

# SJIS Weekly Update

6th December 2024



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## This Week's Highlight at SJIS

### The festive season has arrived!

This week, we embraced the festive season with Advent services, the Jingle Jamboree Christmas crafts for charity, and our KS1's fantastic *Barmy Bethlehem* performance. Early Years added to the magic with their wonderful Christmas show, and the Christmas Bazaar was a huge success, thanks to our Catholic and Christian Community parents and the SJIS SPV.

A heartfelt thank you to all students, parents, and staff for making this week so special. The holiday spirit is truly alive in our school!

### Upcoming Events:

- 30 Nov - Open Day
- 12 Dec - Christmas Mass
- 12 Dec - HS Christmas Concert

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## Catholic and Christian Community

### SJIS' Bells Ring Messages of Peace and Joy

Our school foyer is looking very festive, beautifully decorated with messages of peace and joy, created by our school community. A huge thank you to the parents who helped bring our foyer to life in such a meaningful way.

### Advent season

This Advent season, our school has come together in a spirit of reflection and anticipation. We've been blessed with beautiful services, led by Brother Butch and Mrs. Willoughby, which have guided us in preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.



### 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.

The student sign-up sheet for the Mass is [HERE](#).



### Catholic CCA for Term 2

A special thank you to the students in the LYM who came along to lead festive activities in our Catholic CCA. We truly appreciate their willingness to give up their time to spread joy among us. Our elementary students especially loved the crafts, with the snow globes being a big hit! Your kindness and enthusiasm have made this season even more special for our school community.

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





## Best Practice Network

### Partnering for Leadership Excellence

***“Great leaders capture the hearts and minds of others and empower new leaders to make the world a better place” (Maxine Driscoll)***

SJIS and Best Practice Network (BPN) have partnered to deliver the UK based senior leadership qualification (NPQSL) within our school. Catherine Ellis (HS Assistant Principal) and Kevin Ruxton (ES Assistant Principal) trained as facilitators with BPN and delivered the first of four face-to-face events this week to aspiring senior leaders within our own school community and from throughout Malaysia.

BPN is an accredited, award-winning provider of training and professional development for schools and its leaders. In a recent quality review, their training and participant support was rated ‘exceptional’ by the Department for Education in the UK.

Five of our own outstanding middle leaders (Mr Hussain, Ms Goldman, Ms Watts, Ms Szlapak and Ms Willoughby) were among this week’s cohort, focused on developing their own leadership qualities and awareness of school leadership practice.

The training events that take place at SJIS focus on developing aspects of leadership including implementation, ethical leadership, culture & ethos, teaching & learning and organisational effectiveness.

Feedback from one of this week’s participants read:

***“The day was a really well facilitated day of reflection which gave me lots of scope to think about my behaviours as a leader - past, present and future. Most importantly, I can see the immediate value of the hard thinking I did today as the session did not exclusively focus on the hypothetical scenarios but rather made me think about actions I will take over the coming weeks to be an effective leader.”***



### **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



## Jingle Bytes

SJIS has been a vibrant display of community spirit this week as we rallied to support our fellow Lasallians at DLSB Nabawan in Sabah. Our Elementary School students from Years 3 to 6 showcased their creativity and compassion through handmade keychains, greeting cards, and painted tote bags, all crafted for charity. In the High School, the Lasallian Youth Movement hosted a festive cake decorating contest, featuring some impressive icing techniques by Mr. Cairns and HS students

The school foyer is adorned with our students' SJIS Christmas Bells, each bearing wishes for peace and joy, while their LEDU Peace Cranes Christmas Tree beautifully complements the festive decorations created by our parent volunteers.

The week culminated in a fantastic event hosted by the SJIS Parent Volunteer Group (SPV), bringing everyone together for a day filled with fun, food, and fellowship. The ES SRC delighted everyone with games, clay and paper crafts, and iced cookie creations. Other students also showcased their entrepreneurial flair, setting up individual booths featuring beautifully handcrafted earrings, vibrant beaded bracelets, delicious cookies, and soft, pillowy mochi!

