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40 YEARS OF MAKING LIVES AND WAKING HEARTS

Dear Saints,

2018 is a very special year for us. It marks a milestone for St Andrew's Junior College (SAJC) as we are celebrating its 40th anniversary. Our College has come a long way since its humble beginnings at Malan Road back in 1978. SAJC has grown steadily through the past four decades to what it is today – a sterling educational institution of choice for many students and their parents.

Our Beginnings

As we all know, SAJC started as a vision of faith when the Anglican Church in line with national educational developments in the 1970's took up the challenge of building a Junior College. The building project was subsequently joined by the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches. Construction began in 1976 and the College admitted its first batch of six hundred students on 3 January 1978. Sited on six hectares of land at Malan Road and set amidst the rolling hills of Pasir Panjang, the original College premises had a built-in area of over 10,200 square metres. In its early years, the College established a presence in track and field and some of the fastest school runners in Singapore of the 1980s were from SAJC. During this period, the College also became known for the success of its Commerce Faculty.

One Family Unbroken

God willing, our separation in 1978 from St Andrew's School at Woodville was not to be a permanent one. By the late 1990s, long term plans to relocate the College back to Woodville had begun. This eventually saw SAJC move to Potong Pasir to become part of St Andrew's Village on 15 December 2005, marking the realisation of the hope and dream held by many stakeholders of the school – to see the return to Woodville of St Andrew's pre-university section as 'One Family Unbroken' once again.

Celebratory Milestones in 2018

To celebrate our College's 40th anniversary, we have chosen the theme, '40 Years of Making Lives and Waking Hearts', and planned a series of celebratory milestones for 2018.

We kickstarted the year-long celebrations with an Anniversary Run, themed 'Moving from Strength to Strength', on 2 March at the Punggol Waterway Park. The beautiful skyline of new residential apartments nestled amidst lush greenery and waterways made the park an ideal backdrop for the 4.8 km scenic run. The morning's festivities were given an exciting boost with a range of carnival activities to engage our students. It was certainly a fun-filled morning and likely one of the most memorable runs for the St Andrew's community in recent years.

The month of May has been set aside for a month-long celebration, themed 'Making a Joyful Noise: The Saints' Festival of the Performing Arts', where our College's six performing arts groups will be putting up a series of public concerts and

performances to commemorate our 40th year. To mark these special occasions, we have invited our College's former Principals to be the Guests of Honour. I look forward to seeing many of you Saints at the upcoming Saints' Festival!

We will round off our year-long celebrations on 28 July with a Homecoming morning of festivities, culminating in a special College Day Celebration in the afternoon and the unveiling of the 40th anniversary Mural.

Our Journey Thus Far

In this special 40th anniversary edition of IOTA Publications, we bring to you stories of past Saints—the most memorable encounters of their time at the College, and how it has shaped who they are today. Our chaplain, deputy principal and former teachers will also share their thoughts and wishes for our College and students. You will also get to enjoy a 'walk down memory lane' of curated photographs from our college archives featuring SAJC then and now!

It is my hope that the stories featured in this commemorative issue will inspire your pride in the College and awaken lofty dreams and aspirations in you as you advance purposefully in your ongoing education journey.

Looking Ahead

SAJC is most privileged to be part of the education fraternity in Singapore where we have seen 40 years of God's goodness and guidance in making the lives and waking the hearts of Saints who have passed through our gates. For this and many more, we give thanks to God for His 'unfailing mercies far strewn along our way' and praise His name today and in the days to come, for indeed, His hands 'hath crowned [our] children with blessings manifold'.

As we celebrate our 40th anniversary this year, we also thank all staff and stakeholders who have made the journey a blessing. We aspire towards continual partnership with all our stakeholders and partners in the years ahead, 'pressing on with all our might ... and with eager feet' to continue the 'mighty undertaking here' – to nurture principled servant leaders for the 21st century who will bring life to the nations and serve the coming days.

Up and On!

MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – *Mr Cecil Ang*

WHAT IT MEANS TO NURTURE A SAINT?

