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St. Joe Gala: March 22, 2025

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At the start of our third term, we had the St. Joe Gala and it was a real success! On March 22, 2025, students took the stage in their uniquely designed costumes representing the seven continents. It was an oriental, fun and exciting show!

In 2018, we held a similar activity where students created impressive costumes. They confidently showcased their masterpieces on stage with finesse and flair!

Many memories were made on this remarkable day. Let's look ahead and create more memories with our St. Joe family!

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRINCIPAL



I'm really pleased to see our students trying their best in every competition, showing their maximum potential while also breaking their limits."

Principal Cheng Tak Ming, Timothy



Skylar Fong 🖄

Principal Cheng was very impressed by the growth and kindness of the school and students so far. He describes the school as having "great youthful energy".

One of the core values that he believes keeps the Josephian fire burning is the compassion and kind heartedness that the students of the school present towards each other. The principal also mentions how proud he is of all of the students achievements, the most prominent being the STEM, Photography and Chess awards.

Aside from our achievements, he would like to introduce the new facilities that we students can enjoy during recess. In the game room this year, you will see items such as the new bicycle game and the VR balancing game. Not only can our students have fun but also do some exercise!

Last but not least, he hopes that all our students can continue thriving and tackle every new day with a smile on their face! Learning Is A Journey Always To The Stars!

St. Joe Gala Collage



SCHOOL PICNIC

On the 25th of October, our school went on the annual school picnic. The school prepared a lot of activities for all of the students so they could have a great time together.

Many students brought a lot of snacks like potato chips, chocolates and cookies.

Some teachers also joined in on the fun and were seen participating in activities such as football, badminton and basketball.

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Time passed quickly while everyone was having fun with their classmates and friends, but happy times always pass fast and soon it was time to leave. When everyone was beginning to leave, many P6 students said that it was going to be a unforgettable school picnic which would be a lasting memory that they would remember in their final year at SJACPS.



DRESS CASUAL DA





Dress Casual Day was held on the 31st of October this year. Many students wore their casual clothes to school. It was quite refreshing as we usually see each other in our polished school uniform. It was surprising that even some teachers wore interesting costumes. For example, both Mr. Wongs wore Pokemon themed costumes which many students appreciated as they were seen to be crowded by students during recess and early in the morning. Many of the upper form students wore their favourite football player's shirt as many students enjoy watching and playing football in their free time.

Hopefully, you will get to see more interesting costumes as well as prepare your own costume to showcase to your friends and teachers a bit of your personality



CROSS-SUBJECT ACTIVITIES

Greco Mak 🙉

The cross-subjects activities are held annually in October. Every year all students gets to complete a project. For P.6, they received a small little larvae to take care of. If they successful, then it will grow into a full fledged beetle. It takes about several months for the beetle larvae to grow up. For its water source, you have to spray tap water every 1 to 2 weeks.

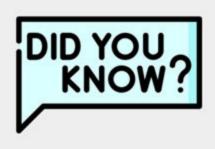
It is quite difficult to see the larvae as it loves hiding in the dark. Once it becomes an adult beetle, you have to feed it with a special jelly or sweet fruits like apples or bananas.

For P.5, they can look into the structure of bird feathers by using a microscope to. Other than that, they also completed an experiment where they soaked an egg in vinegar to see what effects it had on the egg. It was interesting to see the different results that many people had.

If you are in the lower year groups, these are some of the things you can look forward to doing in your journey at SJACPS.









The beetle larvae loves eating dead wood.



The adult beetles eat sweet fruits.

CROSS-SUBJECT ACTIVITIES





The P.4s had a mixed experience with the black soldier flies as some students were excited, but some were scared.

The lifespan of these insects are about five to eight days. They start off as an where which hatches into larvae after it has been laid for 4 days.

Through the observation of many Primary 4 students, they became bigger and bigger and they love eating organic matter like food waste, compost and food scraps. Some took notice of the different in colour as there were mixed answer of blue, green and metallic from the cohort.

Many students enjoyed watching them change over the course of these few days and were enthusiastically noting down the details and things they observed during this meaningful experience in their STEAM booklet.



Despite the fact that they are insects, they are not considered as pests as they do not bite or sting and are not predatory.

MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

During the festival, lanterns of all sizes and shapes were displayed in the undercovered playground. These lanterns symbolize beacons of light that guide people to prosperity and good fortune in Chinese culture. As many of us know, the Mid-Autumn festival is based on the legend of Chang'e, the Moon goddess in Chinese mythology.

Many students enjoyed solving riddles in class and watching videos associated with the Mid-Autumn festival. This year, students decorated their moons with coloured markers or paint. After turning the lights on, the designs looked spectacular.

Let's look forward to what the school has in store for us next year on this culturally rich festival.



Hei Chun Chan

SPORTS DAY Pak Yiu Chan 🙉



Sports Day is one of the events where we participate in sports such as running, long jumping and baseball throwing. Held on 11th November, You could hear the loud

roars of cheers and chants coming from the crowd, up in the stands.

Hayden Shu from 4A mentioned that he participated in the long jump competition. He said that he had a lot of fun even though it was a scary experience for him as it was his first time! Luckily, his friend Holden was participating in it as well which gave him a lot of encouragement.

Sports day proved to be a memorable experience for many people, not only for students, but also for parents.



CHRISTMAS

Ryan Ho 🖄

Christmas is a holiday celebrated by many people around the world. The holiday season's most well-known decorations include the Christmas tree with ornaments and lights and a wreath that is usually hung on the door.

At SJACPS, a Christmas party is held on the 19th of December. This is when all the teachers and students will celebrate Christmas together at school. There are many special events such as exchanging gifts, listening and singing along to Christmas songs at the hall. This was easily one of the most popular and favourite event for many Josephians!







CHRISTMAS

Ocean Wong 🖄





Other than celebrating in SJACPS, the school choir performed at the M+ Museum at the West Kowloon Cultural Centre on the 21st of December. The songs they sang included: Ring the bells, Joy to the world and We wish you a Merry Christmas. It was great to

see many people in the Josephian community attending in the audience show their support and appreciation on this festive day.

People of Hong Kong celebrate Christmas in the most grand way in all of East Asia. There are many places to go for Christmas festivities. Major shopping malls across Hong Kong such as Citywalk, Festival Walk, Harbour City, Langham Place and many more, have Christmas decorations all over the place to enhance the Christmas Spirit of Hong Kong.

Did you go shopping this year with your family? What presents did you buy?



