15 Level 4 Art Room

Y1 & Y8 Meet the Teacher -  
26 August  
Y2 & Y10 Meet the Teacher -  
27 August  
Y3 & Y9 Meet the Teacher -  
28 August  
Y4 & Y12 Meet the Teacher -  
29 August  
Y5 Meet the Teacher - 30 Aug

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## A message from the Brothers.



It was a joy to see our students return to SJIIS for the 2024/25 academic year last Wednesday, August 21st. The school was filled with energy as the school leadership team, Brothers, and staff warmly welcomed everyone. Parents captured precious moments as they dropped off their children, friends reunited after the school holidays, and new students eagerly found their way around the school. Every corner of SJIIS was filled with excitement.

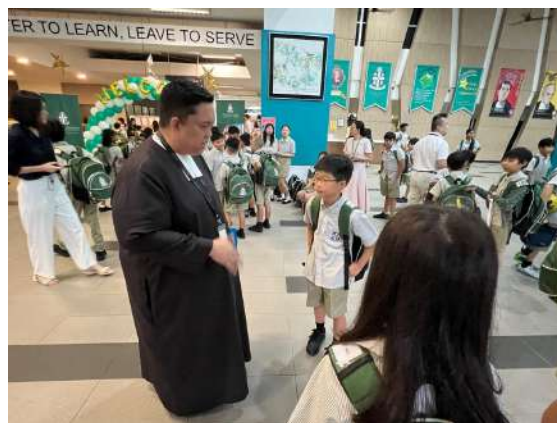
The start of a new academic year is always a time of mixed emotions for both staff and students. Our staff adapts to new faces as we bid farewell to former colleagues and welcome new ones while navigating new policies such as the BYOD. Our students step into new year groups and embrace fresh lessons and challenges.

Amidst the transitions and changes, we find that every beginning offers a fresh perspective, an opportune time to pause and reflect. What kind of student or staff do I want to be? How can I become a better, kinder version of myself? What virtues do I hold dear, and how will I use them to guide my actions and decisions? How can I contribute to building SJIIS as a community where everyone—regardless of race, religion, or social class—is welcomed and accepted?

As we embark on this new journey together, let us remember our virtue of the week: courage. It takes courage to embrace change, to strive for personal growth, and to stand up for what is right. It is courageous to reach out to new members of our community, make new friends, and explore new CCAs. Courage is believing in yourself and unlocking your potential this academic year!

As John Baptist de La Salle said, “Example makes a much greater impression than words.” Let us embody the virtue of courage and our Lasallian guiding principles in our actions and decisions and create a school environment where everyone feels at home, valued, and respected.

Welcome to 2024/25, Lasallians! Let us make it a year to remember!



## Catholic and Christian Life

Welcome to the start of a new school year! As we come together, let us be guided by our core values of faith, service, and community. This year offers new opportunities to grow, learn, and support one another. Let's work together to make this school year a positive and enriching experience for all.

### Catholic CCA

It's that time of year again! Our Catholic CCA sessions will resume every Friday afternoon, starting the week of September 9th, from 2:50 pm to 3:45 pm for students in Years 1 to 6. These sessions offer a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their faith while still being able to explore other CCA options. Pick-up will be in the main foyer, and the sessions will be led by Mrs. Willoughby and Ms. Lucy, with support from Mrs. Thomas and Ms. Joanne. We're excited to see returning students and to welcome new faces into our special community!

Please use this sign up document below if you wish for your child to join.

[Catholic CCA sign up sheet Term 1.](#)

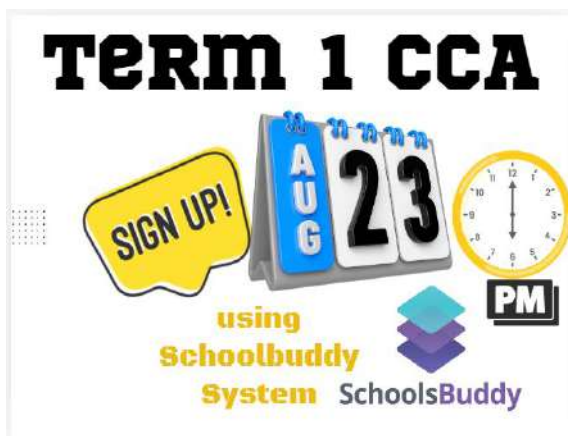
## CCA Term 1 2024-2025

[CCA Website](#)

### Important dates:

Schoolsbuddy Sign-up Open : **23rd August, Friday @ 6pm**  
 Schoolsbuddy Sign-up Close : **29th August, Thursday @ 12pm**  
 CCA Allocation email to parents/students : 30th August, Friday

All sign-up must be completed via [Schoolsbuddy](#). If you are not able to access it through the schoolsbuddy app, please reinstall the app or contact our SJI Helpdesk [helpdesk@sj-international.edu.my](mailto:helpdesk@sj-international.edu.my). Thank you.



## WS Parent Workshop

Led by: Linda Pridgeon & Sahana Fried

# Creating Healthy Routines

A parent workshop to help you setup healthy habits for your children for the new academic year

### Our Topics discuss on:

- Sleep Pattern
- Diet and Nutrition
- Connection before Correction
- Healthy Habits

- Thursday, 29th Aug, 2024
- 8:15 am - 9:15 am
- ES Art Room, Level 4



## Welcome Back Elementary Students

A warm welcome back to both new and returning families. We look forward to working together with you as part of the SJIS community this year and we wish all families a successful year ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome both the new and returning students back on the school campus this week. They have been participating in a range of different getting to know you activities with their teachers. In true Lasallian spirit all of our students have shown the virtues of kindness and compassion to help our new students (and teachers) feel settled and welcome.