As the Home of Servant Leaders, SAJC aspires no less than to bring life to the nations. The College aspires to bring up Saints whose conduct display four distinct qualities: of Exemplary Character, Holistic Thinking, Skilled Communication and Community Building. As servant leaders, Saints are not inward-looking, but care about society, prioritise growing others and uplifting their community, and become community builders.

It sounds a tall order to nurture and develop students to display these four qualities, but we are not starting from scratch. Each student who joins us already comes with skills and talents developed in their upbringing, education and experience. All schools do their part in developing their charges holistically, through their own unique programmes. SAJC merely builds on their legacies for those who pass through our College.

The beliefs and values of teenagers in a Junior College are constantly being shaped and tested, as they search for their own identities among those of their peers and those offered by pop culture. At the same time, they would have to contend with the pressure from examinations and competitions in both the curricular and co-curricular programmes. Such is the experience of growing up today. Saints would have to make moral choices about their lifestyles and commitments, and think critically and creatively to overcome the challenges they face in life.

In the light of these challenges, it is important that educators



build rapport with their teenage charges. Having an interest in our students' lives and not merely focussing on the academics will go a long way in building that bond. As adults, we would also have more life experiences that they could draw on to motivate and inspire students, encouraging them to reflect on their own journeys. Above all, nothing speaks louder than our actions. Our very lives should manifest the four qualities of a Saint.

It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. This village comprises school leaders, educators, instructors, coaches, parents, peers, alumni and members of the governing board and advisory committee in our College, even the educational institutions from which our students hail. It is my earnest desire that these diverse stakeholders collectively endeavour to seize every opportunity, through their words and actions, to develop our Saints into Servant Leaders.

Up and On!



A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN – *Reverend David Lee*

As SAJC celebrates our fortieth year, we remember our commitment to holistic education, inspired by our Lord Jesus Himself.

You may be surprised, but even our Lord needed to undergo the struggles that all men go through as He matured and developed. While Jesus was a perfect God, Jesus was also man in all senses of the word. All four Gospel writers gave great attention to Jesus' three-year public ministry. But what was our Lord doing prior to that? Well, He was, like the rest of us, maturing and developing as a man. He grew. Jesus did not simply burst onto the scene at age 30 to be the Saviour of the world. He had to first grow up like the rest of us. He learnt to crawl, walk and talk as a child. He navigated His way through the awkward years of adolescence. He acquired social graces and equipped himself with vocational

skills to make a living. Luke summarised these decades of growth and maturation this way – "Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man (Luke 2:52)". In other words, Jesus developed mentally, physically, psycho-socially and spiritually.

As He grew in physical stature, Jesus also developed in wisdom through diligence and hard work. As a Jewish child, He learnt from the Scriptures and from the community He grew up in. In the power of the Holy Spirit, He grew in wisdom by carefully observing everyday life and learning how to navigate God's world.

Besides developing mental acumen, Jesus also developed emotional intelligence and grew in His love for others. He became secure and confident in who He was. With courage and compassion, He broke down social barriers and reached out to the misfits and rejects in society. But Jesus

became adept in interacting with others and listening closely to them only because He first cultivated an intimate relationship with God. He sat in the temple and the synagogues learning, questioning and clarifying His thoughts about God. He spent time in prayer and attuned His heart to the voice of His Father. As a result, Jesus grew in favour with both God and man.

Every human being, like the God-man Jesus, needs to grow and mature, both in our relationship with God and with our fellow man. It is a long and arduous maturation process that lasts a lifetime. As we celebrate our fortieth year of education mission, let us recommit ourselves to being God's instruments in this special journey and process. We are not alone in our labour because it is a journey that Jesus knows very well. And He stands ready to help us to persevere – in building and nurturing every generation of students that comes through our College's gates.

Memories Of Our College

Alumni members share their stories....

