

École Sir John Franklin High School

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Principal's Message Mr. Dean MacInnis

Congratulations to students, staff and coaches for a successful first semester! Semester 2 has begun and progress reports will be posted to PowerSchool on February 3rd at 3:30pm. Please note that these report cards won't include diploma exam marks. Those marks are received later in the month through the Department of Education, Culture & Employment.

With the Arctic Winter Games and Canada Winter Games coming up in the next month we are excited to have 88 athletes from SJF as part of Team NWT. If your child is going to be missing school for these events please have them speak to their teachers prior to leaving about the work being covered in their courses. Making sure they are aware of the concepts that will need to be learned while away, making sure they have access to google classrooms, that email communication with staff is set up, and they have copies of course outlines for each class.

These students will need to understand that by missing class they

will more than likely need to work with staff at lunch breaks and after school to maintain the pace of the course, so they are not overwhelmed by missed course work. We are asking all parents to please contact the main office about a child's absence, so it can be correctly recorded in PowerSchool.

We wish them all luck and are so proud of their accomplishments to get there! On the next page you will see a list of all the students from our school that made their respective sports. To follow the progress of events go to: <https://awg2023.org/>

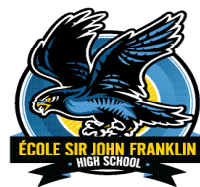
Later this month our basketball teams will also be participating in the Senior (Grades 9 -12) Cager tournament. Go Falcons!

February is Indigenous Languages Month. Stay tuned for a district wide language challenge in the coming days!

On Thursday, February 9th at 7pm, we will be hosting a parent information night for grade 9-11 families to come

learn more about high school courses, graduation credits, and more. See the flyer in the newsletter.

Graduation photos will be happening this month as well from February 13-15th. In addition photo retake day will be on Wednesday, February 15th.



IMPORTANT DATES

February 3

Progress Reports posted to PowerSchool 330pm

February 9

Grade 9-11 Parent Info Night 7pm

February 13-15

Grad Picture Days

February 15

Photo Re-take Day

February 16

PAC Meeting 7pm

February 18-March 5

Canada Winter Games

February 23-26

Senior Cager Tournament

March 9-26

March Break



STAY CONNECTED



SJF Online:
Website: www.yk1.nt.ca/sjf
Email: sjf@yk1.nt.ca
Facebook (Sir John Franklin High School)
Twitter (@sjf_school)
Instagram (sirjohnfalcons)



Congratulations



to the following Sir John athletes who are heading to Wood Buffalo to participate in the

2023 Arctic Winter Games!

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Arctic Sports

Dawson Craig
Brian Ayalik-Pascal
Reanna Brownlee

Badminton

Morgan Stabel
Ryley Steinward

Basketball Juvenile Boys

Rex Turner

Basketball Juvenile Girls

Saia Brown
Mia Locke-Setter
Kaylie Locke-Setter
Taya Straker
Jillian French
Lily Newberry

Biathlon Snowshoe

Penelope Berub
Maisey Murray
Effie Lockhart

Cross Country Ski

Leah McShane
Talia Ehrlich
Nikolas Hawkins
Morgan Young
Skyra Pike
Makoa Kokelj
Neve Mahon
Malachi Morin
Adam Clinton
Anna Curran
Joseph Curran

Dene Games

Talynn Sundberg

Figure Skating

Peyton Koe
Keira Clinton
Brooke Vallis

Futsal

Chimezuru Duru
Megan Smallwood
Khaled Al Hajji
Jack Fox
Nina Slagter
Beatrice Henry
Jean Emiel Garceau
Kasper Reed
Ronit Bhanot
Yasmine Lei Angeles

Gymnastics

Abby Hall
Emily Hutchings
Annabella Churchill

Hockey Male

Bradley Bartlett
Braden Brenton
Carter Kutcha
Ryder Wicks
Griffin Jones
Ryan Harris
Ashton (River) McQueen
Desmond Hutchings
Dylan Cummings
Rylan Scarfe
Hayden Murray
Carson Impett
Noah Valpy
Michael Van Metre
Riley Hodder

