

**Date: 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:-**

**Dear Parent / Guardian,**

The Second Semester for 2015 had just commenced this week after the three weeks of Semester break. Though it was a school holiday, I wish to highlight the following events/activities that were carried out prior to the school holiday and during the holidays which involved students, teachers & SJIS staff:

- **SJIS 03<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day 2015 – Sat, 11<sup>th</sup> Apr 2015:**

This year, we had a larger turn out of parents who came to support their respective children and Sports Houses. On behalf of the SJIS management, I wish to thank all our sponsors & parents who came forward to support this successful event. We hope & anticipate your continual support of this event in the coming years. This year, the **Board of Governors Challenge Trophy for the Champion Sports House was won by Oxford House**. Cambridge and Glasgow came out second & third respectively. From our participation in the Malaysian School Sports Council (MSSM), the potential of our students looks very promising & I am confident that SJIS is capable of churning more champions & winners in this field of sports. Accordingly, the school has undertaken the services of professional coaches & trainers in the respective sports to achieve this target in the near future. Kudos to all our students who have taken an active role in these sporting events thus far. Together, we need to continue to support their effort & encourage them further.

- **Teachers' And Founders' Day Celebration – Fri, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015:**

This year the above event was held at the Dewan Tun Dr. Ismail Hall located at St. John's Primary School. My opening speech to students stressed on the significance of Founders' Day especially St. John Baptist De La Salle, the Founder of the La Salle Schools & the importance of respecting & communicating with their teachers. Teachers & staff were entertained by performances from students and speeches of acknowledgement honouring our SJIS teachers.

- **Talk on Fire Prevention Awareness – Tues, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015:**

This talk was held with an objective to raise awareness amongst SJIS staff in regards to fire emergencies & prevention. This talk held at our auditorium was made possible with the collaborative effort with the Fire Prevention Centre of Kuala Lumpur.

- **Excursion to Langkawi – Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015:**

This student excursion is the second such excursion which commenced on May 26<sup>th</sup> till May 28<sup>th</sup>. This time around, 17 students, 2 staff & parents respectively flew to Pulau Langkawi. Apart from visiting interesting sights on the island, a few beach games & activities were arranged during this trip.

- **Fujifilm Photography Youth Workshop – Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015:**  
This event was organized by SJIS Photography Club with the assistance of FUJIFILM (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd and PCP Publications. This workshop included an outdoor photo shoot at Bukit Nanas Forest Reserve situated next to SJIS. The workshop produced a few excellent photo shots and participants were presented with prizes for their creative shots. Currently the club is organizing a photo contest with its theme: “Nature and Environment”. The contest ends on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015. We hope to have one photography workshop especially for parents, so please keep a close watch on our announcement soon!
- **Training & Coaching Session by Tottenham Hotspurs – Tues, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015:**  
Sponsored by AIA Bhd, SJIS students had the opportunity of this half-day session of football training by the English Premier League Club at Wisma FAM training grounds in Kelana Jaya, Petaling Jaya. After the session, students were presented with the Spurs Club’s T-Shirt & scarf. They also had the opportunity of a photo session with their Spurs trainers/coaches.
- **Wilderness First-Aid Camp – Fri, 05<sup>th</sup> June 2015:**  
SJIS St. John’s Ambulance with the joint sponsorship from The Rotary Club of Metro Kuala Lumpur and St. John’s Ambulance Malaysia organized the above camp for 14 students & 2 teachers from 05<sup>th</sup> June till 07<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at Nur Laman Bestari Eco Resort at Ulu Yam, Selangor D.E. Though students & staff had to give in to the comfort of their home, it taught them survival skills and the importance of first-aid. Participants were awarded certificates at the end of this event.

At this point I wish to also inform & highlight some important dates & announcement during the first half of Semester 2:

- **Fire & Emergency Drill – Wed, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015:**  
A talk on the above shall be held by the Fire & Rescue Department to all students & staff at the tennis/futsal court on 24<sup>th</sup> June focusing on the ‘fire-drill’ procedure in the event of an emergency and/or fire. Some demonstration on the use of fire-fighting equipment will also be shown during this session.
- **Exam Registration – Oct/Nov 2015 IGCSE & A Level Examinations:**  
With the recent conclusion of the May/Oct Cambridge International Exams (CIE), please note that the last day for exam registration for the **Oct/Nov session is on or before 06 August 2015**. Hence please check with us to ensure your child/children is/are registered within this time. We would also be reminding all students to ensure they are registered for this session. I hope you had a good input from teachers on the progress of your child/children during our recent **Report Card Day** held last Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015 for their performance during the Term 1 Examinations. It was encouraging to see & speak to some of you during this session.
- **Gentle Reminder on New Fees Commencement in 2016:**  
As per my 09<sup>th</sup> February message, I wish to remind all parents in regards to the above matter. A separate letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015, regarding the fee increase has been circulated to all students for your attention. The new fees will commence from January 2016 for all programmes, i.e. Year 7 till A Level. As mentioned earlier, the slight increase of the school fees

for our continuing students is inevitable as we need to maintain & enhance some of our facilities & services at SJIS for the benefit of our students. A copy of this new fees for 2016 can also be requested & collected from our administrative office.

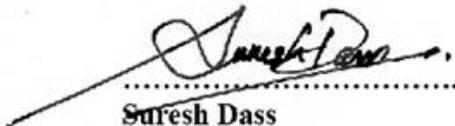
- **School Closure for Hari Raya Aidil Fitri on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015:**

Please be informed that we will be closed for Hari Raya Aidil Fitri from 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015. School shall resume as usual on Mon, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015. On behalf of Management & Staff, our advance wishes to all our muslim parents for this coming Hari Raya from all of us here at SJIS.

In closing, “**Happy Fathers’ Day**” to all the ‘daddies’ & hope you have a pleasant day with your family. Please do check-out the photographs & captured moments of some of the above mentioned events at our SJIS facebook ([www.facebook.com/sjis.official](http://www.facebook.com/sjis.official)).

**Thanking all of you once again for the continued support.**

Yours sincerely,



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**Suresh Dass**  
**Principal**