PAUL SAMUEL (Class of 1979)
President of the 1st Student Council



Life as a student in SAJC was really fun and enjoyable. There was a great sense of adventure and we felt like we were part of history in the making, especially since we were the first batch of students at Malan Road, which at the time, was not yet a fully completed campus. We had to trudge through mud tracks and construction sites to get to class in the mornings, and it was those moments of improvisation that has helped me to learn how to think out of the box and to listen out for ideas from those around me.

Coming from St Andrew's School where I spent ten years of my schooling life, I had learnt to appreciate history and tradition. However, upon arriving at SAJC, I found myself thrust into a new environment, embarking on something completely different, and I had to grapple with all the novel and unexpected experiences. But at the back of my mind, I realised that I would be an important part of the College's history and that spurred me to stretch myself as best as I could in every situation.

SAJC provided me with many opportunities to step outside of my comfort zone. I remember being involved in quite a number of activities and I was constantly looking forward to new opportunities to grow and develop myself. When I became President of the Student Council, I was very nervous as it was an adventure into the unknown—there were no seniors before us to guide us. Being a person who likes structure and certainty, it was rather discomfiting to me. We were told that we were to represent the student body, and many of my own ideas about what that looked like did not really match what our Advisor and Principal had in mind. I ended up spending a fair amount of time in the Principal's office; I had to learn on the job, and I am deeply grateful for the time that both our Advisor, Mr Peter Wong, and Principal, Mr Tan Teng Wai, spent coaching me. Many of the lessons that I learnt then have helped me significantly in my career later on when I entered the workforce as an engineer.

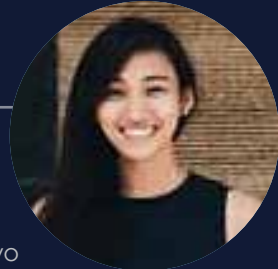
To current students at SAJC, my advice is this: be open and do not be afraid of new things. Step out of your comfort zone as that is the only way to grow. Also, every new opportunity is a chance for us to learn and grow, so embrace it fully and always give your best!



Paul, President of 1st Student Council in 1978

PRISCILLA SAMUEL (Class of 2008)

President of Saints for Christ
Priscilla is the daughter of Paul Samuel and a former teacher at SAJC.



When I think of my time in SAJC, what immediately comes to my mind's eye is a huge, colourful blur of faces and spaces. The two years one spends in JC are often two of the most hectic years of schooling life. They have neither the structured tick-tock of secondary school nor the sanguine, self-determined free-flow of university life. My JC years zoomed by in a blaze of new friendships, long days of activity and long nights of homework. It was both exhilarating and very anxiety-inducing. Despite the pace, I am thankful for two groups of people in SAJC that kept me anchored during those years and shaped me for the years after.



Priscilla with her College mates after graduation

My classmates and peers were the ones who made the time spent in JC fun and meaningful. In my first weeks of JC, I was confronted by a diversity of characters I had never encountered before. I remember feeling quite lost and nervous about being able to find people to connect with. How in the world would I find "my group"? How would my class ever really bond? I am so grateful that despite my social anxiety, I got to learn a precious lesson about friendship – that people do not have to be the same to care for each other. My classmates were the most eclectic bunch of friends I have ever made, coming from very different schools, with different ideas of what school was for, with very different tastes in music and movies, and definitely differing feelings about mother-tongue lessons. Nevertheless, we were bonded by a shared love for the teh-ping and 'Fried Food Fridays' at the Cafe, by the hours



Saints Football Alumni outing in 2018 against The ACJC Alumni

LEONARD ONG (Class of 1990)

Playing football for the College in front of the home crowd at the old Malan Road campus ranks top of all the memorable experiences I had at SAJC. I still vividly remember the team talks in the 'open classrooms', getting ready for kick-off, and the walk down the flight of stairs through the canteen, emerging amongst the throng of supporters roaring heartily. Canteen tables were carried out to the bitumen track, and the supporters made it a truly electric atmosphere. Traditional drums were beaten lustily by members of the Malay Cultural Society (MCS) and Indian Cultural Society (ICS), giving a rhythmic, 'samba' vibe to the game as resounding cheers greeted each goal for the

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we spent puzzling over Shakespeare for Literature lessons, by the afternoons we spent holed up in the computer labs trying to perfect our Project Work proposals, and by a quirky past-time we developed for writing songs and raps about our favourite (and un-favourite) teachers. These were the little things that, on retrospect, were really big parts of my school experience. To me, SAJC is special because I got a taste of community that supported each other despite differences and through difficulty.

