

SJIS Weekly Update

29th November 2024

Important Dates:

29 Nov - End of Term 1 CCA

11 Dec - Sultan Selangor
birthday (public holiday)

13 Dec - End of Term 1

Upcoming Events:

30 Nov - Open Day

6 Dec - Christmas Bazaar

12 Dec - Christmas Mass

12 Dec - HS Christmas Concert

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This Week's Highlight at SJIS *The Lasallian Scholar Awards*

The Lasallian Scholar Awards recognize the exceptional achievements and tireless efforts of eight of our outstanding Year 12 students. On Monday, we celebrated this particular group for their outstanding dedication, hard work, and academic excellence in our Scholars Award Ceremony. These awards not only celebrate their individual successes but also inspire and motivate their peers to strive for excellence. During the ceremony, we heard speeches from Ms. Cole, Head of Sixth Form, Year 13 Scholars Shevonne Goh and Jaden Poi, our Lasallian Scholar of Leadership, Kirsten Yap, and our Lasallian Scholar of Community and Service, David Motha. We also heard a beautiful performance from all eight scholars, organised by Lasallian Scholar of Arts Philip Tiurin, and were delighted by the fantastic performance of Year 11 students Conor Callaham and Joe Ng. It is truly an honor to witness the remarkable talents and potential of these young recipients, and we are confident that they will continue to make significant contributions to our community and beyond.

Next week, our scholars alongside other members of the Year 12 cohort will accompany Brother Butch and Ms. Cole on the Lasallian Formation Camp to the Philippines, the first time we have run this trip since 2019! We wish all students well on their journey.



Catholic and Christian Community

Advent season

Advent season begins on Sunday, December 1st. It is a time of preparation, reflection, and hope as we await the celebration of Christmas. In school this week, we will be hosting a range of Advent services to help our community embrace the spirit of this special season.



- **December 2nd:** Advent reflection for parents in the chapel, from **8:10 AM to 8:25 AM**, led by Brother Butch.
- **December 2nd:** Advent service for Catholic and Christian students and families in Year 3 and Year 4, from **2:00 PM to 2:40 PM**, led by Mrs. Willoughby in the Drama Room, Level 1.
- **December 3rd:** Advent service for Catholic and Christian students and families in Year 5 and Year 6, from **2:00 PM to 2:40 PM**, led by Mrs. Willoughby in the Drama Room, Level 1.

The [Advent sign up sheet for students in year 3-6 is HERE](#)

Christmas Mass and shared fellowship

We will celebrate Christmas Mass at school on **December 12th at 12:30 PM** in our school chapel, inviting staff, families, and students in Year 3 and above to join us. After the Mass, we will gather for a shared fellowship in the Brothers' Quarters on Level 5. We look forward to this special occasion.

A sign-up sheet for the Mass will be shared next week.



Catholic CCA for Term 2

We have reached the end of another term of Catholic CCA. A huge thank you for the love and support received this term. In Term 2, we will welcome a new member to our team, **Mrs. Lorraine Machaj**, who will work with the Year 5 and Year 6 students. A big thank you to **Ms. Lucy** for her continued dedication to the Catholic CCA. Ms. Lucy will be transitioning to another of her passions, the **Football CCA**. Below is the sign-up sheet for Catholic CCA for Term 2. May we continue to grow in faith, community, and service as we move into the next term.

The [sign up link for term 2 HERE](#)





SJIS Christmas Bazaar
Fri 6 Dec • 10AM-3PM • THE FOYER

OPEN FOR STALL BOOKINGS

Join us at the SJIS Charity Christmas Bazaar! Calling all SJIS parents, students, and teachers to set up stalls selling **pre-loved items, handmade crafts, food, and games**. 100% of all net proceeds go directly to De La Salle Butitin Nabawan Hostel, our chosen charity for this year. Open to SJIS vendors only. Sign up today and make a difference!

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS!
Calling student entrepreneurs: showcase and sell your crafts for a good cause!

Preloved SALE
Clear out your home, embrace reuse, & sell your pre-loved treasures at the Bazaar!

Sell FOODS | **Organize GAMES** | **Sell CRAFTS**

To book a stall, fill up this form: <https://bit.ly/SJISBazaar>

SJIS Charity Christmas Bazaar

🎄👤 Calling all SJIS Parents, Students & Teachers! 🎄🌲
Be part of the magic at the SJIS Charity Christmas Bazaar! ✨
Set up your own stall and sell pre-loved items, handmade crafts, food, or games while spreading holiday cheer. 🎁🍪🍷

📅 17 Date: Friday, 6th December 2024
📍 Venue: The Foyer

💖 100% of net proceeds will support the De La Salle Butitin Nabawan hostel, our 2024 chosen charity. Let's come together as a community to give back and make a difference this festive season! 🎅❤️

🔗 Sign up now: <https://bit.ly/SJISBazaar>
Open to SJIS vendors only.



