

## **PTA 2024 ACTIVITIES**

The year began with the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 17 February. Over one hundred participants comprising teachers and parents attended the event. The PTA Management Committee (PTAMC) 2024-2025 was elected to serve the school community. The following activities were conducted:

1. The Oral Booster for all P6 boys started on 1 April. Parent volunteers guided the boys after been given training by a CL teacher. The turnout was encouraging for both PVs and boys.
2. The next event was the Town Hall meeting on 3 May. Principals of SJI Independent and St Patrick's school were invited to give a talk to P5 and P6 parents of what their respective schools had to offer in terms of academic and CCA programmes.
3. The annual charity event Project Good was held during the Catholic season of Lent. The boys were very generous with their donations. \$1,360.45 was collected for Project Good and the proceeds were handed over to Caritas.
4. The ever-popular Movie Night and BYO dinner was held on 17 May. More than 800 parents and kids attended the movie which was the "Peanuts Movie". Popcorn was also served during the movie.
5. About 100 participants (students and parents) took part in the Spartan Race on 22 June. One parent initiated a voluntary training program prior to the Spartan Race for the boys and parents.
6. The Teachers' Day Celebration Lunch was held on 27 August. The PTA parents and PVs organized this event to express their gratitude for the hard work put in by the teachers for their sons. A wide array of food was provided for everyone's enjoyment.
7. The P6 parents held a prayer vigil for the P6 boys during the PSLE period from 26 September to 3 October. This activity was spearheaded by the PTA P6 parents and included daily mass and reflections. I am sure the boys appreciated the prayers by the parents.
8. The next event organised by the PTAMC was the Children's Day Carnival. This annual affair saw the parents organising themselves into levels and setting up game booths where the boys can enjoy themselves playing.
9. For the first time in the history of SJIJ, we had the Father & Son and Mother & Son camps held concurrently over the same weekend on the 9 and 10 of November 2024. One hundred pairs of Fathers and Sons and about thirty pairs of Mothers and Sons attended the camps which were held in School and at LaSalle Centre respectively. The activities at the FS Camp included activities like Nerf Challenge, Telematch, Gladiator, Kayaking, Cookout, Reflection and Camp fire. The Mother & Son camp, which was its second edition, was also packed with high energy activities which included ice breaker, Trekkers Challenge, Race against time, cookout challenge, camp fire, kayaking and dragon boating.
10. Finally, the year ended with the PTA collaborating with the Sowers group of Novena church to help distribute goodie bags to the needy families living in Ang Mo Kio on 16 November. About thirty SJIJ families gathered in the morning and helped with the distribution of the goodie bags.

It was indeed a very eventful year for the PTA and we hope that 2025 will be an even more eventful year for the Parents and our boys.

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