My teachers were the ones who reminded me that we weren't just cogs in the JC system. Even though school days sometimes felt like a never-ending whirlwind of deadlines, I remember distinctly that my teachers cared about much more than what I turned in for homework. They did not let us compromise in doing our best, but also regularly took the time to ask how we were coping – they showed tough love and empathy hand-in-hand. I even remember a certain Literature teacher who plied my classmate with Marks and Spencer cookies when she was particularly distressed. The humanity they showed us as we slogged on left a lasting impression and ultimately prompted me to consider a career in education, and even landed me back in SAJC as a teacher myself. I have experienced the care and concern of the SAJC faculty first-hand on both sides of the Staff Room door, and remain deeply grateful for these amazing people today!



Priscilla with her Civics Group in 2007

home side. There is something unforgettable about the camaraderie of the Football Team of 1988-90 (who were South Zone Champions in 1988) and 28 years on, the boys are still representing our college and flying the Saints flag high!

It was my time in SAJC that developed my love for the sports, and I remember the pride I had in representing my beloved College in Rugby, Football and Track and Field. I would encourage all Saints to always be proud of their time at SAJC. The demands of academia will pass but memories and friendships will always stand the test of time. Be part of this very unique and special St Andrew's identity and maintain close ties with your alma mater so that you can continue to bless the batches of Saints after you.

Leonard Ong, Midfielder in the SAJC Football Team (1989-1990) and Rugby Fly-half of SAJC in 1990. Leonard went on to represent the Singapore National Team in 7s and 15s from 1994 – 2002 and was a PE teacher at SAJC from 1997-2005, taking on the role of Sports Secretary from 2002-2005. Leonard is currently a Senior Teacher at the School of the Arts (SOTA).

TIMOTHY LIM (Class of 1993)

My best memories of SAJC were the times I spent together with my Commerce Faculty in 1992-1993, when we made history in organising the first faculty and cohort campfire, one of the many inaugural projects we initiated successfully.

My time at SAJC was not always smooth sailing. When I failed my exams in the Arts Faculty at the end of 1991 by two marks, I was devastated. However, in retrospect, the transitional year gave me an opportunity to strengthen the foundations of my character in the midst of 'failure' and to re-learn the importance of building tenacity when encountering challenges in life. Today, I look back with much gratitude for mentors, teachers and friends, who stood by me and taught me so much.

I am especially grateful to my teachers, in particular,

Mr Victor Wee, Ms Petrina Cheong, Ms Han Swee Teng, and Mdm Yeo Por Chan who believed in me, and seized every available opportunity to remind me that I could still succeed in life amid the innumerable struggles in my teenage years, and continued to encourage me to "look up" and "look beyond myself" when these challenges seemed overwhelming. They also demonstrated God's love in many practical ways when I did not know God then.

A word of encouragement to my SAJC juniors: May you resist the temptation to commit yourself only marginally to what you had set out to accomplish. As our College motto expresses the spirit of 'Up and On', you will discover that you have enough internal resolve for excellence, if you persevere and do not give up. Persist in your dreams. Explore the frontiers. Pursue excellence – in more than just your studies, but also for the common good of society.

Timothy Lim (Alaine Lim Teck Ngern), Class of 1993, Commerce Faculty Leader. He is currently a Visiting Lecturer at The London School of Theology (London) and Incoming Director of Chinese Research and Training at the Carey Baptist College (New Zealand).



Hanging out with friends at a walkathon in 1991



Receiving a token of appreciation for leading the Commerce Faculty in 1993



Civics Group Graduation Picture in 1993

Memories Of Our College

Alumni members share their stories....

