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Welcome Note from our Principal, Ms. Deborah Gordon

Greetings from St. John's International School, where the echoes of your memories thump rhythmically within our community. It is with immense pleasure and pride that we welcome you back to the St John's International School family through this newsletter.

Over the years, our alumni have achieved remarkable success and carved their own unique paths in various fields, showcasing the true essence of the La Sallian spirit. Your achievements serve as a testament to the values and education you received here, and we are eager to continue celebrating your accomplishments.

"In the journey of life, the lessons we learn and the values we hold dear are our guiding stars."

In today's rapidly evolving world, where technology and innovation are at the forefront, the importance of purposeful, human-based education has never been more apparent. St. John's International School remains committed to fostering a learning environment that goes beyond the mere accumulation of knowledge. We are dedicated to equipping our students with the skills and values necessary to navigate the challenges of a fast-paced, technological, and globalised economy.

As alumni, you are an integral part of this journey. Your experiences, insights, and wisdom are invaluable resources that can inspire and guide our current students. We encourage you to continue sharing your success stories, lessons learned, and the impact of your education on your present journey. Your involvement in our community helps bridge the gap between the past and the present, strengthening the bonds that make us a close-knit family.

In a world where change is constant, we must also hold firm to our age-old values and ethos. These principles have stood the test of time and continue to be the foundation upon which our community thrives. We urge you to be torchbearers of these values, to motivate and inspire others to uphold the traditions and principles that define us as St John's.

In closing, let us remember that our alma mater is not just a school but a lifelong connection, a shared journey, and a source of inspiration. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful impact on our ever-changing world, staying true to the values that have guided us.

Thank you for being a vital part of this legacy. We look forward to hearing from you, sharing your stories, and working together to create a brighter future for our community and the world.

Alumni of The Month

FONG CHONG YAN

Hello, everyone, my name is Chong Yan. I am currently a senior at the University of Toledo studying Data Science with a concentration in Astrophysics and a minor in Physics. Right after I graduated from SJIS, I studied Japanese language at Pusat Bahasa Teikyo, however, due to COVID-19 pandemic, I was unable to follow through with that plan. So, I became a transfer student at Methodist College Kuala Lumpur under the American Degree Transfer Program (ADTP), and I am currently living in Toledo, Ohio.

My favourite part of SJIS is all the support I got from the teachers. Whenever I participate in any competitions, the teachers would be glad to assist me in any way or form. They would guide me through the challenging aspects of the competition, which I normally would have just given up if I were to go through it alone.

I had a few proud moments from my time in SJIS, but the one that stood out to me was participating and winning 2nd place in the Kuala Lumpur Photography Festival, organized by Fujifilm in 2015. I remember that was the first time I represented SJIS in a competition, and this moment will soon lead to many more. For example, I also participated in the Petronas Science Show Competition (2018) and the MySekolah Short Film competition (2017). I believe that this was the catalyst which sparked my interest in all the different fields ranging from science to film.

I also loved being a part of the clubs. I was able to learn a lot by attending all the different events, even some interesting ones which I would never have known about if not for the clubs. It was a great opportunity to meet people of similar interests, as well as professionals who were able to impart their knowledge and expertise to me. In fact, networking is one of the main skills which I still use. When I travelled to New York for a PMX Event where Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim was the main speaker, I had the chance to meet a lot of high-profile people, and to my surprise, was able to make some lasting connections.



For now, my short-term goal as a student in my senior year would be to graduate in Spring 2024. Further beyond that, my long-term goal is to get a job in an interesting field and do something I would enjoy in the long run. If not, I could start a Master's Degree program too. Ultimately, I do hope to settle down here in the US. The possibilities are endless, and I believe in time all my goals will be achieved.

One thing I really enjoy about university is the fact that I am surrounded by knowledgeable and kind peers who are always there to guide me if I were to stumble. There are many aspects of my course which I really enjoy, like the times I got to use the campus telescope to look at different planets. We even got to record the sun's path using a Solarcan! Another part of my course which I really enjoy is that I will be working on creating an AI model from scratch to classify galaxies with my professor.

As this is the festive issue, I would like to share about my favourite festivities and celebrations. In Malaysia, it is probably Chinese New Year. It's a great opportunity to meet relatives again, share some food, and just chat in general. Just by getting together as a family again really gives me a sense of unity and harmony. In the States, my favourite celebration would be Thanksgiving. I just really like the food! I appreciate that during Thanksgiving, people are thankful for all the good things that had happened throughout the year and for all the people around them. It is just a heart-warming moment to enjoy. Another thing to love about Thanksgiving is that Black Friday comes right after that, and I can take advantage of the amazing sales to make some purchases which

would have been too expensive at full price!