SJIS Golfing opportunities for students from years 6-13

If your child is playing golf and would like to join the school team for fixtures and training session. Please complete this [form](#), we have upcoming trips and tournaments in term 2 and 3 this year



AIMS Swim Series at the British International School KL

58 swimmers from Primary and Secondary took part in the second leg of the AIMS Swim Series at the British International School KL on Wednesday. Thankfully the weather was good and our swimmers enjoyed their races. Personal best times and good place finishing were achieved. Well done swimmers! More photos [here](#).

CCA

Thank you for your participation in Term 1 CCAs. Please note that there will be no regular CCA sessions next week. However, any scheduled replacement classes will still take place. School will end at the normal time.

We are pleased to announce that the SchoolsBuddy CCA sign-up period has been **extended until 11 pm on Sunday, 1st December**. This gives you an additional 3 days to make your selections.

No further CCA changes or addition requests will be accepted after the extended deadline.

Please take advantage of this extended period to ensure your child's participation in their preferred activities.

**END OF TERM 1
CCA**





Science in EAL

How does water move up a tree? This is the question the Year 4 EAL students were tasked with this week in their lessons. In order to answer this, they had to learn scientific terminology, such as hypothesis, method, results and conclusion. They first learned how to pronounce and spell the words. Then they worked in small groups or pairs to match these terms with the correct definition and correlate them to the correct parts of the experiment. Then came the fun part. The students were superstars at carrying out the experiment, observing the results and explaining it all in English. So if you don't know how water moves up a tree, going against gravity, be sure to ask a Year 4 EAL student.

Jingle Jamboree Christmas Charity Art Campaign

This week, the students in Year 3 and Year 4, with the help of parent volunteers and local artists from Artcore, created unique tote bags and festive key rings as part of our SJIS Christmas Service fundraiser. A huge thank you to the families in Year 3 and Year 4 for their generous donations towards our campaign, which aims to raise funds for four new laptops for the students at De La Salle Butitin Nabawan. Your support and the children's creativity make this initiative truly special. Next week we look forward to more service art projects in years 5 and 6. The deadline for art donations is December 3rd. Thank you.



Minecraft FOBISIA Showdown Competition

Year 4 to 6 students proudly competed in the Minecraft FOBISIA Showdown, our first elementary e-sports event, against schools across Asia. Leading up to the event, students recreated famous landmarks in a four-week architecture challenge. Today, they tackled two exciting tasks: the *Creative Challenge*, designing a home with a hidden entrance, and the *Redstone Challenge*, building a machine powered by Minecraft's Redstone. [Click here](#) to view their amazing work.





Read With Me Programme

We were very excited to welcome parents to our first round of training for our new 'Read With Me Programme.' We looked at how we teach phonics in our school and how we ensure that our children understand the texts that we read.

Our final training will be held next Tuesday 3rd December 1:45-2:40pm in the ES Art Room. Here, our volunteers will get the chance to read with some of our students, allowing them to practise their new skills!

A huge thank you to all those parents who have signed up! We really appreciate the support!



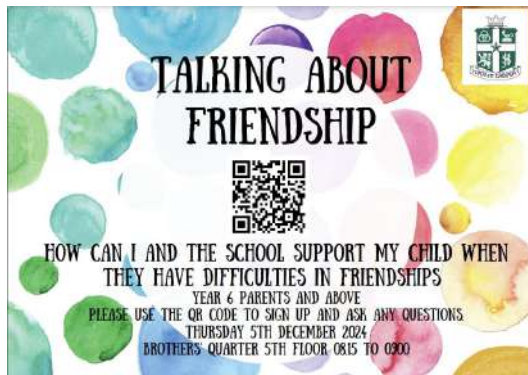
Year 3 Trip - Petrosains science centre

Our trip to Petrosains Science Centre was a fun and memorable event! The children enjoyed going back in time to the land of the dinosaurs and exploring the various activities throughout the centre. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they engaged with the hands-on exhibits. A huge thank you to the parent volunteers who supported us on the day and to the children for their enthusiasm and courtesy throughout.

Sports Assembly

This week's assembly saw a celebration of the PE and Sport which took place in Term 1. We recognised the school's competitive teams and also highlighted student's achievement from sporting endeavours outside of school. The slides from the assembly can be found [here](#) and the compilation of the external sporting achievements can be found [here](#). We look forward to celebrating further successes in Term 2 and welcome more additions to our [external achievements form](#).





