

Date: 15th May 2013

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:-

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Greetings from SJIS!

Our 1st Semester for 2013 will soon be coming to a close. The **1st Semester holidays** will be commencing from **23rd May 2013 till 16th June 2013**. Currently the Cambridge international Examinations (CIE) for IGCSE & A Levels is going on smoothly and is schedule to end on 12th June 2013. As a CIE Centre, SJIS has been endorsed as a 'full compliance' CIE centre for three (3) consecutive years.

Kindly note the following dates & announcements:

- **Semester 1(T 1) Examinations – Lower & Upper Secondary:**

The above examinations shall commence for Year 10 & 11 on Friday, 17th May 2013 till 22nd May 2013. Notices for the detail examination schedule is also found on the exam notice board & on our website.

Please be informed that there will be no school session for Year 7, 8 & 9 this Friday, 19th May 2013 as per my announcement to all students during the assembly session on Monday, 13th May 2013. Only Year 10 & 11 students need to come to school for their Semester 1 examination & shall go home after their examinations are over this Friday.

- **2012 Academic Awards Ceremony – Sunday, 19th May 2013:**

Notice of invitation for the above award ceremony to parents & students were given to all students last Thursday, 09th May 2013. I do hope all parents shall support and attend this said event that will be graced by SJIS Board of Governors. Please be informed that attendance of students & parents be taken for our records. Since this is our first academic awards ceremony, 17 students (representing each class of 2012) who have excelled in their academic performance will receive their respective awards.

In conjunction with the awards ceremony, we will take the opportunity to also give away appointment letters to our newly **elected SJIS prefects**.

- **Enhanced Security - CCTV:**

As of a April this year, SJIS's compound is now under our CCTV surveillance. This, I hope will improve the overall security & safety of our students. A few more additional cameras shall be installed at designated places shortly.

- **Student's Attire for Clubs & Sports Activities:**

Students have been informed that for all the above activities, they will either be using their respective sport-house 'T' Shirts (i.e. representing their respective house colours) provided by the school or club attire (i.e. St. John's Ambulance 'T' shirt). **Students are allowed to wear only plain white 'T' shirts if their house 'T' shirts becomes unavailable. No coloured 'T' Shirts or jerseys are allowed.**

All students are to wear the given school track bottom during PE & may change them to shorts when the respective sports is being carried out during CCA only. No extremely short shorts (i.e 'hot-short pants & shorts at thigh length), leggings/tights or three-quarter pants are allowed for girls during PE & sports activity unless reasonable knee

length shorts permitted by teachers/coaches shall be allowed. I sincerely hope that parent & guardian will seriously look into how your children are attired during PE, Clubs & Sports activities. This will ensure SJIS students are attired uniformly during these activities both in school & whilst they are brought outside the school for such activities.

- **Exam Registration & Exam Fee Payments (Oct/Nov 2013 – Checkpoint & IGCSE):**

Students are reminded that they will be registering for both the above examinations for the October/November CIE Examinations. Hence the last date for registration & exam fee payment shall be **before or on 08th July 2013**. Kindly ensure that all registration forms given are duly completed & handed in with the respective exam fees.

- **School Fee Payment & Registration for Semester 2, 2013:**

All school fees are to be paid **on or before Friday, 31st May 2013** for students who shall be commencing their respective classes on Monday, 17th June 2013.

Please be informed that we have kept preferential registration for our January 2014 intake for any child or children that you intend to enroll at SJIS next year. Since space is a constraint for each class next year, we wish to advise that you take this opportunity to register your child/children as soon as possible before 30th November 2013. After this time, registration for January 2014 shall be on 'a first come first serve basis' especially so for the Year 7 and Year 10.

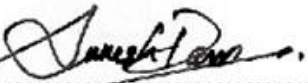
- **New Café Operator & Renovation:**

With the expiry of the current contract with the café operator at SJIS we are now initiating for a new operator to run the school café. As per the feedback received from all parties with regards to the quality of food currently available at the school cafeteria, I hope that the new operator will be able to provide a more hygienic, healthy & varied choice of food to all students & staff who patronize the school café. I would like to call upon parents to assist us should they have anyone in particular who would be a potential operator at SJIS. Details can be obtained from Ms. Puvanes at the admin office.

During this Semester holidays, the reminder phase for the café roofing shall be completed. This will provide additional shaded area for students & staff at the Byron Garden Cafe. The Nature Club is also looking to put up a 'water feature & fish pond' at the café & wish to invite sponsors to undertake the cost & design of this project. Parents who wish to sponsor this project may contact Mr. Anjum Shabir, head of ECA at SJIS for further details.

Lastly, I also like to wish "Happy Wesak Day" to all students & parents who are Buddhist & happy holidays to all our students.

Yours sincerely,



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Suresh Dass
Principal