

Principal's Message

Date: September, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Student Photographs – Phoenix 2018

As the Year 11 students and teachers settle down to serious preparations for the upcoming IGCSE examinations, the examination mood seems to have gripped most of the classes especially the Year 10s.

In the midst of all this we recently had the class photographs as well as sports clubs photographs taken in school to be published in our school magazine. Students were an enthusiastic lot as they posed for this enduring school tradition.

SJIS Cross Country

This other enduring school tradition continued, the fifth in its series at the KL Perdana Botanic Gardens. As early as 6.30am on 7th July, parents dropped off their children with some staying back to cheer their sons and daughters as they completed the 4.7km run. This year we had the

Keramat District Sports Official, Encik Abing bin Haji Sabang who graciously consented to flag off the runners in the presence of SJIS BOG Chairman, Encik Mohd Rusland bin Abu Samah.

As always we remind parents that the SJIS Cross Country run is a tradition we encourage every student to participate in. Every student then gets to contribute points for their respective Sports Houses.

Founder's Day & Teachers Day

Founder's Day and Teachers Day were celebrated with a return to traditions as fostered by the La Salle Brothers on 25th May. Our dance club students opened the celebrations at the SJIS Futsal Court with a stately dance while releasing balloons with the names of their teachers printed on it. Teachers then passed the flame from lit

candles that was first lit by myself from the candle of Guiding Wisdom.

Students later performed a dramatic monologue, a piece on the maxims of St Baptist de La Salle to his teachers as well as a tribute of songs by *Voices Unaccompanied*. Teachers were then presented with specially decorated pineapples that came attached with inspiring messages. The pineapples were a light-hearted acknowledgement that the school is located on Pineapple Hill. La Salle Brother Coordinator, Brother Andrew Loke also sent a Founder's Day message that was read to all present.

SJIS Buka Puasa Amal 2018

In the spirit of Ramadan charity and goodwill, SJIS organised the Buka Puasa Amal 2018 on 25th May and hosted 36 children between the ages of 12 to 16 years from *Rumah Kasih Nurul Hasanah*, a charitable home in Ampang, providing shelter and education for less fortunate Muslim children. Parents, students and staff attended this Buka Puasa Charity event. Children were later presented with duit raya and goody bags.

Tunku Abdullah Debate Challenge

With traditions being revived, SJIS decided to also begin its own tradition with the inaugural Tunku Abdullah Debate Challenge (TADC), a challenge opened to national and international schools. We, at SJIS expect this Debate Challenge to be a much talked about school event in years to come. This Asian-Parliamentary style debate is set for September 22 and 23 and we are presently gathering in participants and doing the necessary for this much-anticipated debate challenge.

SJIS New Developments

By 2019, SJIS will be expanding into Menara Ming along Jalan Bukit Nanas. With this expanded space, SJIS will have bigger, brighter and newer facilities for our students. We are presently renovating and designing the new extension. Watch this space for more updates.

La Sallian Networking

As we have always prided ourselves in being connected to the global La Salle family, we recently were happy to receive visitors from the College of Education, De La Salle University, Dasmaringas from the Philippines on July 18. We received the 7 member team from the Faculty of education and they were led by the Chair of professional education, Mrs Relyn Antenor-Cruz, Director, College of Education Graduate Studies and Dr. Manuel G. Camarse, who graciously exchanged ideas and had a question and answer session as well with SJIS teachers. They visited classrooms, observed our students, and met with teachers to benchmark our standards. The entire exercise was also meant to see how the La Sallian institutions could have exchange programmes and conduct relevant training that could be beneficial to De La Salle University Dasmaringas and St John's International School, Kuala Lumpur.

Top Malay IGCSE results – We Did It – Our Way

SJIS was a flurry of happy activity as our IGCSE students came to the SJIS Library to receive their May/June 2018 Malay Language examination results.

SJIS had 53 students who received A*s, 36 with As, followed by 9 with Bs and and 1 student receiving a C grade. Stealing the limelight however were our three top students, Lee Jia Xun, Amelie Koh and Chan Kun Lam who scored perfect 100 scores for their oral and written papers.

SJIS to raise the standards decided to put together their own text-books supplementing the Cambridge-issued Malay books.

Our Cambridge IGCSE books are generally easier but we decided to raise our students' standards by giving them exercises that were more difficult giving them more confidence to sit for their exams and to be more proficient in the language.

The La Sallian And Convent School 50% bursary

If you did not know this, St John's International as part of the La Sallian family of schools offers ex-students and the children of La Salle and Convent Schools alumni a 50% bursary discount off their fees for our Cambridge GCE- A Level programme offered at our Pre-University

Centre at SJIS. With our A-Level students receiving 100 % passes in their recent examination and three of them receiving As for their results, there is quite a lot of interest and buzz at our Pre-University Centre. With the bursary discount, our A Level fees has become even more affordable. Get in touch with our admissions team for more information and to register for the 2019 intakes. Please contact our student registrar, Mr Meby Ignatius for all admission enquiries.

Thanking all of you for your continuous support.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Suresh Dass,
SJIS Principal and COO