Here are a few photos from inside the classrooms and quotes from our students...



**"My favourite part of the day was playing Splat because I won."  
Athena, Y4I**



**"It was like battleships, I had to work with my friends to find the coordinates to gain points."  
Ben Y6**



**"I loved seeing my friends today and I also made a new friend."  
Tiffany, Y3**



**"We worked together on our classroom agreement so our classroom is clean, nice and everyone is happy."  
Ella 2J**



**"The marshmallow and pasta teamwork challenge was really hard but really exciting."  
Ezra 5J**

## What did our teachers get up to over the break?

### The Trail Viper Challenge!

Ms Lucy, Ms Gemma and Mrs Willoughby tested themselves at the weekend by completing the Trail Viper Challenge! The 9km course and 12 obstacles pushed the ladies to their limits. They used their determination and grit to power through in the sweltering heat. Excellent teamwork and courage was shown to get over the obstacles especially when the fear of heights kicked in! They rejoiced as they crossed the finish line and collected their well deserved medals.



Bravo Teachers!



### CCA Fair Joy

The children had a wonderful time today exploring the various CCA options in the MPH. We were excited to see some returning favourites Karate, Chess, Lego Robotics, as well as new options like Pickleball!

Check out these photos of our children discovering the many CCA offerings! We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Joe Bentley, Ms. Syu, and Ms. Mei for their hard work in organising this exciting event. It was a huge hit with everyone and a lovely way to end the week.



## Early Years Meet the Teacher

Our Early Years 'Meet the teacher' session was a huge success with so many new and returning families. Parents started the session writing a special note to their precious children before we introduced our amazing Early years team to them. Parents got to see the classrooms and the learning environment. It was lovely to start the year off by establishing the foundations of our Early Years community.

Ms Colette is looking forward to a fruitful year of growth and joy with the support of her wonderful and dedicated team, Ms Samar, Ms Lee Wen, Ms Joanne, Ms Alyssa, Ms Erra and Ms Mimi.

## Meet the Teacher Year 6

It was great to welcome so many SJI families to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions after school in Y6. It is always great to take the time to check in at the start of the year and become familiar with routines, expectations and the culture within our classes. Families were able to reconnect with one another after the summer break, as well as make new connections with our new SJI families.

Our teachers loved being open and sharing their learning journeys as educators, including what inspires them and what their hopes are for the year. There was plenty of time for insightful questions from our families, which will in turn set us all up for a happy and successful year ahead!



## Next Meet the Teacher Scheduled for next week:

Monday: Yr 1 Tuesday: Yr 2 Wednesday: Yr 3 Thursday: Year 4 Friday: Year 5

## Reminders from Nurse Kasturi:

Please return **Medical Forms to the nurse as soon as possible** to ensure that we have to correct information on file for your child.

## Welcome to all our new students and our new staff and welcome back to the rest of our HS community!

As we embark on this new academic year, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all our returning students, parents, and staff. Your continued support and dedication are invaluable to our school's success. To our new members – students, parents, and staff – we are delighted to have you join the Lasallian family. We look forward to your contributions and the unique perspectives you will bring to our community.

I hope that everyone had a restful and rejuvenating break. It has been wonderful to see our students already so settled and focused in their lessons. Their dedication and hard work are inspiring. Let us approach this new year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. May it be a year filled with growth, learning, and meaningful experiences. Wishing you all a wonderful and fulfilling academic year



## Meet the teacher

Thank you to those parents who attended our Year 7, Year 11 and Year 13 Meet the Teacher events. We hope you found the information valuable and had all your subject specific questions answered. If you were not able to attend please use the parent google classroom codes to view the slides.



**Year 7**



**Year 8**



**Year 9**



**Year 10**

### Next week's Meet the Teacher schedule

**Year 8** Monday, August 26  
3:30 – 4:30pm in the Auditorium

**Year 9** Wednesday, August 28  
3:30 – 4:30pm in the Auditorium

**Year 10** Tuesday, August 27  
3.30 - 4:30pm in the Auditorium

**Year 12** Thursday, August 29  
3:30 – 4:30pm in Level 6 Corporate Lounge

**Year 11**



**Year 12**



**Year 13**



Please make our virtue of the week a talking point at home - where have you shown this or noticed it in your children?

### Virtue of the week

Transforms fear into determination. Embracing life fully, without holding back. Doing what must be done, even when it is difficult or risky.



## What did our HS teachers do over the break?

Conversation always turns to what you did in your holidays when school starts back and we wanted to highlight just one of the many amazing things our teachers did over the break.

Ziad is a valued member of our community and in true Lasallian spirit gave his time to help build a home for an Orang Asli family. Please ask him about the experience and we hope his example encourages more service within our community.



*“By surpassing our expectations and finishing ahead of schedule, we were overjoyed to hand over the keys to Rizal, Koes, and their five children. Rizal, a contract worker, and Koes, a seamstress, have dreams of their children receiving a formal education. This new home will provide them with a safe and nurturing environment to grow and thrive.”*



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[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[Term 1 HS Parent Events 24/25](#)  
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[ES Parent Calendar 2024/2025](#)



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