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A Welcome Message from Ms Anne Rajasaikaran, the CEO of Edumaax Education Group

Ms. Anne Rajasaikaran

*Chief Executive Officer,
Edumaax Education Group*



In accordance with the centuries old La Salle Tradition, St. John's International Secondary School believes that our SJIS Alumni are instrumental in inspiring and motivating our students, both current and graduates. Our mission at St. John's International Secondary School has always been to educate our students to be future leaders in a comprehensive and high-quality manner, while at the same time creating wonderful memories of their alma mater.

At SJIS, we strongly believe that the consistency of curricular instruction and assessments is essential. After the difficulties faced in the last two years, we are proud to be on track as the country moves into an endemic phase. This showed how passionate we are about building student academic success without compromising our standards. Our teachers and students really gave 110% effort to ensure a smooth flow in education.

We take it as our personal responsibility to

constantly find innovative ways to strengthen our alumni community, to help them maintain a lifelong connection with us and with each other, to share experiences and expertise, to enjoy exclusive offers, to build their personal and professional network, and to give back to society via volunteering opportunities.

As always, SJIS encourages you to be a part of our success. We love hearing stories about your achievements and successes, and it would be our privilege to feature your thoughts and experiences in our publications, social media and our official website. Hence, we encourage all of you to reach out to all your class/schoolmates from SJIS to join you as an SJIS Alumni, and keep this community thriving and vibrant!

Till we meet again.

Alumni of the Month



Emir Dawood Bin Shahul Hameed

Batch 2022



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Alumni Newsletter



Entrepreneurship is the process of developing, organizing, and running a new business to generate profit while taking on financial risk. I, Emir Dawood from batch 2022 has gotten the opportunity to share a bit about Entrepreneurship and I am ever so grateful to be chosen as the Alumni of the Month.

For me, my favorite part of SJIS is obtaining the chance to learn from the top teachers and experience knowledge consumption like never before. Above all that I was also able to gain great friendship bonds with my peers in school. In addition to that, one person I really look up to is Ms. Mehala. She was one of the best teachers I would say based on my experience. She has been extremely supportive towards me since the beginning of my final school year. I have been a very hands-on person and in this field, I get to do exactly that.

Moreover, I also get to build my network and relationships with top entrepreneurs as I feel it will be useful for my future. In school, I was chosen to be a prefect, the President of Cricket Club and Vice President of Debate Club. From this it has really helped me to build my leadership skills which will also be very helpful for my future. My next step in my career would hopefully be pursuing my Bachelor's in Political Science and with the motivation from the wise words of my dad

“Winners never quit, quitters never win”.

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Shailendra Nair

Batch 2019

My favourite part of studying in SJIS was the great company I had. I had great friends, as well as great teachers to guide me. Mr. Ganesan and Mr. Daiya were my two mentors in SJIS. Their advice and teachings are a part of the reason I am who I am today. They've taught me the importance of being true to myself and doing the best in whatever I do.

At SJIS, I've learnt great leadership and resilience. Having played a few leadership roles in my time in SJIS, it has taught me how to better connect to people, never giving up, and to give my best. I loved being a part of the Interact club as it allowed us to get out of our comfort zone and learn new things whilst also having fun. My proudest moment in my schooling experience was winning the Interact Futsal League together with my team, Macha Milan. As we put in a great deal of effort and passion, the win was sweet, and it was one of the fondest moments of my secondary school life.

I am currently pursuing my double degree in Business and Commerce and Media and Communications in Monash University. I was offered a spot there after I had completed my Australian Matriculation programme. I thoroughly enjoy the university experience – meeting new people, making new memories, and learning something new every day. I think my biggest challenge is coping with the immense workload given. As there are so many assignments and quizzes due very close to each other it is crucial I plan my time and work hard. My next step would probably be to pursue a master's degree in which I will expand my knowledge in the field I am in.

