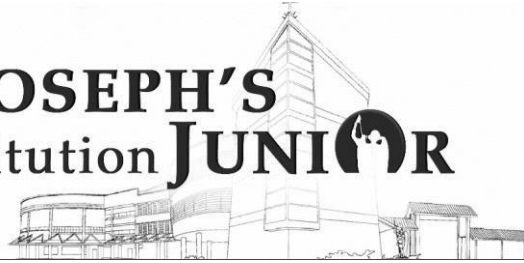




# ST JOSEPH'S Institution JUNIOR



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Dear Parents,

As we enter Term 3, we welcome Miss Novell Lim, Mr Aznam, Mr Timothy Huang, Mr Hazmi and Mr Jason Chee. We also bid farewell to Mr Ronnie Siew, Ms Elaine Ng and Mr Varinder Singh, and I wish them every success in their journey ahead.

We have done very well in the National School Games so far, and the success of the boys is due in large part to their hard work in training and dogged perseverance against very tough opponents at the National level. We are also proud of our boys who came in 1<sup>st</sup> at the Singapore National Final Kids' Lit Quiz 2017. Our team also proceeded to represent Singapore at the World Final in Toronto. Last term, I was also particularly happy with the way our P4 boys responded to our pilot effort for boys to take on jobs within our school. We were particularly impressed by the boys who came prepared for their "job interviews" and I encourage other P4 boys to take on these opportunities in our next run. I was also very happy to see many boys putting the effort to read in their mother tongue language and I would like to give out many more "Chinese Star" certificates to recognise the boys' effort in trying to read and use their mother tongue.

I have noticed over the last few months that some of our boys have become used to all the adults in their life fussing over them. From helpers carrying their bags, to teachers making sure that parents know what homework they have to do, getting their parents to resolve their social difficulties for them, and grandparents delivering forgotten items. In all our anxiety for the welfare of our boys, I wonder if we may be developing a learned helplessness among the boys, and thwart our goal of teaching them to be independent. Perhaps in this case, we as the significant adults, need to be cruel to be kind in order for them to gain independence. To this end, I encourage all of us to work at shifting the responsibility of schooling and learning to the boys, and if need be, to allow them to "fail" and then help them to pick themselves up to learn these important life lessons.

Ora et Labora!

Timothy Goh  
Principal

### Vision

To develop each boy to be at his BEST:

*Belief in self*

*Excellence in all*

*Service to others*

*True to one's faith*

### Mission

Enabling boys in a Lasallian community to learn how to learn and to learn how to live; Empowering them to be *men of integrity* and *men for others*.

### Lasallian & School Values

- Faith
- Service
- Community

### School Motto

Ora et Labora  
(Pray and Work)

F A I T H \* S E R V I C E \* C O M M U N I T Y

### Discipline Focus

We are increasingly concerned about the disrespectful behaviour and use of vulgarities by our boys. As a school, we will not tolerate the use of vulgarities and any disrespectful behaviour towards other students of the staff, and a warning letter will be served should boys commit such offences. We will be reiterating with the boys the importance of interacting in a civil manner and will remind the boys of their basic manners. I appeal to all parents to be mindful that our boys are watching when vulgarities are used at home

and they will mimic such use by significant adults in the home.

### Dress Down Friday

The school will be introducing a Dress Down Friday, and boys will not need to wear their ties on Friday. They should continue to wear their ties from Monday to Thursday when they come to school but can remove them after the morning assembly. The staff will also be dressing down on Fridays.

## Upcoming School Events

Week	Date	Event	Remarks
1	26 June	Public Holiday in Lieu of Hari Raya Puasa	Public Holiday
	30 June	Temperature Taking Exercise	
	30 June	Prefects' Investiture	
	2 July	Youth Day	
2	3 July	Youth Day Holiday	School Holiday
	6 July	NAPFA Re-Test	
3	10-14 July	Green Week	
	10-21 July	Mother Tongue Fortnight	
	14 July	Earth Hour	
		Family Friday Sports	
15 July	P5 NE Show		
4	10-21 July	Mother Tongue Fortnight	
	17-18 July	Prelim. Oral Examinations	
	21 July	Racial Harmony Day	Boys encouraged to come in ethnic wear
5	28 July	Prelim. EL and Mother Tongue LC Examination	
6	31 July	Prelim. EL Paper 1 & 2 Examination	
	1 Aug	Prelim. Mathematics Examination	
	2 Aug	Prelim. Mother Tongue Paper 1 & 2 Examination	
	3 Aug	Prelim. Science Examination	
	4 Aug	Prelim. Higher Mother Tongue Examination	
		Family Sports Friday	
5 Aug	SMSAA (Alumni) Fundraising Carwash		
7	8 Aug	National Day Celebrations	Dismissal at 10 am
	9 Aug	National Day	Public Holiday
	10 Aug	National Day School Holiday	School Holiday
8	15 Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass	Parents invited, please register online
	17-18 Aug	PSLE Oral Examinations	Non-School Day for P1 to P5 boys
		Home-Based Learning for P1 to P5	
9	21 Aug	PSLE Mass	Interested P6 parents, please register online
	23 Aug	P3 GEP Screening	Opt in
	25 Aug	Family Sports Friday	
10	29-30 Aug	P2 Financial Literacy	
	30 Aug	Teachers' Day Celebration	Dismissal at 10 am
	31 Aug	Teacher's Day Holiday	School Holiday
	1 Sep	Hari Raya Haji	Public Holiday
Sep Holidays	7-8 Sep	P6 Holiday Lessons	
	9 Sep	Teachers' Day Mass	
	10 Sep	Catholic Education Sunday	

Parents will be notified of details and any changes closer to the date of the event.

Please check the school website calendar for the latest schedule, and kindly refer to the respective class and CCA teachers for remedial and CCA schedules.

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