A day where we prayed, reflected and celebrated. SJI celebrated Founder's Day on 8 April with Brother Gregory Thomas Lim, FSC, Dean of Lasallian East Asia District (LEAD), as our Guest of Honour. Awards were presented to students who had achieved outstanding performance in academics and sports. Catch the exciting moments of that day on our photo gallery: https://flic.kr/s/aHsky8kk7g

By Wong Leung Wing Manus (LE301)
Josephians Excel at National School Games

The SJI Canoeists made history by bringing home the B Division title after 15 long years! Our C Division canoeists won the 2nd position in the annual competition.

SJI's C-Division boys attained the 4th position in the Tennis national finals after 20 years. The boys defeated Victoria School and SJI International (SJI: 5 - SJII: 0) in the group stage before advancing to the semi-finals, where they played against ACS Barker (ACS: 4 - SJI: 1).

SJI athletes have run the race and done the school proud. Kyes Gaffoor (MN201) clocked 55.81 seconds to win the C Division Boys' 400 metres gold at the 57th National Schools Track and Field Championships on 21 April. Dave Tung Kin Pang (ML301) came in second with his timing of 6 minutes 48.06 seconds for the B Division Boys' 2000m Steeplechase race. At the same event, Song Ivan (MN402) took the 4th position with a timing of 06:48.66. Dave was also placed 5th for the B Division Boys' 1500m four days later.

Our C Division boys also brought home the bronze for the 4x400m relay, with a timing of 03:50.63.

SJI's achievements in several zonal and national sporting events are summed up in this table.

Well done, Josephians!

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The Unit Overall Proficiency Award (UOPA) is an annual award presented to NPCC Units in the whole of Singapore in recognition for their hard work and dedication. This award is presented at four tiers. Through sheer determination in the face of insurmountable challenges, our NPCC Unit clinched Gold, for a commendable sixth consecutive year, the first time in our Unit’s longstanding history. In order to attain this award in the top tier, the Unit must attend, plan and compete in a wide array of events and competitions over the course of the year, all of which are essential to a cadet’s holistic development.

Every NPCC Unit develops cadets’ hard skills in mainly two areas: drills and camp craft. Many people perceive drills as dull, boring and even inhumane. Practicing drills instills in our cadets the values of teamwork, discipline and resilience. Perfection is only achieved when a contingent of cadets have these three values: working as a team; having an imperturbable mindset; and a never-say-die attitude. These are what our cadets will benefit and take home from those countless hours of practicing drills. Campcraft teaches dexterity and inculcates a sense of meticulousness. The demands of campcraft is nothing short of colossal: the need to always achieve the maximum tension and at the same time make structures look neat and tidy is no easy task. One needs to have a constant drive to make improvements and also be skillful in using the best possible solution to solve problems. These two hard skills are heavily emphasized in our Unit, not only to equip our cadets with them, but also to instill these invaluable characteristics in them.

Over the course of the year, our Unit participated in the .22 Marksman Shooting Competition, the X-Challenge Competition and the bi-annual Campcraft Competition. In each competition, we did much better than we had expected; by being in the top 50% of Units in the X-Challenge Competition and almost managing to break into the top 20 in both the .22 Shooting and Campcraft Competition. This would not have been possible if not for our cadets who had the right attitude to train and always aim to do their best, giving their full concentration and effort. Competitions are not only meant to make a name for our Unit in NPCC, but also to give our own cadets recognition for their various skills and abilities, giving cadets the chance to represent our school in these competitions.

Apart from just drills and campcraft, our Unit also aims to develop our cadets and equip them with other skills. When cadets first join the Unit in Secondary 1, they are all required to submit a certified swimming certificate, to show that they have the basic abilities to swim, and in doing so, are awarded the Swimming Life Skill Badge. This is the essential first step in developing our cadets further in the area of Life Skills. Other skills like kayaking, sailing and life saving require one to be able to swim. Our Unit is keen on developing our cadets to be certified kayakers; we allow all Secondary 1 cadets to join a 1-Star Kayaking course. Not only does this add another skill to their personal development, but it also helps them to build a sense of camaraderie through this course, by fostering closer friendships amongst themselves.