The experience I had in **SJIS, I wouldn't trade with anything!**

Chinese New Year Celebration



In Chinese culture, the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity. On the 31st of January 2023, SJIS hosted a Chinese New Year dinner to usher in this auspicious new year of the Rabbit. The occasion was also graced by the presence of our eminent guests Y.M. Tunku Dato' Yaacob Khyra, Chairman of Board of Governors, Ms. Anne Rajasaikaran, CEO of Edumaax Education Group, Y.M. Tunku Dato' Ahmad Burhanuddin, and Heads of Department.

For the wonderful occasion, the main hall of our school was decorated in prosperous reds and golds, with Chinese New Year greetings hanging on the walls and doors to produce an atmosphere of festivity and jubilee. The evening's events began with the lively and energetic Lion Dance, which captivated the audience with its charming prancing and tossing of mandarin oranges.

After the heart-pounding Lion Dance performance, the CEO of Edumaax, Ms. Anne Rajasaikaran, gave a stirring welcome speech before announcing that dinner was served. Of course, a Chinese New Year dinner is never complete without the "Yee Sang" toss! Guests had a grand time tossing the Yee Sang with their chopsticks and exchanging well-wishes with shouts of "Lou Hei!"

During dinner, the guests were entertained by our very own talented students, who performed traditional Chinese New Year songs, as well as modern rap and breakdancing. We were also very fortunate to be serenaded by the school principal, Ms. Catherine's melodious voice as she sang a sweet Mandarin song about spring awakening. The celebration continued with mingling among staff members and guests, and concluded with photography sessions full of beaming smiles.

In the spirit of the **Year of Rabbit**, we at SJIS would like to wish everyone a year filled with peace and good health!

Awards Day 2023



"... face the challenges that will shape you to be better and be more grounded, and don't forget to celebrate every small triumph – *that is the everlasting essence of success!*" As this uplifting message boomed from the podium of the main hall, the guests applauded in agreement.

On the 17th of February 2023, nearly two years after the pandemic, our 11th Awards Day was physically held at St John's Institution Hall. The Awards Day is an inspiring event that acknowledges students' hard work throughout the academic year. We believe in rewarding students for their efforts in striving for excellence as it gives them a sense of accomplishment and pride. Our guests of honor for this prestigious event included Y.M. Tunku Dato' Yaacob Khyra, Chairman of Board of Governors, Ms. Anne Rajasaikaran, CEO of Edumaax Education Group, Y.M. Tunku Dato Seri (Dr.) Iskandar, Y.M. Tunku Dato' Ahmad Burhanuddin, Datin Seri Maneesah, Dato' Hajah Satinah Syed Saleh, Tuan Megat Mizan Nicholas Denny, Ms. Yap Sit Yee and Mr. Arvin.

The celebration began with singing the "NegaraKu" which was led by the upper primary students from St. John's International Primary School, followed by a stirring rendition of our school anthem "Faith and Fortitude". A welcoming speech was given by the SJIP Acting Principal, Ms. Mehala Mohan to all distinguished guests and followed by a speech from Ms. Anne Rajasaikaran, CEO of Edumaax Education Group.

The event officially started with the presentation of academic awards for the preschool students that were from K1 and K2 for the 2022 academic year, followed by Primary Internal Examination Awards and progressed to the Secondary Internal Examination Awards. *The Cambridge Checkpoint Exam Achievers and Cambridge IGCSE Exam Achievers were thereafter recognized. After that, our Pre-University top scorers were recognized for their amazing A-Levels results. The newly-appointed prefects for both primary and secondary school also took their oaths on stage.*

The excitement of the award recipients was definitely a sight to behold and cherish, as they were called up to receive their well-deserved awards. The ceremony was further amplified with captivating performances by our talented students, making the audience cheer and applaud in awe and amazement.

Congratulations and well done to the 8th Awards Ceremony Committee Members, for synergizing in harmony, to ensure the success of this event. The same chemistry and harmony were seen on stage by our vivacious emcees, who strung us along flawlessly through each programme. Kudos to all the Awardees, and we wish you all the very best. Shine as bright as you always have!