MARK CHEW (Class of 1999)

I will always remember the encouraging words of our then Principal, Mrs Belinda Charles, who told me this during the SAJC Open House, "Bring along the software (the talents, the people), and I will provide the hardware (the teachers, the pool, the equipment)!"

Back then, St Andrew's Secondary School (SASS) had a champion water-polo team, but many of our seniors went to other junior colleges. Mrs Charles was brave and visionary enough to convince me to go to SAJC, and develop the water-polo team from scratch. Perhaps it was that risk-loving streak in me that compelled me to follow my heart.

Although we never won gold, the keen sense of ownership in setting up the team and pressing on against all odds taught my teammates and I to be unafraid of challenges, and to be unwavering and resilient.

I would encourage my SAJC juniors to develop a sense of discipline and passion for what they do. Always know



Mark with fellow faculty captains in 1998



Mark at a leadership camp with the 21st Student Council

your sense of purpose, and it will help guide you towards your goals!

Chew Xun Jian Mark, Captain of the Water-polo and Swimming Team and Arts Faculty Leader. Mark is currently an author, business coach, and financial advisor.

JELITA NOVIARINI (Class of 2004)

My best memories of SAJC were found in the simple things. I remember hanging out at the cafeteria between lectures and tutorials with my College-mates, many of whom are still my best friends today. The whole cafeteria thronged with life as the different CCA groups, such as the basketball, water-polo and rugby teams, sat together in animated conversations, and today it is still such a precious image of vibrant youth for me.

I made several lifelong friends in SAJC and these friendships helped to define the person I am today. I remember going through quite a difficult time during those adolescent years but the friends I met in SAJC helped me to get through various challenges and made me a stronger person. I would not hesitate to say that the two years in SAJC were some of the best years of my life, and the College afforded me a well-rounded education, pushing me to pursue academic excellence while encouraging me to develop myself in other areas. Much of the strength and drive I possess today were cultivated during my SAJC days, and I am now pursuing my PhD in New Zealand.

I wish for all my juniors to spend time cultivating relationships with others during their time in the College, for you will find gems of friends who will be with you through thick and thin in life. Enjoy every aspect of SAJC life – go for those laborious lectures and study sessions, go to the school's sporting events, soak up the ambience and let the school spirit run through your veins. There's no better feeling than that, and you will be creating memories for life.

Jelita Noviarini, Girl's Tennis Team Captain. Jelita is currently a Post-Graduate Researcher and PhD Candidate at Otago University in New Zealand.



Whye Kiat with the boys of the 26th Student Council



Planning events with his fellow student councillors

LAW WHYE KIAT (Class of 2003)

What is still deeply etched in heart as a Saints alumni today is the St Andrew's school spirit. I remember the whole College making their way down to the Soccer Final in 2004 against Victoria Junior College. While I cannot recall the final result, I still remember vividly the electric feeling when the entire SAJC roared with cheers when our soccer team scored an equaliser. The feeling of a being part of a closely knit Saints family is a cherished memory that continues to stay with me, years on after graduation.

A large part of who I am today can be traced back to my time in SAJC. The College's slogan -- "No one is here by chance" -- has always deeply resonated with me. I have always believed that there is a purpose for every Saint who passes through the gates of SAJC. This helped me to discover my calling in life and to constantly find meaning in the different roles I take on. I also had many teachers who were my role models, and guided me tirelessly as I figured out what I wanted to do with my life. Because of them, I too am a teacher today.

Law Whye Kiat, President of the 26th Student Council. Whye Kiat is currently a teacher at St Joseph's Institution.



Jelita with her Civics Group

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NATHANIEL LOH (Class of 2013)

I am very grateful for SAJC's emphasis on community building and Christian education. Having participated in an overseas community building trip to Cambodia and in local projects, it buttressed my understanding of the need to give back to society, which I still practice today in pro bono projects. The daily scripture readings and fortnightly chapel sessions also cultivated in me a desire to be a blessing to others as much as I can. This has become an important guiding principle in my life.