Our NPCC Unit also participates in Camps organized by our HQ, for example, the Adventure Training Camp (ATC) for Secondary 2s, and the Survival Training Camp (STC) for Secondary 3s. These camps impart different values to cadets. The ATC introduces cadets to camps in NPCC, teaching them how to ration and to value togetherness. As the activities bring cadets out of the campsite, they learn to look out for one another and to ensure everyone will be safe. The STC focuses more on leadership skills and outdoor survival skills. With activities designed to instill proactiveness and awareness in cadets, this is a very useful camp to help our cadets who are stepping up into their leadership roles. Our Unit also organizes our own Unit Training Camp, which aims to change the mindset and attitude of our cadets, and to shape them to be capable leaders who will make positive changes.

Additionally, our Unit also participates in different ad hoc events such as our annual Area Games Day, where all schools in Area 15 come together to have fun and to play games, with each school facilitating one game. The main objective of the event is to strengthen friendships amongst cadets from the different schools. It also provides an opportunity for cadets to build bonds with their juniors and seniors through games.

This year there were two extremely significant events that took place. The first was the SPF-Badge Award Ceremony. The Singapore Police Force (SPF) Award is the pinnacle award that a NPCC Cadet can attain in his NPCC journey. Being awarded this prestigious accolade is no easy feat, as cadets have to go through two rounds of interviews, one at an area level and one at a HQ level. Two of our cadets, SI (NPCC) Tan Yi Long and SI (NPCC) Lim Ji Xuan, received this coveted award.

The second event of utmost importance is the National Police Annual Parade. During this Annual Parade, awards are given out to those Units that have been awarded Gold for the UOPA. During the parade, we are also proud to have four representatives, with SGT (NPCC) Raven Teo who was the flag bearer for SJI. This award was only possible through the blood, sweat and tears from our teachers and cadets. Everyone in the Unit had a part to play in helping us achieve this award.
SJI Alumnus Graces SJI’s 164th Anniversary Parade

By Dylan Christian Tang Jun Wen (FN402)

The Anniversary Parade is the most important parade of the year for all SJI’s Uniform Groups — NCC Land, NCC Air, NPCC, St Joseph’s Pelandok Scout Group, St John Brigade and SJI Pipes and Drums. Held once a year, this parade marks the stepping down of the Secondary 4s and the passing down of authority and command over to their Secondary 3 successors. It also recognises the contributions made by certain cadets who have done exceptionally well in their CCAs, and our teachers who have dedicated years of their lives in service to their respective CCAs.

Colonel Percival Goh was invited to be the guest-of-honour for our 164th our Anniversary Parade. As the Chief Signal Officer of the Singapore Armed Forces, Colonel Goh has dedicated 26 years of his life to serving his country in the SAF. He is an old boy who studied in SJI from 1984 to 1987. He was SJI Military Band’s Drum Major in 1987, and participated in numerous events such as the Singapore Youth Festival. He is a true Lasallian who serves and protects his country, and he still treats SJI as his home despite having graduated almost 30 years ago.

More photos available on our Flickr album: https://flic.kr/s/aHskyceP2Y
SCHOOL EVENTS

SJI Drama Club Captivates Audience with Animal Farm

On 13 and 14 April, our SJI Drama Club presented an original adaptation of "Animal Farm" that was captivating, creative and convincing! "Animal Circus" is a gem in this year's calendar of the arts in SJI!

SJIVE Charms at Choral Music Evening

The SJI Vocal Ensemble joined the choirs from Dunman Secondary, Crescent Girls' and Catholic Junior College to present an evening of choral music on 11 April. Our boys sounded superb even when the stage lights and mics didn’t work this evening at the rented auditorium.

