

Date: 15th December 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: -

Dear Parent / Guardian,

This message comes as my closing remarks for the year 2017. Please also observe the following achievement of 2017, notices and information which are relevant for the coming year, i.e. 2018.

Examinations:

Please take note that *Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)* has changed its name as *Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)* recently. In addition 2(two) of our IGCSE students for the May-June 2017 Examinations had emerged top-scorers in Malaysia. The two are *Isaac Lee Kian Min* and *Isabelle Lim Ning* who had received their Certificates in the prestigious *Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards* Ceremony recently held on 27th November 2017. They both have indeed made us all proud & hope this would encourage even more top-scorers amongst SJIS students in the coming CAIE examinations.

For the 2017 Checkpoint Examinations, our Year 9 students have yet again scored a 100% passes with the following overall scores for the 3(three) respective subjects:

<i>CAIE Checkpoint</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>
<i>Maths Score Average</i>	<i>5.4</i>	<i>5.5</i>
<i>English Score Average</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>3.8</i>
<i>Science Score Average</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>4.9</i>

Score Range: Min. Score: 0 Max. Score: 6

We shall be continuing with our extra classes especially for the weak students in the above respective subjects to ensure a better score for 2018 Checkpoint Examinations.

Offering of New IGCSE Subjects in 2018:

From January 2018 onwards, SJIS would be offering the following new subjects at IGCSE:

- Malaysian History
- Malaysian Geography
- Moral Studies (Character and Value Education)
- Islamic Studies (merge of IGCSE and GCE O Level syllabus starting with year 7)

This to enable our students to learn our own local history, geography and at the same time practice more noble values in their daily life whilst developing their ethics and moral responsibilities towards themselves and the community at large.

SJIS Pre-University Centre:

As mentioned in my past message, the Centre for our A Level now not only spots its own student lounge – ‘*The Den*’ but now currently has a new Snooker table. Besides having a full gym membership, SJIS A Level students will soon be involved in study tours & summer camps in order to build their leadership & networking skills. All Year 11 SJIS students would enjoy a 50% bursary of their A Level fees upon their enrolment into the January 2018 intake. Apart from this, they would also be given a free IELTS classes. We have now added Economics, Business Studies and Accounting as additional subjects being offered at the Pre-University Centre.

Achievement & Updates on SJIS Clubs & Sports 2017:

I take this opportunity to congratulate all SJIS clubs in making SJIS first carnival day a success and not forgetting the parents, guardians and students for your continuous cooperation & support in making the 30th September SJIS Carnival a success with a turnout of about 700 odd people.

Moving on to sports, our Cheerleading Team pulled a surprise achievement on 11th November 2017 at the KDU University College competitions. They emerged *Champions L2 for the Restricted High School Co-Ed category, Champions CGS Lower Secondary & 1st Runner Up (Based on group) & Champions AGGS Secondary L2 category, 1st Runner Up & 2nd Runner Up* as well. Through sheer practice & focus they have achieved this feat & they are currently preparing for more championship in 2018.

The final excursion was completed by our St. John’s Ambulance cadets & teachers from 12th till the 14th December to Penang. Though it was a small group the objective was to strengthen the bonding between the cadets during the trip where they participated in a few activities planned ahead.

For the coming 2018, we have added 3 (three) more new clubs (SJIS Music Band, Scouts & Living Skills) and 3 (three) more new sports (Hockey, Rugby & Squash). I hope with these additions, we can see more potentials in our students.

Byron Garden Café:

We have added an extension (behind the tennis/futsal courts) to our existing Byron Garden Café for upper secondary students to reduce the staggered breaks amongst the students. This will ensure they would have their appropriate breaks not too near to lunch time. Hence, the café would be more conducive place for all our students.

Parents Induction Programme on 6th January 2018:

There will be a ‘*Parents Induction Programme*’ for matters relevant to the school, including the EMS system. I request that all of you shall spare some time for the above induction as it will be a useful information session especially for the parents of our newly enrolled students.

Registrar's Department:

Sibling Discounts on School Fees & Bursary Offering for 2018:

- 20% sibling discounts which is applicable on school fees only. It is subject to at least 1 sibling being on a full fee payment with SJIS
- 10% bursary is applicable on school fees to all Lasallians and Convent alumni
- RM400 discount from school fees is applicable for full settlement of annual school and miscellaneous fees
- Easy Payment Plan (EPP) which is applicable to all PBB credit cardholders. Only one discount is applicable per student. (Whichever is higher).


Collection of books can be made from 15th December 2017, and fee payments are to be made before the collection of the books.

Parents who have any queries on their children's school fees, please do not hesitate to contact our marketing team headed by Ms. Joey Quah or the Registrar's office (i.e. Mr.Meby / Ms. Natasha).

Lastly, I wish to thank all of you/sponsors who have positively contributed thus far as your contribution has meant a lot to us. I am sure we at SJIS can sincerely look forward for a bigger support for 2018.

Before I pen off for 2017, all of us here at SJIS including the management & staff would like to wish all of you a joyous *Christmas* & a *Happy New Year*. Looking towards a more progressive 2018 with your continual support & participation in all our future activities.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal