**International Department News May 2014**

**Changes for next year**

I am sure that you are aware of the changes happening with the Danish Public Schools where the involved parties to the agreement have agreed upon a school reform.

Our School do not face any changes hence we already have a high amount of lessons, a continuously focus on teacher training and we create a varied extra-curricular offer. We are a Private School where we are free to organise our school the way we find it meaningful for the students we accommodate.

Next year we still have our International Club with Tim and there will be days in the Library where students can work in study groups with a Danish teacher supervising the students. We have our school band and two choirs. One change we will see in our school next year is an earlier start. **School hours start at 8 a.m. from August 2014.**

**Department Development**

We have 6 maybe 7 groups next year. The structure and the naming are changed to the following:

Years 0, 1, 2

Years 3, 4

Years 5, 6

Years 7, 8, 9

Year 10 and turning into a Year 11 in 2015-16

Cambridge Class for Danish 10 Graders

Our next step will be to split up the years 7, 8, 9.

**Staff**

We are happy to announce, that we have employed Sze Yee. She is a qualified teacher in Science and Math and she will step into a lot of Michelle’s teaching after the summer break. She is from Singapore and she has worked at Shanghai Singapore International School and recently at Copenhagen International School.

**Inside the classrooms**

I want to thank both Students and Michelle and the rest of the teachers supporting the Science Fair Event this year too. I am overwhelmed with the amazing work and learning I see coming out of this learning activity and I think we have a great foundation to build on in the future. After two year, we can already now call our Science Fair a tradition at Skt. Josef’s International School.

We value strong ICT learners and we have decided to let ICT become an IGCSE subject in our Secondary Department, that has lead us to the decision that students in year 5-6 also need to bring a laptop from August 2014. Both our Secondary groups and our Years 5-6 will have the chance to book a locker. Please find our guidelines for IT in our teaching and information about lockers on our homepage.

**Important events coming up**

As many of you parents might remember, we had our Interschool competition last year. This year our International Department leaves to go to Odense on May 22nd, where the Students are competing in various sports disciplines. Geraldine is our PE Coordinator and will inform you more about the trip.

May 27th is our Leavers’ Day and school closes at 12.00. Our After-School Programme takes over after school hours for our youngest learners. Please remember that the entire school is closed on Wednesday 28th because the staff has a study trip to Florence.

Make sure to check the vacation calendar on our homepage. Springtime in Denmark has many holidays – <http://sktjosef.dk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=239&lang=en>

Kind regards

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