SJI Guitar Ensemble Presents "Lyrics & Notes" with School of Science and Technology

The SJI Guitar Ensemble collaborated with the School of Science and Technology to present a concert, "Lyrics & Notes" at the SIM Performing Arts Theatre on 16 April. The students showcased their talent as they charmed the audience with their delightful tunes and melodies. Besides the guitar ensemble from the 2 schools, there were also performances by SST's Show Choir.
The SJI Spirit Ignites at Carnival
By Sebastian Chan Wai Kei (LE301)

The spirit of community is prevalent throughout SJI; in our classes, our CCAs and our brotherhood. On 9 April, SJI celebrated this spirit at the SJI Carnival, a platform for us to bond and grow as a school, with our teachers, parents and visitors. The theme of our carnival this year was 'Ignite' and this was the 5th carnival SJI has hosted since the student-led activity first began in 2012. A total of 45 stalls sold a range of delectable food and drinks or ran games stalls that tested the participants' teamwork and problem-solving skills. An inflatable water soccer pitch brought much fun to those who enjoyed a quick splash!

Though the event was interrupted by a downpour, it certainly did not dampen the spirit of the visitors who attended our carnival. Several SJI students took to the stage, charming and entertaining the crowds with their musical acts and performances. Lucky winners also walked away with prizes such as a laptop in the lucky draw.
SJI Marks International Friendship Day

SJI celebrated International Friendship Day on 5 April. It aimed to raise awareness of our geo-political realities inherent to Singapore. Josephians donned their traditional costumes and watched an entertaining skit conducted by international students about how they build up friendships.

The Parent Support Group (PSG), working with SJI parents, also offered snacks such as brownies, chocolate eclairs, popcorn, ice cream sandwiches, and Subway cookies at affordable prices. The net proceeds went to a worthwhile cause, HopeHouse.

HopeHouse was set up in 2011 and is located within the premises of the LaSalle Brothers. HopeHouse was set up to help male youths who face the challenges of alcohol abuse, aggression, bullying, theft, gangsterism, neglect, abandonment, and unhealthy living conditions. HopeHouse provides an alternative conducive environment and a new beginning for the youth to help them overcome their challenges and to enable them to grow to their full potential. The SJI PSG presented a cheque of $2000 to HopeHouse; it was received by Bro. Collin Wee, FSC.

SJI Through the Lens of Science

The IB Group 4 project by our Senior School section is an interdisciplinary activity in which all IB Diploma Programme science students must participate. The objective is for the students from the different Group 4 subjects to analyze a common topic or problem. The exercise is a collaborative experience with the emphasis on the processes involved in such an activity, rather than on the product.

This year, the theme is “SJI Through the Lens of Science”. The students went through a planning stage before the actual day of photography on 27 April, where they went around the campus capturing relevant photographs associated with the SJI Bishan campus or experience. They then presented their photographs on posters, with a scientific story. The photo exhibition was held in the Senior School section on 29 April, from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Students and teachers got to cast votes for their favourite posters. The best posters will be displayed in the science labs in the new Malcolm Road campus.

Here’s a sneak preview of some of the exciting posters that show how science can be seen through photographs. To view all the posters, visit http://www.sji.edu.sg/news-and-events/news-highlights/2016#_ptoh_68105
ArtScience Prize 2016 (IDEA 2016)
By Mark Chan (MN301)

The day of the event was upon us on 27 May 2016. For five long months, through holidays and test periods, rain or shine, we had prepared for this moment of presentation and competition. Now the hall stood festooned with the fruits of that labour: rows upon rows of glamorous booths, each more eye-catching than the last. The hall was filled with excited chatter.

Soon, the judges arrived and started the judging process. Resplendent with their name-tags and clipboards, they strode around the booths, praising some. The participants waited in trepidation until the judges heard their piece, then relaxed and admired their friends’ projects.

When the judges made their verdict that ten teams had made it into the finals, the hall burst with excitement. Some were visibly disappointed. As Dylan Goh told me, "It is disappointing not to be chosen for the finals. But those who did had put in the work and I have to respect them. Anyway, winning isn’t everything, right? I got a lot out of the experience too!"

