

Parent Update

02 August 2010

WELCOME BACK!!!

Dear Parents

To all our returning parents and students we say 'welcome back' for another exciting year at JIMS! To our new arrivals we extend good wishes and hope you will like being at JIMS. I hope you all had a good break and are ready to embrace the new academic year with vim and enthusiasm. The teachers certainly are ready after a week-long preparation session.

STUDENT NUMBERS: 120

Our new JIMS building is now a year old. When we first moved in (in August 2009), we brought 70 students from our former ISCI site. We are pleased to report that we have currently almost **120 students**, thanks to the enthusiasm of our parents who introduced their friends to JIMS. The hard work of our marketing department has really paid off. Well done, everybody!

NEW TEACHERS

In view of our growing number of students it was necessary to split Years 1 and 2, and Year 5 and 6. We also have a new Year 11 class. There are 3 brand new classes! We also replaced the 5 teachers who left last year: only 5 people left - NOT a large turnover. However, we've also added a few additional specialists. Please check the staff list in this Parent Update.

MULTICULTURAL

You may be interested to know that this year JIMS has students from the following countries: Algeria, America, Britain, Canada, Cameroon, the Netherlands, France, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Spain and Uzbekistan: 15 countries in all!

CAFETERIA

Our successful JIMS Cafeteria is starting immediately. After today (Mon 02 August), please select the menu of your choice and pay with vouchers which are available from the secretaries.

NEW SCHOOL RULE

As of tomorrow, please assist us with our new school rule where, for security reasons, you are requested not to go beyond the gates at the top of the black stairs that lead down into the school. This obviously also applies to any nannies or drivers whose presence last year became quite problematic. If you should wish to talk to your Class Teacher or any of the specialist teachers, please make an appointment with our Senior Secretary, Ms Tari (744 4864). There are of course many exceptions for parents, such as parent/teacher meetings, school functions, PTA meetings, assembly performances, etc.

CALENDAR 2010-2011

With this Parent Update you'll receive the School Calendar. Please put it up in a strategic place so you will be able to refer to it easily. Several dates have not yet been set. We'll receive the public holidays from the government at a later date.

STUDENT ID BADGES

All students will be given a new ID card. Please assure they wear the card every day. The card also has a bar code on it which allows the student to borrow books from the library. Please note that the students will have to pay for a new card if the first one is lost. This will also train the students in looking after their belongings.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Wed 4 August @ 7pm in the Library, is JIMS' first Parent Information Evening. From 7 till 7.45pm we'll explain the curriculum (PYP, IGCSE and A Levels) and bring you up to date with our latest information. There is time for questions, then refreshments, and finally a chat with your class teacher, or subject specialist. You'll be on your way home before 8.30pm. Please come and join us. Please indicate that you're coming to Ms Tari (744 4864). We're all looking forward to seeing you there!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (ASA)

This very popular series of extra-curricular classes will commence in 2 weeks' time on Mon 16 August. We're putting the finishing touches on an exciting programme and we're finalising our team of tutors. More in the next Parent Update!

NEW BASKETBALL COURT

The heavy rains during the holidays have played a major part in the delay of our Basketball Court. Many of you would have seen the excavations in the area between our cafeteria and the swimming pool. The area will be roofed so that even in rainy weather the students will have a place to have their PE classes and to have fun during lunch time.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

JIMS' 4-week 'Holiday Programme' (21 June - 23 July) was a HUGE success! Congratulations to Ms Anna, Ms Vissia and all the other teachers who helped out. This augurs well for our next programme during the last week of the Christmas holidays!

LOST PROPERTY

Please check Ms Windri's class for lost property. You'll find her in the Penguins (Year 1). All lost property has one thing in common: all un-marked! We don't know who owns the school uniforms, PE gear, books and many drinking bottles. Let's get it all cleaned up as soon as possible.

BOOKS IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

In view of our developing Library and in line with our PYP curriculum, we wish to order fiction books in non-English languages so that our Primary School students may read those stories in their own language. Our focus will be on languages that are spoken by our current students: Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Dutch, French, etc. We ask for your suggestions on authors, titles and ISBNs. Please pass your information to our librarian, Ms Lala. Of course, we always welcome donations. Thank you for your advice.

JIMS YEARBOOK

The 2009-2010 JIMS Yearbook is still available for purchase (Rp150,000) from the Admissions/Marketing Department.

NEW UNIFORMS

The new uniforms are now available from the front office. We're asking you to buy only 1 set for the time being, so that everybody has a chance to get their uniform. It will take another 2-3 weeks before all stock arrives. If you buy the material and have your tailor make the uniforms, please note they must be uniform. Therefore, no changes to the sleeve length, or the dress length is allowed. All uniforms should be uniform.

IMPORTANT DATES

August

Mon 02 - Students return
Wed 04 - Parent Information Evening
Mon 16 - ASA starts
Tue 17 - Independence Day

***Everybody, we wish you all
a wonderful year at JIMS!***

Kind regards



Ron Verburgt
Consulting Principal