Female Hockey

Brooklyn Heylar
Elliotte Loutitt
Adrena MacDonald
Emma Carey
Jamie Cluff

Speedskating

Kali Skauge
Maica McEachern
Rebecca Messier
Erika Pollard
Sage Acorn
Kara Nelson
Morgan Nelson
Lochlan Dunn
Byran Clinton

Snowboarding

Hawke William Ellis

Snowshoeing

Alexander Fast

Table Tennis

David Dragon
Lennox Mutford
Sofia Barichello

Volleyball Female

Alanna Pellerin
Gillian Furniss
Thea Samantha Marzan
Chimaham Duru

Volleyball Male

Ashton Catholique
Fraser Dumont
Sebastian Pickles
Trey Granter
Jacob Mitchener
Roald Peters

*Make us
proud!*



École Sir John Franklin HIGH SCHOOL

High School Courses, Graduation Credits, French Immersion, Post-Intensive French, Core French, Fine and Performing Arts, Career and Technology Programs, Travel Clubs, Indigenous Education, Fitness Centre, Intramurals and Competitive Athletics

Parent Information Evening

Thursday, February 9th, 2023 at 7:00-8:00pm

Open to families with students
in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Meet in the gymnasium



*Educating for life!
Une éducation pour la vie!
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NWTTA Thank You for Making a Difference



On Wednesday, February 1st the winners of the NWTTA Thank You for Making a Difference draw were announced. Congratulations to Tomiko Robson (teacher) and Amna Idris (student) for being drawn!



KEEP CALM
& LOVE
WHOEVER
YOU WANT!



ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

2023 READING CHALLENGE

1. READ LOTS OF BOOKS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND MARCH 31.
2. SCAN THE QR CODE AND RECORD EACH BOOK THAT YOU'VE FINISHED READING.
3. RECRUIT YOUR (SJF) FRIENDS AND TEACHERS TO JOIN!



IT'S OUR COMEBACK YEAR – HELP US WIN BACK THE TROPHY FROM ST. PAT'S!
*NEED HELP? EMAIL MS. ROBSON – TOMIKO.ROBSON@YKI.NT.CA



Sir John Europe Trip 2024



SJET (Sir John Europe Trip) 2024 trip in March of next school year. The travel dates will be over March Break in 2024 and this will conflict with the Arctic Winter Games.

We will be having a meeting on **Wednesday February 8th** at lunch time in the Fitness Centre to see what initial interest we have from students. If you are interested please make sure you attend this meeting.

You will find a link to the trip below with the itinerary:

<https://evolveturns.com/quote/226d4ae76a/>

Following this meeting there will be a parent meeting on **Tuesday April 25th** in the evening with a deposit of \$826 due to the school by Friday May 5th.

The trip total paid to the school will be \$5830 (credit cards, debit card phoned in) or \$5700 (cash, cheque, debit card in person).

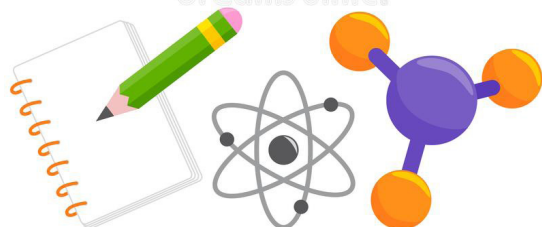
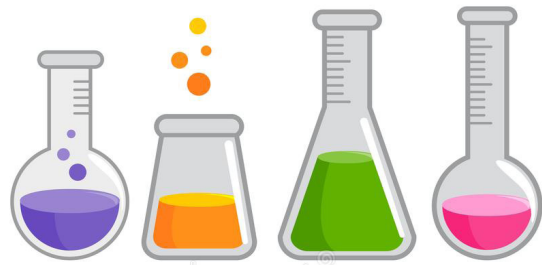
If you have any questions please come and see Mr. Stewart, Mr. Kooymans or Mr. Doering prior to the meeting on February 8th.



