

SJIS Weekly Update

30th August 2024

Important Dates:

World Scholar's Cup

29th Aug - 4th Sept - Junior

30th Aug - 5th Sept - Senior

31st Aug - Merdeka Day (public holiday)

9th Sept - CCA Term 1 starts

Upcoming Events:

HS Coffee Morning:

05 Sept - Y13

11 Sept - Y11

19 Sept - Y12

25 Sept - Y10

13 Sept - Parents Virtue Session

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS

Laying the Groundwork for Success: A Look at Our Staff Induction

We are delighted to share a recap of our recent staff induction program, which was a resounding success. This year's induction aimed to equip our dedicated team of educators with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to provide exceptional learning opportunities for our students.

The first three days of the induction were specifically tailored for our 20 new staff members. Through a series of engaging sessions, we introduced them to the Lasallian ethos that lies at the heart of our school community, emphasising the importance of virtues in our daily lives. Additionally, we focused on high-quality pedagogical practices, providing practical strategies to enhance their classroom experiences.

As the induction progressed, our returning staff joined us, creating a vibrant and collaborative atmosphere. The community bonded through a variety of social and team building activities, including the ever-popular annual staff scavenger hunt. Congratulations to Benilde for securing the victory for the second consecutive year!

During the second half of the induction, we shifted our focus to ensuring high standards for all students. Inclusive teaching practices, character development, and wellbeing were key themes explored. We also delved into the effective implementation of the BYOD initiative in our high school, discussing strategies to optimise its use for learning, whilst not compromising on the values of the school.

All professional development sessions at SJIS, which will continue throughout the year, are rooted in academic research, fostering thoughtful discussions and practical applications. We are confident that our staff will implement these valuable insights into their daily teaching practices, positively impacting the learning experiences of our students.

As we embark on a new academic year, we are excited to witness the fruits of our staff induction program. By investing in our teachers, we are investing in the future of our students.





Creating Healthy Routines

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in today's parent workshop, "Creating Healthy Routines." We were delighted to see 48 parents join us! Your commitment to fostering your children's mental health and creating a balanced home life is truly inspiring. During the workshop, we discussed the importance of healthy morning and bedtime routines, as well as the benefits of taking a pause. We also had the opportunity to connect and share experiences, strengthening our sense of community.

If you were unable to attend this session, please find the attached slides.



Coming soon...

Parent Virtues Session

Looking forward to our upcoming parent session! We'll explore The Virtues Project and its five powerful strategies for handling difficult conversations and fostering a virtuous home environment.

[SIGN UP FORM FOR THIS SESSION](#)

CCA Allocations & Competitive Sports Selections:

[Attached](#) to this update, you will find a letter that outlines the CCA allocations for your child. This letter also contains important information about the selection process for our competitive sports teams. Please take the time to review the details carefully.

We are pleased to inform you that the CCAs are scheduled to begin on Monday, 9th September 2024. You should receive a confirmation of your child's CCA allocations via email from SchoolsBuddy. If you do not receive this email or if you have any questions or concerns regarding the allocations, please do not hesitate to contact us via our support email address: cca@sji-international.edu.my

Deadline to pay for External CCA : Thursday, 5th September 2024 (5pm)

Bank Name: OCBC Bank Berhad

Bank Account Name: Ever Radiant Sdn Bhd

Bank Account Num: 7071281859

(Please send transaction receipts to finance@sji-international.edu.my and cca@sji-international.edu.my)

Reference : **Students's Name_Class_Type of CCA** (eg. CamelinaChan_1J_Archery)

Catholic CCA

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.](#)



Update on Yearbook 2023 - 2024

Unfortunately, there has been a delay to the production and printing of the yearbook 23/24. We expect the yearbook to be completed and ready for distribution by the end of September/beginning of October.

We apologise for the delay.

Coming soon...

Deli Schools Parent Session

Keep an eye on our communications with regard to this session. We look forward to learning more about meal nutrition, packages and we may even have a chance to taste some of the Deli Schools food!

More information to follow shortly.



Reminders from Nurse Kasturi:

Please return **Medical Forms to the nurse as soon as possible** to ensure that we have the correct information on file for your child and please be reminded that SJIS is a **Nut-Free school**.

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SJIS Inaugural Music Camp: A Harmonious Start to the Year

The inaugural SJIS Music Camp has been an extraordinary experience for our students, marking a vibrant start to the academic year. Over four days, students immersed themselves in intensive rehearsals, guided by world-class musicians and conductors. The camp culminated in a concert featuring our newly formed orchestra and choir, alongside a special performance by a chamber group from the Selangor Symphony Orchestra.

Led by Ke-Jin Yee and Eugene Pook, the orchestra tackled a challenging program with skill and enthusiasm. Charmaine Jones, visiting from Adelaide, inspired our choir with her dynamic leadership. The collaboration between students and professionals created an environment of growth and creativity, resulting in performances that were both polished and passionate.

The concert was met with a warm reception from staff, parents, and friends, who gathered to support our young musicians. As Charmaine returns to Adelaide, we look forward to the continued development of our orchestra and choir through the year, with regular rehearsals as part of our CCA program.

The success of this music camp is a testament to the talent and dedication of our students, as well as the invaluable guidance provided by our guest artists and coaches. We're excited to see how our young musicians will continue to grow and shine in the months ahead.



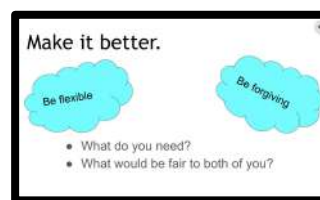
Elementary Assembly

Brother Butch introduced himself and led today's assembly all about Merdeka Day. He shared his educational experiences and his journey as a Brother. The children learned that Brother Butch has also lived in India and loves travelling, basketball, tennis, and cooking. We look forward to Brother Butch joining us again in assembly.

