

SJIS Weekly Update

4th October 2024



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

This Week's Highlight at SJIS High School Camp Week - Y7 to 10 Camp

Important Dates:

- 14-18 Oct - Half Term break
- 31 Oct - Deepavali (public holiday)
- 1 Nov - School holiday

Upcoming Events:

- 11 Oct - International Day Bazaar
- 23 Oct - Safeguarding Parent Info Session
- 23 Oct - Catholic Mass
- 25 Oct - Deepavali Gala
- 25 & 26 Oct - ES Language PTCs
- 26 Oct - ES Class teacher PTCs
- 26 Oct - HS PTC
- 30 Oct - Deepavali celebration
- 1 Nov - School Holiday (Deepavali)
- 9 Nov - Family Festival

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High School Camp Week - Y11 to Y13 Service-Learning Week

St. Joseph's Institution International School (SJIS) organized its Service-Learning Week from September 30 to October 3, 2024, which culminated in a service trip to four community partners. Throughout the week, students in Years 11-13 participated in planning and reflection activities facilitated by Brother Mico de Leon FSC. They set goals, discussed the challenges faced by the community partners, and prepared for different scenarios. Additionally, students developed lesson plans and learned basic Malaysian sign language to improve their communication with the communities.

On October 3, Year 11 students visited Silent Teddies and the Zotung Catholic Refugee Center, Year 12 students went to the Zomi Education Centre, and Year 13 students visited the Ruth Education Centre. This week helped students gain a deeper understanding of social justice while building empathy, responsibility, and a sense of service—valuable skills for their future education and careers.

In line with the Lasallian principle of Concern for the Poor and Social Justice, SJIS is dedicated to helping students understand social realities and their role in contributing to building a just and humane society. You can find reflections from our Year 11-13 students on [Padlet](#).

Year 11 - Silent Teddies



"The most significant takeaway I gained from this service-learning experience was the level of perseverance from the people in Silent Teddies. I find it admirable that they were able to adapt to their disability and create a lifestyle around it. This inspires me to have an attitude of constant perseverance, as the little inconveniences could not ever live up to the level of overcoming these people have gone through, meaning that if they can persevere, I can too." - **Year 11 Student**

Year 11 - Zotung Catholic Refugee Center



"The most significant lesson to me was how even though there are many challenges in life, everything is beautiful with faith. Watching the kids smile, evokes a feeling of empathy with them, and invites me to see life in a better way. Personal growth and learning is huge from this experience, as it makes me value even more what I have. I also learned how there is no need for a "special" approach to the children just because they are refugees. We are all brothers and sisters, sons of God and we all deserve an equal treatment. These children demonstrate me how even with big struggles, it's possible to have a great attitude." - **Year 11 Student**

Year 12 - Zomi Education Centre



"Firstly, I learned about the backgrounds of the Zomi children and the hardships their family had to face when migrating to the country. This helps me to become more empathetic and aware of people's backgrounds, and the struggles they face, even if they don't show it. I also learned adaptability, as the students we taught were at a higher level than we thought, and we had to adapt our teaching to cater for their skills. This helps me in terms of projects and leading, as I have become more flexible. I have also learned thorough project planning, as the lesson plan we created had to be quite detailed. This will help me for future projects both in and out of school." - **Year 12 Student**

Year 13 - Ruth Education Centre



"Firstly, I now have a better community awareness. I am more aware of the privilege I have, and the importance of giving back is now clearer than ever. I empathise deeply with the people I met, and they were incredibly warm and welcoming. Secondly, my compassion has definitely developed. I was a little shy to meet the students and interact with them, but they were so outgoing and happy to meet us, which definitely made me open up. Finally, I'm motivated to work hard and get a law degree. When Robert explained the difficulty of Burmese refugees and the danger of crossing the borders, it reminded me of my aspirations in law. Nobody should have to feel unsafe in their own home, and the injustices of war and conflict affected him as a child greatly." - **Year 13 Student**

Catholic and Christian Community

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a time when the Church encourages devotion and prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As such, every Friday throughout October, we will gather to pray the Rosary in our school chapel. We will meet at 8:15 a.m. If you would like to join us, please register at the security desk beforehand. **This is for non-Muslims only.**

Save the date

On October 23rd, we will celebrate Mass for students and families in Year 3 and above in our school chapel at 12:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet for students will be shared shortly..



