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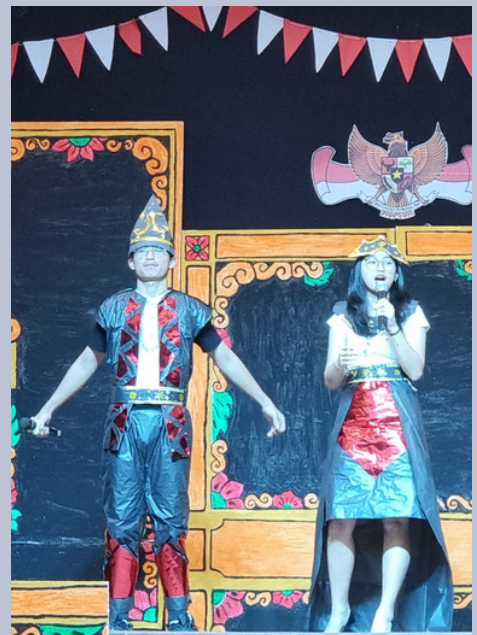


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## PARENTS ORIENTATION DAY

On 15 July 2023, parents were given detailed information related to their children's journey in Junior High School. Information about academics, rules and regulations, extra-curricular, and other activities that the students will experience were disseminated to the parents in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Parents were also excited to ask questions and give inputs to the school for the betterment of our education process.

*Welcome to the JHS Family, dear Parents.*



## IT ACTIVITY

In line with the school's tagline this year, Empowering Heart and Mind for AI Driven Future, JHS Department held an AI workshop as part of its IT Activity on 14 July 2023.

In this event, experts in Arduino (AI Robotic) from Satsindo were invited to share their knowledge and bring new fun for the students.

Furthermore, the coaches themselves are the experts who are also part of our extra-curricular coaches.

*It was such an exciting and eye-opening event.*



## EXCUR EXPO

As the new academic year began, the students were introduced on variety of extra-curricular that they could join for one academic year. Extracurricular offered are covering the Sports such as basketball, futsal, badminton, fencing, chess, Arts such as manga, digital art, theater, paper quilling, modern dance, Martial Arts like muaythai, and also other skills such as baking. We also have 3 academic extracurriculars, i.e. Pasch German Club, HSK Mandarin Club, and Science Club.

So, *what's your choice?*



## MATHEMATICS SEMINAR

A very common stereotype in many students' mind is that Math is boring and difficult, but do they realize that Math itself is an inevitable part in our daily life? Here in Saint John's, students are introduced with the benefits of Mathematics in our daily life and why it is very important to learn Mathematics. Coaches from Bunda Mulia University, consisting of the lecturers and their brilliant college students, brought fun yet challenging knowledge about Math to the students, in the Math activity on 11 August 2023. In this event, students were given insights and challenge to be solved that required their critical and logical thinking.

*Math is fun, if we know how to enjoy it.*



## OPEN HOUSE: FAMILY FUN DAY

17 August 2023 was celebrated with two events in Saint John's Catholic School: Flag Hoisting and Open House. The Open House itself was involving the parents, students, and teachers from all levels in Junior High School Department to have fun in several activities and competitions such as Wok of Love (family cooking), Parent & Child Make-Up Challenge, Class Family Race, and ended with a potluck party. From this event, we could also introduce to public the uniqueness of Saint John's, from the educational matters shared by the principals, and the non-academic aspect including the bonding and relationship among students, parents, and teachers. Many new parents were coming and seeing by their own eyes how Saint John's welcomed them with warm and friendly atmosphere.

*Were you there in this year Open House? How was it?*



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

As part of our Independence Day Celebration, on 18 August 2023, JHS Students and Teachers also celebrated it by having two activities: Decorating the Soft Board and Recycled Traditional Fashion Show.