Soon, we gathered in the auditorium for the finals where the ten groups vied for the top prize - a partially funded trip to Le Laboratoire Cambridge in Boston. Some inventions ranged from being amazingly creative, such as the Cake Moisture Sensor while others were complex, requiring millions of dollars in budget, such as the aeroponics system for third world countries. In the end, two presentations stood out: Fabriek, a multi-purpose carpet that aims to cushion child falls and reduce parents’ anxiety during their children's play. On top of that, Fabriek can also serve as an alternative and interactive platform for children to have endless amount of fun while interacting with nature. Fabriek is also eco-friendly, safe and engaging for children with its dynamic colour-changing feature that is activated by human’s natural static electricity. The other group was Zhuper Slim whose product, Static Energizer, works by converting static electricity in our environment from the collision of dust into usable electricity to charge our smartphones. Both winning teams (Fab-briekers from CHIJ St.Nicholas Girls’ School and Zhuper Slim from SJI) will travel to Boston for the ArtScience Innovation Workshop at Le Laboratoire Cambridge, where they will work with winning teams from other countries to further develop their ideas.

This year’s Artscience Prize is one that will not be forgotten. As Yash Bhojwani Manoj puts it, "I really had a lot more ideas on how to improve life after attending this exhibition." When asked if he would do it again, he replied, "Yes, definitely." All in all, a fun and creative time was had by all at the ArtScience Prize 2016.

For more information, follow us on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/sjiartscience/
SCHOOL EVENTS

SJI Goes Green for Earth Week

Green is the new black! This phrase marked the start of Earth Week in SJI. Being green is cool, literally, especially with the recent spate of dry and very hot weather. SJI Green Club put up a myriad of activities around the school to mark Earth Week. It started with a display of books regarding the environment and some samples of upcycling items from teachers in the library.

The Green Club also worked with agencies like the National Parks Board (NParks) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) on a series of panels in the canteen to educate everyone on Singapore’s natural heritage and a talk on climate change. There were fun activities like a skit on the Conference of Parties 21 and a quiz on climate change.

We ended off the week with a prize presentation on Earth Day (22 April 2016) for an inter-class “Design-A-Recycling Bin” contest.

It is heartening to see all of us, students and staff, NParks, WWF, coming together as a green community to love the only planet we live in.

Lasallian Concert 2016

The Lasallian Concert 2016 was held in conjunction with the DBS Marina Regatta 2016 on 28 May.

Talented students from SJI and SJI International rocked the scorching afternoon with their guitars and drums. SJI Guitar Ensemble, SJI International (Elementary School) Samba Band, and student bands, Colon:D and Intimate Friends brought life to the Marina Bay area with beautiful renditions of popular hits.

Friends, families and alumni of our Lasallian fraternity turned up to unwind on the manmade beach at The Promontory. The event certainly gave our budding artists a bigger stage to showcase their talent and revel in spotlight.
Talent Abound at Band of Brothers & Sisters II

The SJI Old Boys Association held its 2nd Band of Brothers & Sisters event on 4 June at the SJI Amphitheatre. 15 bands made up of current students and alumni entertained the audience over four hours, with current hits by Adele and Coldplay to oldies like Toto, ABBA and Jackson 5. We had a lively crowd including the Class of 1975 who came to support their fellow classmate Mr Jerome Tan and his band "Just For Tonight". Returning to support this event were familiar bands like Nantini & the Nuggets, Colon:D and Serendipity who performed at the same event last year.

This event also raised funds for the LaSalle Kindergarten in Potum Village, Cambodia. All the food and drinks at this event were sold by the participants of the Josephian Family Mission 2016. The food and drinks were fully sponsored by Josephians, their friends and the missionaries. The call of our Josephian mission to be men and women for others rang in our hearts, as current and old Joes reunited for a night of jamming!

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Joseph’s Institution Military Band presents

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