All nett proceeds from the events over the week will go towards the Jingle Bytes campaign, which continues until 9 December. Our gratitude to the SPV, the Catholic & Christian Parent Community (CCC), KitaKitar and all the parents who have supported the campaign. There's just a few days left to contribute! Donations can be made via the Finance Office and don't forget to put in the Ref: CCC-Student's name so that the funds can be directed to the campaign. Thank you, everyone, for embodying the true Lasallian spirit this week!



## Talking about friendship - ES & HS Parent Session

On Thursday we held a wonderful parent session on how developments in the pre-teen and teenage years have an impact on friendships. We shared informative and honest discussion points, what part the school plays in supporting this and how to develop our parenting styles to support their journey.

Please see the slides linked below if you were unable to attend.

[Talking about friendship.pptx](#)



## Parent's Virtues Corner

*Join us for our second Virtues Parent Session!*

As a Lasallian community, we're dedicated to fostering Faith, Community, and Service. Let's celebrate the end of a great term together by connecting with a Virtues Circle.

**Limited spots available.** Sign up now!

When: Tuesday 10th December, 8:15 am-9 am

Why: To use the language of the virtues and to take a moment of reflection

Where: Art Room on Level 4





### EY Christmas Performance

The children were so excited to welcome their families to watch their Christmas show this morning. Thank you to all parents and families for helping children memorise lines and for helping to organise costumes. We were so happy to celebrate with our lovely EY community!

The Year 1 and 2 students delighted us with their “Baarmy Bethlehem” Christmas show. Well done to everyone for your dedication and enthusiasm, you did a fantastic job at sharing the Christmas story!



### KS1 Christmas Performance



### 6I Class Assembly

6I presented a wonderful assembly about their Port Dickson trip, linking their experiences to the virtue of tolerance. They demonstrated their talents through singing, musical performances, a skit, and a video highlighting their journey. It was a proud moment for everyone involved!





Keyring crafting in year 3

## Jingle Jamboree Christmas Charity Art Campaign

This week, as part of our SJIS Christmas Campaign, our year 5 students learned the art of quilling with guidance from Quilljoy Endeavours and a group of dedicated parent volunteers.

Meanwhile, in year 6, a team of creative parents led an activity where students decorated tote bags using acrylics, showcasing their festive designs.

A huge thank you to all our families who have contributed to this year's Christmas fundraising campaign, which aims to raise funds for new laptops for the students at De La Salle Butitin Nabawan. It's been inspiring to see our school community come together for such a meaningful cause!



Quilling in year 5



Tote bags in year 4 and 6



## Drumming Showcase at SJIS

We are delighted to share that the **Hands Percussion Academy (HPA) Drumming Showcase**, held on **Sunday, 1st December**, at **SJIS**, was a spectacular success! The event celebrated the 24 Festive Drums, highlighting the artistry and dedication of all participants.

Our **Senior Drumming Team** gave an energetic performance, earning admiration from the audience and making us incredibly proud. Their hard work and teamwork were on full display.

The drumming team from HPA delivered captivating performances that left everyone in awe and inspired our students to continue their drumming journey with enthusiasm. This event not only brought joy and excitement but also fostered a deeper appreciation for Chinese drumming among our community. Thank you to all who supported this successful showcase - we look forward to more memorable events at SJIS in the future!



— Talking about —  
**HS DIGITAL PARENTING**

Add your questions and comments here ahead of the session

Supporting HS parents in managing healthy and safe online habits for their children, both at home and at school.