Special in the Recycled Traditional Fashion Show, each class sent their couple representatives to make and present traditional clothes made from recycled materials. Besides celebrating Indonesia's cultural richness, the students were also encouraged to reduce the waste by using the recycle method.

*What a lovely and inspiring fashion show presented by lovely couples.*



## SCRIPTURE / BIBLE MONTH

Every September, Indonesian Catholic Church dedicates the month as the Scripture / Bible month, and as a Catholic school, Saint John's also encourages the Catholic students and teachers to read Bible more in this month. This year, as the celebration of this special month, the Religion teachers held a musicalizing Psalms competition that required each class to take a chapter in the book of Psalms and make it into a musical performance. All classes were performing very well on 15 September 2023 and three winners, one from each level got the highest scores from the judges. The creativity level of each class had made the judges confused to decide who the winners were, as all deserved credits for what they had prepared and done.

*Which verses in the Bible have you read today?*

## COUNSELOR SEMINAR: GOAL SETTING & TIME MANAGEMENT

Character building is one the important education aspects in Saint John's; therefore, the counselors routinely invite professional guest speakers to talk about good characters and how to develop them.

This quarter, two seminars have been delivered to students. The first one is about goal setting, held on 28 July 2023, and the second one is about time management, held on 8 September 2023.

*Success starts with goal setting and a good time management to achieve it.*





# SAINTJOHNNERS CINTA INDONESIA (SCI)

To develop the students' pride of their country, Indonesia, Saint John's Catholic School hold an event called Saintjohners Cinta Indonesia. This event invites each class to present Indonesia, including its anthem, philosophy (Pancasila), and variety of traditional culture and/or history.

This quarter, SCI was started by the teachers bringing the traditional song and dance from NTT, followed by the Student Council (Osis) members showing traditional songs, dance and games from Central Java and Aceh. Lastly, in this quarter, 9 Hosea successfully brought the history of Sumpah Pemuda, as we are entering the month of Sumpah Pemuda (October).

*Indonesia tanah air beta, pusaka abadi nan jaya  
Bagimu negeri, jiwa raga kami*



## WHY DO WE HAVE SCI?

As a global school, Saint John's Catholic School guides the students to become global citizens by making English as the main language, supported by other foreign languages such as Mandarin and German.

However, we may not forget our root as Indonesian and SCI brings not only knowledge but also sense of pride to the students, realizing that our country is full of exciting and inspiring culture and history to be learned.



## SYNC 2023 : THE COMEBACK

Saint John's Youth Nation Cup (SYNC) finally marked its return on 25 August - 9 September 2023. Bringing the theme: The Comeback, Saint John's Senior and Junior High School students were showing that they have comeback and they comeback stronger than ever.

SYNC 2023 consisted of two main events: the competition and the pensi. This year, SYNC successfully held the competition for around 10 days, including Basketball, Futsal, Mural, Story Telling, Membaca Puisi, Photography, and E-Sports. More than 20 schools around Jabodetabek participated in this year's competition. As the closing of SYNC 2023, we held a pensi (*pentas seni*) inviting The Overtunes and Project Pop. There were more than 1000 people coming to the pensi, enjoying the show, the food, and of course the atmosphere.

The wonderful part from this event is that the Senior & Junior High School students could collaborate well in the committee and both played equally significant roles in making this event successful, with only little guidance from the teachers of both units.

See you in SYNC 2024 !



# ACHIEVEMENTS (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2023)

1. Futsal Boys - 2nd Winner SYNC 2023
2. Basketball Boys - 2nd Winner SYNC 2023
3. Basketball Girls - 3rd Winner SYNC 2023
4. Story Telling - 2nd Winner SYNC 2023 (*Grace Alethea Amaris*)
5. Basketball Girls - 2nd Winner Solifest 2023 Solideo Cup
6. Solo Vocal - 5th Rank Solifest 2023 Solideo Cup (*Alexandra Eleanora Katuuk*)

*Congratulations !*

*And many more will come*



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