It is hard for me to pinpoint a single favourite memory of my time in SAJC, but if I had to pick, it would be the collegial experience of being part of the SAJC community, particularly the friends I made here and the teachers who were ever willing to go the extra mile to help students

in need. Whether it was planning the Orientation or approaching revision for examinations, I always had a supportive network of teachers to consult and peers to confide in.

I would encourage my juniors to share the A-Level journey together, as individual goals can only bring you so far. To quote a well-known African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." It is important to not be selfish but to share what you know with others, and continually build each other up, as one family unbroken. The warm and familial culture in SAJC is something you will always carry with you, and miss when you leave the College.

Nathaniel Loh, President of the 35th Student Council and Valedictorian of the Class of 2013. Nathaniel is currently pursuing a Law degree at the National University of Singapore.

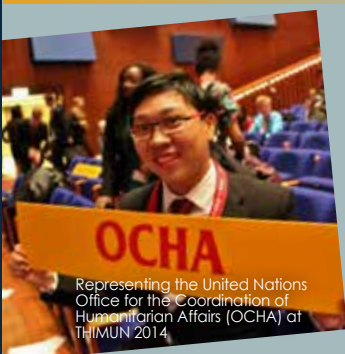


Cheering with the 31st Student Council



Nathaniel with the 31st Student Council

SHAWN EVAN TEN (Class of 2014)



Representing the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) at THIMUN 2014

SAJC was a very humbling experience for me. Throughout my two years in the College, I struggled to juggle my studies and my myriad other commitments. I also learnt the importance of negotiation and how to accept differing opinions. I was grateful for the different opportunities SAJC gave me to participate in, many of which were platforms for great personal growth, such as the Pre-University Seminar, the Economics Exchange Programme to Germany and The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) in the Netherlands. These opportunities taught me how to be thankful for the many privileges and support I have been given. They also taught me to be a more empathetic person, to give back wherever I can, and to nurture others I have the opportunity of encountering.

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I believe that junior college life is what you make out of it – often, we allow the circumstances around us to dictate who we are, but we often forget that we are also empowered to make a change in our situation. Do not worry if times are tough as it just means that you are being refined, and those who emerge out of challenging situations come forth as gold.

Shawn Evan Ten, Founding President of the Saints Model United Nations. Shawn is currently pursuing a degree in Global Studies at the National University of Singapore.



Saints in front of the Peace Palace, International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, 2014



Organising Committee and Participants of the 2014 Saints Model United Nations

A Walk Down Memory Lane

The newly constructed SAJC at Malan Road, 1978.

Our principal, Mr. Tan Teng Wai, gave the sermon entitled "Seek and Serve" at Teachers' Service on Sunday 20th August 1978 in St. Andrew's Cathedral.

"Have we the right to demand from students their loyalty and love for their nation, when we sing our national anthem with no pride and patriotism swelling up in our hearts?"

Have we the right to expect high academic performance from our students if our own scholarship and teaching methodology are mediocre and below par?"

Have we the right to demand from our students 100% loyalty to our school or college when we give only 10%?"

God forbid! We, as Christian teachers must be prepared to run 3 kilometres if we ask our pupils to run 1 kilometre."

REACH OUT
TO JESUS

Mission Week, 1978

Teachers' Day Celebrations, 1979



The red circle with the letters S.A.J.C. in white symbolises the development of loyal and all-round citizens. The letters also form a cross at the centre of this circle. The crest is in the shape of a shield, with the St. Andrew's colours of white and blue. The shield-shaped crest upholds the defence of our nation, faith and knowledge.

Physics Teachers in 1994. Mr Matthew Lim, Mr Sia Lai Chai and Mr Stanley Ong continue to impart their knowledge to our Saints today.

Former Principal Mrs Belinda Charles with former Saints at the St Andrew's Dinner, an evening drawing together Saints from the Junior School, Secondary School and the Junior College, on the 20th anniversary of SAJC in 1998.

SAJC Reunion Dinner in 2005 before the 'big move' to the Woodville campus. 1100 guests returned to the Malan Road Campus reminiscing their College days.