Next Parent Workshop: Talking About Friendship Thursday 5th December - 8.15am

Year 6 and HS parents are welcome at this event to discuss how to better support your child at home and at school with friendship issues. Please scan the QR code to register.



Upcoming Parent Workshop: Talking About Digital Parenting

Friday 17th January (online and recorded - 9am)

This online workshop will aim to address some of the concerns and questions parents have about how to best support their children with their online use. The session will focus on the safe use of devices, as well as how they can be used productively at home and school.

If you have any questions or areas that you would specifically like to be addressed in this session, please scan this QR code, and we will do our best to support you.



High School Term 1 Reports

These will be sent home on **Thursday 12th December**. The grades are calculated in the following way (as shared at the recent assessment parent event):

Years 7-9: 50% common assessments & 50% classwork and homework.

Years 10-13: 70% common assessments & 30% classwork and homework.

You may revisit the [parent workshop assessment slides](#) for more information.



EosMUN

From November 23rd to 25th, students from SJIIS participated in EosMUN 2024, a Model United Nations conference organized and hosted by IGB International School. Representing various countries in their respective councils, the students engaged in thoughtful debates on a wide range of global issues. For many, it was their first experience at an MUN conference, but they embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and performed admirably.



Special recognition goes to Aurelia Lee, who earned the prestigious "Best Delegate" award, and Fabian Tan, who was presented with the "Most Improved Delegate" award for their contributions in the EU Council. Additionally, Aalya Anand received an "Honourable Mention" for her exceptional participation in the Star Wars Council.

Congratulations to all the participants for their dedication and success!



U18 Netball Team Shines at FOBISIA

The U18 Netball team recently represented [School Name] at the prestigious FOBISIA Netball Tournament, hosted by Dulwich College Singapore. The tournament, renowned for its high standard of play, featured 14 teams from six different countries.



Despite facing tough competition in the pool stages, the team displayed exceptional resilience and teamwork. Over two demanding days, they played a total of 12 matches, pushing their physical and mental limits. The girls' unwavering support for one another, both on and off the court, was truly inspiring. Congratulation to Palija who was awarded the converted 'MVP' award for SJIS.

A special thank you to the seven Year 13 players who competed in their final FOBISIA Netball Tournament. Their leadership, dedication, and sportsmanship have left a lasting impact on the team.



Our first TeachMeet of 2024/25

On Monday, our talented teachers shared their innovative and creative ideas for teaching, learning and classroom practice today in the first of three TeachMeet workshops. These workshops enable our teachers to showcase their educational research and practice in areas such as language acquisition, memory retrieval, use of AI, and many more. The remaining teachers will have a chance to present their ideas in the following two TeachMeets later this year. By providing our staff with the autonomy and freedom to choose their areas for development or interest within the classroom benefits everyone, with so many teachers learning from one another and, in turn, providing a more enriching learning experience for our students in the process.



World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions 2024

Nine students from our school embarked on an incredible journey to Yale University for the **World Scholar's Cup Tournament of Champions 2024**. Over the week, they participated in events like Team Debates, Collaborative Writing, and the Scholar's Bowl, while also enjoying the vibrant cultural exchanges at the Scholar's Social, Cultural Fair, and Scholar's Ball. The trip provided opportunities to explore Yale's historic campus, build global friendships, and immerse themselves in a celebration of knowledge, teamwork, and diverse perspectives. Please find more info [here](#).



Cambridge Learners' Award

Congratulations to these three outstanding students from our Class of 2024 who achieved the top scores in Malaysia for their Cambridge IGCSE examinations in Coordinated Science, International Mathematics, History and English Literature. We couldn't be more proud of them!



Sixth Form Options Evening for Year 10 and Year 11

This past Thursday, we hosted a successful Sixth Form Options Evening, providing valuable insights into the exciting opportunities available to our students. The event commenced with an informative presentation, highlighting our impressive A-level results, the unique experiences of our current Sixth Formers, and the diverse range of curricular and extracurricular options. Parents and students were particularly interested in our new Year 12 Service Learning Awards program and the reintroduction of the Year 12 Lasallian Formation Camp. Following the presentation, attendees had the chance to explore the Sixth Form Curriculum Marketplace, where they engaged with subject teachers to discuss their academic aspirations and seek guidance on course selection. We believe that this event was a significant step in empowering our students to make informed decisions about their future.



Staff Lasallian of the week :
Mr Peter Clements





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