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Science Space



Science in Action

Grade 11&12 Chemistry students talking to profs at UofA through their Future Energy Systems program. One prof is working on synthetic photosynthesis as a solution to carbon waste in the atmosphere!





Choir at SJF!

Sir John choir members Keira Clinton, Janelle Jordison, Anna Curran, Isabella Villegas and Maura Smith recently recorded with Sir John alumnus and Juno award winning singer/song-writer, Leela Gilday. They were brought together for a fundraiser for Kids Help Phone by music producer Bob Ezra. The collaboration, which will be released soon, will be a combination of songs by Leela and Serena Ryder. Go Falcons!!





Hamlette & Mmbeth

Grade 9 students put on a performance of Hamlette for their final exam and our grade 10 drama students did a play of Mmbeth. See the pictures below of their wonderful set and performance!

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Grade 9 NACC Tour

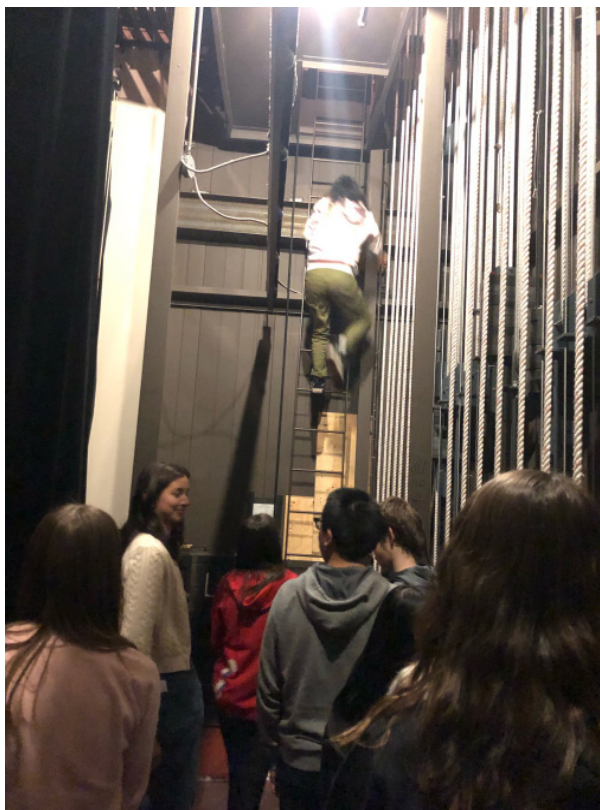
In January, our grade 9 drama students had the opportunity to learn about NACC and tour the facilities.

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Northern Studies 10

Over semester 1 the northern studies class has been very busy. See some pictures below of their trip to the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Center and earlier this month some fire building.





February is LGBTQ+ History Month, so here is a Knowledge Drop from the Gender & Sexuality Squad

The following Canadian events in recent history have had positive impacts for the 2SLGBTQIPA+ community in Canada.

B.C. rules on Rights to Treatment for Gender Dysphoria

January 10, 2020

The B.C. Court of Appeal reaffirms a 15-year-old's right to undergo hormone treatment even without their parents' consent, as long as they have been assessed by a health care provider to understand the nature, consequences, benefits and risks of the proposed treatment, and as long as the health care provider opines that the treatment is in the teenager's best interests.

But the ruling also throws out part of a lower court order that said the father's misgendering of his son constituted "family violence" under the Family Law Act. A previous ruling by the B.C. The Supreme Court judge declared that identifying the teen as a girl would be considered family violence under the Family Law Act, given the harm it had caused him. That has been struck down by the new ruling.

Quebec Civil Code declared discriminatory against Trans community

January 28, 2021

On January 28th, Justice Gregory Moore of the Superior Court of Quebec declared six (6) provisions of the province's Civil Code unconstitutional.