Friday 17th January  
9.00am  
(ONLINE)

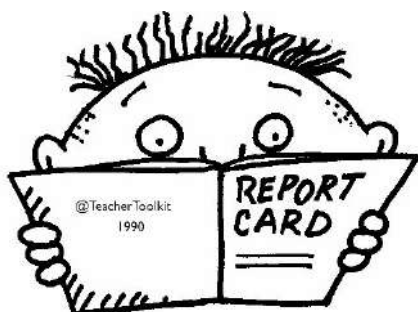
Scan here for the Google Meet

## 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.



## Bank Negara Malaysia

Students from the Business and Economics Society visited the Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art gallery this week with Mr Bentley and Datin Harjit, giving them the opportunity to learn about the important role of the Central Bank of Malaysia.

Among the many galleries visited, they discovered the early history of money, the role of the bank and how economic policies affect the development of the country and took part in many of the interactive activities.

## Lasallian Formation Camp



Our Year 12 Lasallians were officially received by the De La Salle University Dasmariñas in the Philippines Thursday evening for our 2024 Lasallian Formation Camp, and have enjoyed a jam-packed programme already led by their President, Br Sockie de la Rosa FSC. Joining the opening program today was the Honorable Norjufri Nizar Edrus - Deputy Chief of Mission from the Embassy of Malaysia. Also present were the De La Salle Brothers, Mr George Francisco - Vice President for Global Engagement and External Affairs; Mr. Emmanuel Calairo - Former Chair of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines; and Mr Ritchie Bongcaron - Chief Mission Officer / Vice President for Lasallian Mission. They were treated with a special showcase of traditional Filipino music and dances, and even had the chance to participate in the Tinikling Dance. The first day has been full of cultural and Lasallian heritage appreciation, and part of the program was a walk around the greenest campus in the Philippines!



### Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM)

This year has undoubtedly been an eventful one for the 2024 LYM Leaders. We have all grown both as individuals and as a team, supporting one another and helping each grow as well. Being part of the LYM Leadership team has redefined and deepened our understanding of what it means to be not only a leader, but a Lasallian leader. We've not only honed our abilities to solve problems under pressure, collaborate effectively, and manage groups, but also discovered that leadership is about more than just leading projects; it's about creating opportunities for others to shine and grow alongside us.

The LYM has achieved so much this term and this year – our community has carried out so many impactful projects, which you can read more about here: [LYM Term 1 Project Summary](#). This year has been filled with cherished memories, from celebrating Founder's Day to bonding during our overnight Lasallian Leadership Camp, and we are proud and honoured to have contributed to LYM's 2024 chapter. Thank you to the entire SJIS community for your endless support this year, and we wish you a very merry Christmas!

Signing off for the last time,  
Your 2024 LYM Leaders & Deputies  
Amira, Emily, Katelyn, Manaal, Sher Ying



### High School Performing Arts Competition - Music Finals

This week, the High School Performing Arts Competition finals brought a spectacular showcase of talent to the stage! Organised and led by our Performing Arts Leaders, the finals were held on Monday for KS3 and Tuesday for KS4/5, featuring both ensemble and solo categories.

We were honored to have an esteemed panel of adjudicators: Mr. Eugene Pook, Director and Conductor of the Selangor Symphony Orchestra; Mr. U-Jin Lim, National Manager for Trinity College London and Regional Academic Consultant for South-East Asia; alongside staff members Ms. Sarah Cole and Ms. Aileen Tan.

The competition saw exemplary performances across all categories. Congratulations to our winners:

- **KS3 Ensemble:** *Playing "Sparkle" by RADWIMPS*  
Cody Huang (Miguel), Bella Zhang (Miguel), Haili Zahara Shaharudin (Mutien), Mengke Li (Jaime), Juhuyuk Moon (Miguel)
- **KS3 Solo:** *Playing Sonata in A, Op. 120 by Schubert*  
Ayleen Eng (Miguel)
- **KS4/5 Ensemble:** *Playing a Star Wars Medley (Piano Duet)*  
Joe Ng (Jaime), Conor Callaham (Benilde)
- **KS4/5 Solo:** *Playing The Tom and Jerry Show by Hiromi*  
Joe Ng (Jaime)



**Staff Lasallian of the week :**  
**Ms Rashmit Kaur Phullar**





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