

2023 PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the entire school community at SJI Junior, welcome to 2024 and the Year of the Dragon! A very warm welcome to the new P1 Parents who have joined us recently... you have joined a closely knit family.

2023 was the first full year of activities since 2019 and we had a fabulous year of exciting activities. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the following PTA Management Committee (MC) Members, comprising Parent Volunteers (PVs) and school staff, who have served tirelessly for the benefit of our Boys in 2023.

Vice-Presidents:

- Mr Eric Leong (Principal)
- Ms Faith Yak (Vice-Principal)
- Mr Lawrence De Silva (Parent)
- Mr Collin Lim (Vice-Principal Admin)

Honorary Secretary:

- Mr Anthony Monteiro (Staff)

Assistant Honorary Secretary:

- Ms Shermaine Tan (Parent)

Honorary Treasurer:

- Ms Joey Ong (Parent)

Committee Members:

- Ms Paige Koh Seng Hui (Parent)
- Mdm Chua Siqin Jaslin (Parent)
- Ms Maybeline Goh
- Mr Bernard Menon (Parent)
- Mr Shayn Phua (Parent)
- Mr Ronnie Liew Dah Chang (Parent)
- Mr Don Lee Tong (Parent)
- Dr Mythili Pandi (Parent)
- Ms Janet Tan (Staff)
- Ms Shannon Tan (Staff)
- Mr Mohamed Fazrin (Staff)
- Ms Dorothy Phng (Staff)

Honorary Auditors:

- Mdm Shelly Harding (Parent)
- Mr Victor Foo Seang Kwang (Parent)

The SJIJ PTA celebrates its 55th year of existence in 2024 as it was registered back in 1969. Our PTA is one of the oldest in Singapore and it is a registered association with the Registrar of Societies. Its membership consists of parents and staff and this partnership hopes to serve the school community for the benefit of our boys!

Our MC was elected in February 2023 and we went right to work by setting up various sub-committees to help run and manage the numerous activities, ranging from our “traditional” events such as Movie Night, the Teachers’ Day and Children’s’ Day celebrations, to new events such as the Racial Harmony Day Amazing Race, which we co-hosted with Queenstown Secondary.

In this past year, we also added a new academic activity, which was held mainly in term 3, whereby P5 and P6 students who needed help with their English language and Chinese mother tongue language oral exams, were able to attend practice sessions with numerous parent volunteers. Feedback was very positive, and we look forward to starting this earlier in 2024.

One of the hallmarks of our PTA is that we have activities that encourages parents to engage in activities with their sons. This year, we introduced the Mother and Son Glamp, so that sons would engage with their mothers in bonding activities, such as the ones that fathers have been participating with their sons in the annual Father and Son camp. Both events were over-subscribed and parents had loads of fun with their sons.

We are also proud of giving back to our community. One example of this was when the PTA partnered with The Sowers from Novena (St. Alphonsus Church) to lead a group of Josephians and their family members to visit some blocks in Ang Mo Kio to deliver sponsored goodie bags to the single elderly and low-income families living there.

A big thank you to all the PVs, and members of the PTA for leading / supporting the activities in 2023. As the school celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, we look forward to your continued support for this wonderful school and community and for the 2024 PTA MC and their planned activities.

If you have any suggestions on how or what we can do more for our Boys, please do not hesitate to approach any of the PTA MC members.

Thank you, GOD bless you all and Ora et Labora!

Kelvin Lau

President, PTA Management Committee 2023

Proud Old Boy of St. Michael’s School (a legacy of St Joseph’s Institution Junior)