School Development Plan Update and Accreditation Workshop

Thank you for attending yesterday's session on the school development plan and how we incorporated feedback from last term's workshop. As well as a presentation from Mr Cairns, parents had the chance to give the school feedback on three standards relating to parent engagement and communication.



As well as giving parents greater insight into the accreditation process, the session provided the leadership team with evidence of engagement initiatives which is useful for our accreditation process.

As discussed in the session, this cycle of sharing and feedback is one that we will continue to do every year so look forward to more updates in the future.



FOBISIA

FOBISIA Sports Invitational

We are pleased to announce the opening of Expressions of Interest for the upcoming FOBISIA Individual Sports Invitationals. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to compete at an elite level in tennis, climbing, golf, gymnastics, and table tennis. Please be aware that submission of the [form](#) does not guarantee a place, as we need to meet minimum entry requirements. We encourage eligible students to participate and showcase their skills. For further details on dates and locations, please refer to the [FOBISIA website](#).

Family Festival 2024

Find out more at the Family Festival Event Site: <http://bit.ly/SJISFF2024>



SJIS
FAMILY FESTIVAL
2024

SATURDAY
9 NOVEMBER 2024
10AM - 4PM

CARNIVAL & FAMILY GAMES

STUDENT, TEACHERS & STAFF PERFORMANCES

FOOD & DRINKS

SJIS
Parent Volunteers

COUPON SALES START



MONDAY

7 October 2024



Proceeds will support the **De La Salle Butitin Nabawan School** in Sabah, for underprivileged students. We aim to raise RM 50,000 for a resource lab & school meals. A small portion of the proceeds will also support SPV activities for students, teachers, staff and parents.
Your participation makes a difference!

HOW TO GET COUPONS

SJIS FINANCE OFFICE

1. Pay by **Cash or Bank Transfer**
2. Obtain official **SJIS receipt**
3. **Show receipt to collect** coupons from SPV counters at the Foyer open Mondays to Fridays from 2.30 to 3.30pm.

SPV COUNTER @ FOYER

- Get coupons from the SPV Counter in the Foyer - Open **Mondays to Fridays** from **2.30pm to 3.30pm** in the School Foyer. Payment by **CASH** only.

Get ready for a fun day out! See you there!

SRC Council



Congratulations to our newly elected SRC leaders!

1S-Kyzen, 1J-Ella, 1I-Skye,
2S-Lena Woo, 2J-Dante,
3S-Taeyee, 3J-Ryatt, 3I-Maksim,
4S-Roman, 4J-Benjamin, 4I-Emelia,
5S-Bo Re, 5J-Ethan Teo, 5I-Ashton, 5M-Nu Nu,
6S-Jackson, 6J-Kara, 6I-Jaden, and 6M-Georgina.



Your commitment and responsibility have earned you SRC badges. We're proud of your achievements and wish you success in your new roles!

3S Assembly

Well done to class 3S for their wonderful performance in this week's assembly, which showcased the power of our virtues program.

The children demonstrated remarkable courage, creativity, and teamwork on stage, and their hard work truly shone through. It was heartwarming to see how much effort each student put into their roles, and their enthusiasm was evident in every moment. We were also delighted to welcome our 3S families, whose support is so valuable in nurturing these important virtues in our students.



Music Assembly

During the Music Assembly, we have the pleasure to witness a piano performance by Choo Zi Yu from Year 6. The piece she was performing is called, "The entertainer". We also saw the KS2 Choir performing a song called, "My voice is really funky," followed by a special rendition of the School Song.

If your child would like to showcase something that they have been working on, please have them to speak to our music teachers, Mr Kent and Ms Zayaan.



International Week is NEXT WEEK!

It's that time of year again! We are buzzing for International Week, especially as each year group has chosen a new country of study. We will end the week with a parade celebrating our diverse community. Families are invited to the parade on **the field at 8:15 am on Friday (11th October)**. See you there!

Next week's Reminders

- Mon 7th - Fri 11th - International Week
- Fri 11th Oct - International Day Bazaar & Parade
- Fri 25th & Sat 26th Oct - Parent Teacher Conferences for Languages - Mandarin & EAL
- Sat 26th Oct - Parent Teacher Conferences - EY & ES Class Teachers

More information about Parent Teacher Conferences will be shared next week.