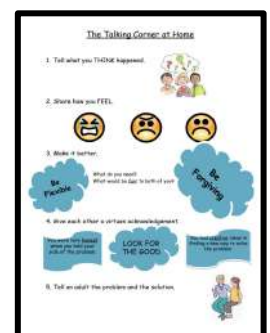
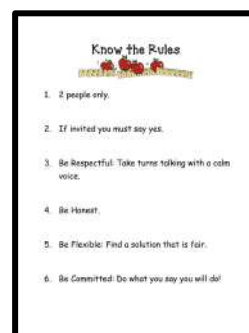


The Talking Corner Launch at School

The Talking Corner is a wonderful tool used to help children manage conflict using their virtues skills. It gives children an opportunity to develop important conflict-resolution skills. When children have a concern with a friend at school, they are encouraged to talk it through in the Talking Corner. It is a safe space with clear rules. Your child has had the process explained by us at school and we suggest now you ask your child to explain The Talking Corner to you. Here are some visual prompt to help the conversation.



We hope you are able to put the Talking Corner up in your homes and use it to build on the conflict resolution skills that the children are developing at school. Here is a [link](#).



Meet the Teacher - Years 1-5

This week has seen the continuation of our 'Meet the teacher' sessions from Years 1-5. It has been wonderful to see both new and returning parents attending these sessions. The purpose of the sessions are for parents to meet their child's class teacher and LA and to see the classroom and wider learning environments. Key information about communications was shared together with a focus on Seesaw to ensure that all parents have access to this important Teaching and Learning platform. Thank you to those parents who attended and to all the teachers for their informative presentations. Next week we will be holding our EAL, Languages and Year level curriculum online sessions to further unpack our holistic ES curriculum here at SJIS.



Next week's Online Curriculum Parent Sessions:

Mon 2nd Sept - **EAL Parent Session - 2:45-3:15 pm - in person - Level 1)**

Mon 2nd Sept - **Year 6 Curriculum Session Online 9-10am**

Tues 3rd Sept - **ES Languages Parent Session (Mandarin & Bahasa) Online**

Tues 3rd Sept - **Year 1 Curriculum Session Online 9-10am**

Wed 4th Sept - **Year 2 Curriculum Session Online 9-10am**

Thurs 5th Sept - **Year 3 Curriculum Session Online 9-10am**

Fri 6th Sept - **Year 4 Curriculum Session Online 9-10am**

Mon 9th Sept - **Year 5 Curriculum Information Session Online 9-10am**

Tues 10th Sept - **ES PSHE /RSE New Curriculum Parent Information Session (online)**

We look forward to seeing you there.



Good luck to our World Scholar's Cup Teams!

On Thursday and Friday, our Junior and Senior Division teams flew off to Bangkok for this year's Global Round of the World Scholar's Cup competition.

Over the next week, our students will be participating in a range of competitive rounds including debating and their knowledge of the WSC curriculum. In total, 37 students are participating in the competition and they are accompanied by their coaches from the High School.

THE UNIVERSITY TOUR

Be part of our Great Discovery

Talk to a University Representative on:

- Your study plan
- Programs Offered
- Entry Requirement
- Scholarships Availability

Participating Universities:

- SOUL COAST UNIVERSITY
- HERIOT WATT UNIVERSITY
- Teesside University
- UWE Bristol
- Middlesex University
- FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY
- University of Kent
- QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BIRMINGHAM
- St. George's University
- St Mary's University Twickenham London
- SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY
- Asian University
- Raffles
- Oregon State University
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- HELP UNIVERSITY

Visiting:

- UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
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1.00pm - 1.40pm

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University Visits

On our first day back, we had admission officers to two prestigious Singaporean universities: the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU). Overall, both universities provided valuable insights into their academic offerings, admission requirements, and opportunities for students seeking to pursue higher education in Singapore. Please read more [here](#).

Upcoming Mini-Fair and University Visit

We will have a mini-fair on 3rd September from 1:00 - 1:50 PM **at the school foyer**. Around 15 Universities / Institutions will be on campus. Students and parents are welcome to join and engage with the University representatives. On the 6th September, University of Bristol representatives and a professor on life science will be on campus from 1:00 - 1:50 PM. They will talk about the programmes, life as a student at Bristol and a career pathway for life science.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELLOR COFFEE MORNING WITH THE PARENTS

JOIN US!!

YEAR 13 - 05 SEPTEMBER
YEAR 11 - 11 SEPTEMBER
YEAR 12 - 19 SEPTEMBER
YEAR 10 - 25 SEPTEMBER

VENUE: BROTHER'S QUARTER
TIME: 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Coffee Morning

We would like to invite you to join us for our upcoming University Coffee Morning with Y13 parents on 05 September 2024 at 8:00 - 9:00 AM in Brother's Quarter. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and discuss about supporting our Y13 students as they navigate the application process in the next couple of months.

Please RSVP [here](#) on or before 3 September. If you have any clarifications or questions, please do not hesitate to contact quenniyang@sj-international.edu.my.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Meet the teacher

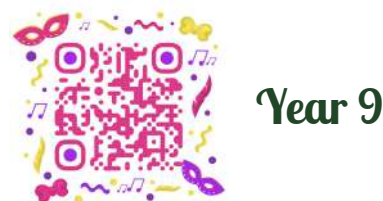
Thank you to all parents who attended our Meet the Teacher events. We hope you found the information valuable and had all your subject specific questions answered. If you were not able to attend please use the parent google classroom codes to view the slides.



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12



Year 13



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.



[ES Student Absence Form](#)
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



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



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