International Women's Day 2023



"The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very courageous: be strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble." - Serena Williams

In honor of International Women's Day, the Marketing team hosted an empowering talk for the lovely ladies of St John's International School on 27th of March 2023 at SJIS Main Hall. The hall was packed with our lady teachers and staff members, excited to participate in the events of the day. The talk was kicked off with an ice-breaking session, led by the Interact Club of SJIS, which has the ladies all giggling delightfully. After that, we come to the main event of the day - a talk titled "Let Us Heighten the Awareness; Stamp out the Cancer" delivered by the esteemed Ms. Tharaneer Wiswannadan, who is the Public

Health Executive in the Health Education, Literacy, Promotion, and Policy (HELPP) department at the National Cancer Society Malaysia.

Ms. Tharaneer's talk gave us a lot to think about, especially when it comes to awareness and early detection of cancer. She also talked about some misconceptions about cancer and how we can prevent cancer through changing our lifestyle. It was a very beneficial talk, and we are sure the ladies of St John's International School learnt a lot from it.

Let's continue to equalize awareness, accessibility, compatibility, and quality for women on cancer prevention, to ensure that everyone is well-served.

SJIS Senior Student Council (SSC) Election Day

On 27th of March 2023, the A-Levels students fulfilled their rights by casting their ballots to vote for their representatives at the SJIS Senior Student Council (SSC) Election Day. The election was held at 10.30am in the Pre-University Study Centre at Level 9.

The students registered their names as they entered the room, and each of them was given a set of ballot papers comprising the nominees for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Intake Representative, with assistance from the A-Level lecturers and Admin team. After the students had voted for their choices, they had to

drop each ballot paper into the allocated ballot boxes.

Based on the results of the election, we are thrilled to announce and share with you, our newly appointed SJIS Senior Student Council (SSC) Committee Members of year 2023:

Chairperson: *Ong Yee Seng*

Vice Chairperson: *Darin Divecha*

Secretary: *Leong Yu Hang*

Treasurer: *Vieshnu Nachiappan*

Jan'22 Intake Representative: *Sanyapreet Kaur Bhullar*

Aug'22 Intake Representative: *Neriah Tan En Qi*

Jan'23 Intake Representative: *Yui Inose*

We wish the best of luck to our Student Leaders as they take on their roles and carry out their responsibilities effectively, with enlivening team synergy. ***Congratulations and shine bright!***



SJIS Alumni Upcoming Events & Activities

SJIS Alumni Events & Activities 2023

- 29 APR Hari Raya Celebration
- 8 MAY Personal Development Talk
- 13 MAY SJIS Cross Country & Charity Run
- 24 JUN Friendly Futsal Competition Between Alumni & Staff
- 22 JUL Alumni Reunion Dinner
- 16 AUG Personal Development Talk
- 23 SEPT Alumni Networking Session
- 21 OCT SJIS Carnival Day
- 11 NOV Day of Service/Deepavali Celebration
- 25 NOV Alumni Networking Session

SJIS ALUMNI HARI RAYA LUNCHEON

Join us in sharing the joy of Hari Raya with the underprivileged children at

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RUN TO THE BEAT & SAVE A LIFE
SATURDAY 13 MAY

Starting point: *Jln Bukit Nanas* Gathering area: *St. John's Institution Field*

Categories and Entry Fee:

Category	Early Bird (17 Apr - 22 Apr)	Normal (23 Apr - 6 May)	Late (7 May - 13 May)
7 KM MEN <i>(13 years old and above)</i>	RM 60	RM 70	RM 100
7 KM WOMEN <i>(13 years old and above)</i>	RM 60	RM 70	RM 100
3.5 KM BOYS/GIRLS <i>(12 years old and below)</i>	RM 50	RM 60	RM 70

The entry fee will include a *Finisher Medal*, a *Coloured T-shirt* and a *Bluetooth Headset* each

THE TOP 5 WINNERS in each category will receive a **TROPHY**

Race kit collection:

5 May 2023 (Friday) at St. John's International Secondary School from **1:00pm - 4:30pm**

13 May 2023 (Saturday, Race Day) at event venue from **6:30am**

All payment of fees can be made to:

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