HS students



Climate Fresk Workshop Year 10

We were honored to have three facilitators from Climate Fresk hold their interactive workshop with our Year 10 students on Monday. Climate Fresk began in France and now runs in 162 countries. Their workshops aim to untangle the complexities of climate change and students participate actively in creating their 'fresk' or mural that shows the connections between the causes and effects of our warming planet. Many thanks to Mr Benoit Rabaud, Madeline Yap, and Line Gautier for volunteering their time and helping our students gain greater awareness of this very important issue.

Computer Science

During Camp Week, our students from years 7-10 dived into exciting, hands-on computer science projects that sparked their creativity and coding skills. In **GameMaker**, students designed and developed their own vertical scrolling "shoot-em-up" games. They were tasked with learning the fundamentals of game design along the way. The result? A series of action-packed, fast-paced games showcasing their ability to code and think strategically.

Meanwhile, in **Alice** (alice.org), students tapped into their sense of humor, crafting short, entertaining animations that kept everyone laughing. They explored 3D programming and storytelling, combining code with creativity to bring funny scenarios to life. These projects were a hit, as students shared their animations, learning from each other while honing their animation and programming skills.

Camp Week proved to be a fantastic opportunity for students to develop both technical skills and creative thinking in a fun, collaborative environment!

Exciting Charity Carnival Planned by Students!

Our students have been hard at work planning a charity carnival to raise money. From creating a vibrant logo and eye-catching posters to designing booth layouts and organizing the event, they've done it all! They've even managed the financial side by preparing a detailed profit and loss spreadsheet. This carnival is set to be a fun-filled event for a great cause, and we are incredibly proud of the students' creativity, teamwork, and dedication.

Music

In the music sessions on site, year 7 - 10 students had the chance to play Come Together by The Beatles in a ukelele choir and a percussion ensemble session where they learned and performed an arrangement of 'Spanish Harlem' as performed by Ben E. King within just 90 minutes.

A video of the year 10's ukelele choir playing Come Together is [here](#).

A video of the year 8's percussion ensemble playing Spanish Harlem is [here](#).



BEES Model United Nation Conference 2024

On September 27th, SJIIS participated in BEESMUNC 2024, a MUN conference organised and hosted by Tenby Setia EcoHill International School. 10 students took on roles of countries in their council and discussed current global issues. SJI students were spread out over all 5 councils offered at the conference. For example, in ASEAN SJI represented Thailand and Laos in discussing transboundary issues concerning pollution and DISEC saw our students discussing solutions to state-sponsored terrorism as the delegates of South Africa and Germany. Notably, Joe Hynn Ng received the "Best Delegate" award for the Historical Crisis Council as the delegate of the USSR in the Korean War, Jayden Kong received the "Outstanding Delegate" award for being the delegate of Paraguay in ECOSOC and Emma Zhang received an "Honourable Mention" as the representative of Free Malaysia Today in the IPC.



It was the first MUN conference experience for most of the group, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from the team - everyone thoroughly enjoyed the discussions in their council and met many new people! SJI hopes to attend another conference as a school very soon.



Languages

As part of International Week celebrations next week, the Languages Department has focused this week on exploring Minority Ethnic groups while many students were away on camps. We engaged in discussions about the lives of indigenous people, celebrating cultural diversity and inclusivity. In groups, students prepared presentations on the culture, challenges, and contributions of their chosen minority ethnic groups.

Yoga

The Year 11 to Year 13 students had the opportunity to experience a special yoga session with Ms. Ying Ying, who is also a certified yoga instructor. The session focused on breathing techniques to ease anxiety, while fostering gratitude and mindfulness, the essential skills for today's younger generation to build resilience in our fast-paced world. It was a relaxing and uplifting experience, with plenty of laughter shared behind the stretches.

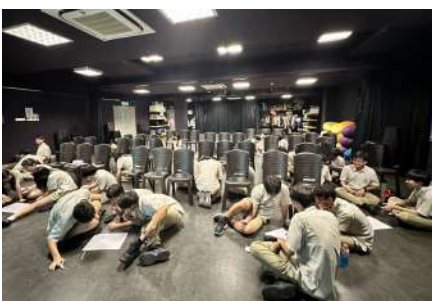


Y11-13 Camp week

Some of the activities included:

- Applying to Elite Universities Workshop
- Year 11 Interview Prep Workshop
- Practical Wisdom' workshops

Please read more info [here](#).





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