Academic Staff of SAJC, 1978



Lecture Theatre in the 1970s

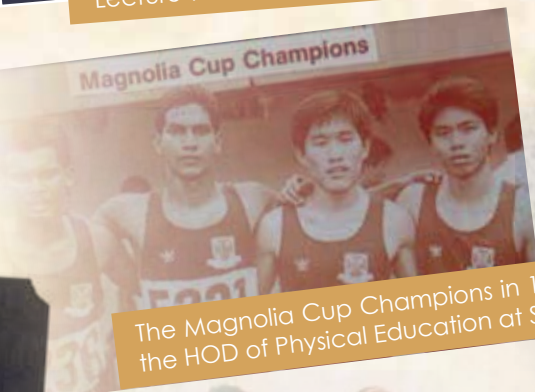


Ordination of the founding principal of SAJC, Rev Tan Teng Wai in 1980.

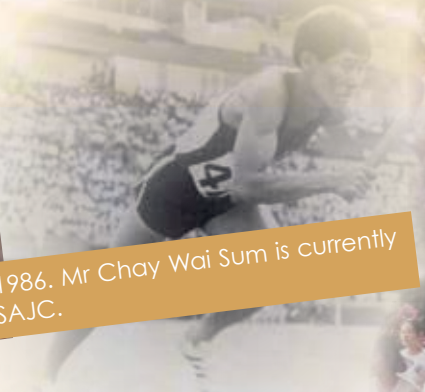
THE OFFICIAL OPENING AND DEDICATION OF ST. ANDREW'S JUNIOR COLLEGE



Official Opening and Dedication of SAJC, 1978



The Magnolia Cup Champions in 1986. Mr Chay Wai Sum is currently the HOD of Physical Education at SAJC.



Cross Country at MacRitchie Reservoir in 1992.



National Day Celebrations in 2002.



Former Principal Mrs Lim Chye Tin, in 'Orchard of Hope,' a series of performances put together by Saints to raise funds for victims of the Asian Tsunami Crisis in 2004.



Bishop Joshua Shaam Sudharman welcoming Mr Kishore Mahbubani, Guest of Honour for SAJC's 29th College Day in 2006. This was the first College Day at the new Woodsville Campus.



Our Current Principal, Mr Mark Lo, with former principals, vice principals and Board of Governors on the 39th College Day in 2016. Mr Lo assumed principalship from Mrs Lee Bee Yann in that year.



OPEN HOUSE

Open House 2018 was a resounding success with more than 2700 hopeful students visiting SAJC to learn about what sets us apart as a College. The College was beautifully decorated and pulsing with energy and excitement as our students ushered in visitors with warm smiles, proudly showing them what it truly means to be a Saint. The Student Councillors on duty at the entrances worked efficiently to register the visitors and distribute door gifts. The beautifully designed drawstring bags, bearing the College's 40th Anniversary logo, were quickly snapped up by visitors.

A whole host of activities was organised for our visitors, including tours of the College by the friendly team of guides, who patiently answered any questions our visitors had regarding College

life and introduced them to the facilities. Visitors were also treated to vibrant booth displays put up by the various CCA groups which showcased their activities and achievements. There were also captivating performances put up by our talented Saints at the Café. Our beloved College mascot, Andrew, made an appearance, drawing wild applause from the crowd. Andrew even showed off some nimble footwork as he danced alongside our students. Enriching talks regarding the wide array of programmes on offer at SAJC were also held.

The countless hours spent conceptualising, planning and organising the Open House that was put in by Saints, teachers, and the school management truly paid off as many of the visitors left the College having affirmed their desire to Make SAJC Home.





ORIENTATION 2018

An atmosphere of energy and exuberance was felt all around the College as the new batch of JC1 students filled the Hall. They were greeted by the friendly voices and welcoming smiles of Orientation Group Leaders, who lined the walkways, ensuring that no one lost their way on their first day. The theme and activities for Orientation 2018: "Chronos", were aimed at easing the new Saints into life at SAJC. The tagline for this year was "Now's Our Time", adapted from the lines of the College Song that read "Life and time will not delay, Time is running fast away, Life is now today; today".