There has been a big change in my festive experiences as I grew older. Recently, my mother has passed away due to cancer. So, I am currently trying to cope with that. The thought of coming home and not seeing someone who was always just there to greet me and ask about my day was really challenging for me. Just knowing the fact that life is always unexpected means that I must make every moment count. When I was young, I would only be accepting gifts, but now as I grow older, I partake in the act of giving gifts too. The amount of thought and effort it takes to choose the right gift for the right person really changed my perspective from a receiver to a giver.



SJIS Events: Carnival Day

This year's SJIS Carnival 2023, which took place on October 21st, brought immense delight and enjoyment to all our students and visitors. It was a lively affair held within the premises of our primary school, commencing at 10am and concluding at 4pm. The major attraction of the day undoubtedly revolved around the delectable food and drinks prepared by our talented students. The array of food and drinks options available was astonishing, ranging from fresh pasta cooked on the spot, sweet treats almost too beautiful to eat, and refreshing drinks with creative names. Our students truly expressed their entrepreneurial spirit through their persuasive and enticing sales pitch to their customers.

The multitude of thrilling activities at the event also cannot be overlooked, which include water guns, a paddle pool, face painting, batik painting, and numerous others which were enjoyed by students of all ages. The highlight was of course the Haunted House with its terrifying theme of Mental Asylum. Students with their face smeared with makeup and wearing nurses' uniforms, only added to the creepy atmosphere of the haunted house with their superb acting skills. Our hearts almost stopped out of fear! One by one, visitors made it a point to stop by every booth on each level, to show their full support. The Lucky Draw was certainly a crowd pleaser, with eye-catching merchandise and prizes.

The SJIS Carnival was once again a great success for 2023, with a notable profit gained from the coupon sales. 20% of the sales conducted in each booth will be directed to charity organizations. Organized annually, SJIS Carnival is the perfect platform for our students to not only hone their entrepreneurial skills, but also to develop a spirit of altruism and philanthropy. A huge appreciation goes out to the organizers, staff, teachers and students, for making this school carnival an unforgettable event!







SJIS Events: Cross Country Run

*“Life is not a race,
life is process; only
run for fun, charity
and humanity.”*

– Dr Purohit

On 29th September 2023, one of the most highly awaited events of SJIS, the Cross-Country Run (CCR) took place right on Jalan Bukit Nanas, at our primary school campus. The run brings our students along the scenic route of Jalan Bukit Nanas, Jalan Raja Chulan, Jalan P Ramlee, Jalan Sultan Ismail, and finally from Jalan Ampang back to our campus again.

All of our students, from pre-school to pre-university, participated in this exhilarating event. The Lower Primary participants were required to complete

1.5km of the route, while the preschool participants were required to complete only 500m accompanied by their teachers. The participants of Upper Primary and Lower Secondary were required to complete 3.5km (1 full round), whereas the Upper Secondary and A-Level participants were required to complete 7km (2 full rounds).

To kickstart the event, a warm-up session was conducted by our team of enthusiastic physical education teachers.

The heart-pumping music and energetic movements were enough to wake everyone up, and get the participants' blood running in anticipation. The event was then flagged off by our CEO of Edumaax Education Group, Ms. Anne Rajasaikaran. With the thunderous sound of the airhorns, all the participants sprinted their way with much enthusiasm and eagerness, showing off their competitive spirit.

After about an hour, the winners began making their way down the home stretch

to the finishing line one by one. Their names and finishing time were recorded and scores were tabulated. The top 7 finishers in the 8 categories contributed points for their respective sports houses, from 10 points for the 1st position to 2 points for the 7th position. At the end of the cross-country run, all the winners were awarded with their well-deserved medals.

At SJIS, the cross-country run is more than just a race; it's an odyssey of self-discovery and a triumph of human spirit. As participants cross the finish line, exhausted but victorious, they carry not only the memory of fun times, but also the realization of how capable they are. Well done to the SJIS Charity Cross Country Run 2020 Committee Members, for executing a well-planned and noble event. Congratulations to all the participants and winners for exhibiting great sportsmanship, while maintaining a positive spirit!





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- > **Special Promos** designed specifically for staffs

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