The Orientation skit, which is usually a crowd favourite, was written to incorporate House elements for the first time. A mysterious being from the future builds a time machine to transport our five House Captains from their

own eras to a distant, dystopian future. However, the time machine malfunctions and sends them on an adventure-filled journey through each of their eras. The JC1s cheered as their House Captains fought against time to save their Houses from annihilation and find their way home.

In line with the College's fortieth anniversary, the JC1 students also participated in an outdoor trail celebrating the heritage of St Andrew's Village. They learnt about the history of the Village, visiting prominent landmarks such as Woodsville House and Jacob Ballas Bridge. In addition to these events, the JC1 students participated in games, cheers, and other exciting activities, making many new friends from their Orientation and Civics Groups. This would mark the beginning of the special friendships that have come to define what it means to be One Family Unbroken.





RELEASE OF

2017 A-LEVEL RESULTS

Friday 23 February 2018 would bring news that would determine the course of many lives. The College Hall was a mix of emotions as many 'J3s' caught up with their ex-tutors and former classmates, while some sat alone anxiously with bated breath. As our Principal, Mr Mark Lo, took the microphone, he was greeted with deafening cheers; the more than 600 ex-students on the floor could barely contain their excitement.

Mr Lo congratulated everyone for completing their A-Levels and for a job well done. To the surprise and joy of everyone, the 2017 cohort made large improvements in their results, with a whopping 97.9% of students who had at least 3 H2 passes and a pass in General Paper, compared to 96.2% in 2016. There were more than double the number of 90 rank-pointers in the 2017 cohort, totalling 18. With a College average of 79 rank points, the Principal also praised the 2017 cohort for producing the best results in the history of SAJC.

As the cohort received from their Civics Tutors their result slips, some screamed with joy, shed tears of victory, and hugged their friends and relatives. Some were already planning for their future, looking at potential university courses. Unfortunately, not everyone met their expectations in their results. They were quickly surrounded by caring friends and teachers offering them consolation.

This year's A-Levels results release certainly went down in SAJC history, producing one of the most successful cohorts. We hope that, come next year, our current J2s will be able to go above and beyond to produce even better results for the College.

By Jonathan Chew Zi Jie (17A04)
Yuki Koh Suat Nee (17A06)
Joshua Tan Zu Hua (17S20)
and Wilmer Chau Shau Jun (17S22)

On Making Sacrifices

"The path to A-Levels was hard. There were many sacrifices to make. You would have to sacrifice your social life by using social media, like Instagram and Facebook, less; and also have less leisure time to relax. You will need to make a commitment to practice your skills through completing various practice papers. Practice does not make perfect, it makes permanent. You can practice the same topic over and over again, but if you do it wrongly, you will ultimately get it wrong, despite the many different attempts. Always push yourself to see the big picture so that you can do well in the A-Levels."

Jareth Tan (16S08)

On Tough Love

"Some challenges I faced included procrastination, and sometimes getting demoralised because of my results and teachers' frank comments. But at the end of the day, it's just tough love and they're trying to push you to score well, even if it sounds harsh."

Lym Ting Wei (16A04)

On Time Management

"I was involved in a lot of non-academic matters because I was in [Student] Council. For example, I had to prepare for ChrySalis and presentations. I had to find the right balance between work and play. I think the stress pushed me to do even better. This was because time became so precious due to my other commitments that I was pushed to make full use of the little time I had. I probably would have become complacent and procrastinated if I had too much time on my hands, and I would not have done as well."

Christian James Welly (16S16)

On Personal Growth

"I've grown in accountability and in responsibility, and in terms of taking ownership of my own learning. If you really want to improve, the effort has to start from you first. If any Christians are feeling down, you can approach the mentors or your Christian friends in how to look to God for spiritual support. That was what really got me through."

Wang Guan Lin (16S07)