Filed initially in 2014, the Centre for Gender Advocacy at Concordia University sought to invalidate 11 articles of the Quebec Civil Code, arguing that they violated rights under the Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The Court deemed unconstitutional that the requirement that people can only be designated as either male or female. It also declared that trans parents have a right to change their designation on their children's birth certificate and to be recognized as "parent" and not just "mother" or "father". It struck down the requirement to be a Canadian citizen in order to change one's name or gender. The Court also struck down the requirement for a medical evaluation for trans youth; however the Court unfortunately did not strike down the parental veto over name changes. Disappointingly, the Court did not strike down the requirement to designate a sex at birth without exception, including for intersex individuals.



First openly Two-Spirit MP elected

September 20, 2021



Blake Desjarlais is elected to the Canadian House of Commons in the 2021 Federal Election as MP for Edmonton-Griesbach, becoming the first openly Two-Spirit Member of Parliament elected to office. Blake, who is of Cree and Métis descent is originally from the Fishing Lake Métis Settlement in northern Alberta.

"I really hope through my visibility in Parliament we can start that conversation and hopefully inspire others to see the beauty and uniqueness of Two-Spirit identities, as holistic and whole beings who belong in societies,"

Blake Desjarlais

First Intersex Crosswalk in Canada

October 20, 2021



LOVE WINS

In October 2021, the City of London, Ontario unveiled the first Intersex Flag crosswalk painted in Canada at the Central & Wellington St Intersection. Advocacy to the City of London for the painting of the crosswalk and representation for Intersex Awareness Day was part of the ongoing work of the Intersex Advocacy group - Intersex London Ontario led by Piper Kearney.



Bill C-4: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy)

December 8, 2021

Receiving Royal Assent on Dec 8, 2021, Bill C-4: An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy) is passed into law. Bill C4 was the third attempt to criminalize conversion therapy with its predecessors Bill C-8 (43-1) and Bill C-6 (43-2) introduced by the Attorney General of Canada, David Lametti.

The bill defines conversion therapy as the “*practice, treatment or service designed to change a person’s sexual orientation to heterosexual, or to change a person’s gender identity to cisgender.*” This legislation makes providing, promoting or advertising of conversion therapy a criminal offence through the creation of four new Criminal Code offences: (a) causing a person to undergo conversion therapy, (b) subjecting a minor to conversion therapy abroad, (c) profiting from the provision of conversion therapy and (d) advertising or promoting the practice, with penalties of two to five years in prison.

It also amends the Criminal Code to authorize courts to order that advertisements for conversion therapy be disposed of or deleted.

And whereas, in light of those harms, it is important to discourage and denounce the provision of conversion therapy in order to protect the human dignity and equality of all Canadians;

Preamble, Bill C-4 (Royal Assent) December 8, 2021

Conversion Therapy was already banned to different degrees in Ontario, Manitoba, Vancouver, Quebec, Yukon, Nova Scotia and PEI. This bill will ensure it is banned nationwide.

Source: <https://www.queerevents.ca/queer-history/canadian-history-timeline>

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Staff Spotlight

My name is Sean Magee and I have been living in the North for about 7 years. My wife and I moved to Lutsel K'e and lived there for 3 years before moving to Yellowknife. We now have two little kiddos and a pup named Darwin. I am a Science teacher at SJF but I have worn many hats in my career. Most recently, I've worked as a consultant for NGOs, the private sector and for First Nations in the renewable energy and environmental communication fields. I love being on the land and water as much as possible, and when I have the time I love guiding people down northern rivers! I'm very excited to be part of the SJF Science Department and I'm looking forward to many fun years ahead.

Are you interested in joining the **Parent Advisory Committee?**

The PAC has met once since school started in September but it's not too late to join! Please email mikipromislow@yahoo.com, newtonmgrey@hotmail.com, or doreen.cleary@yk1.nt.ca if you would like more information. To read minutes from previous meetings, visit our website at www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca and click the PAC button.



Get involved at SJF!

Indigenous Drumming
Ms. Lafferty

Basketball
Mr. Eastcott

Photography
Volunteering
Ms. Kidd

Indoor Soccer
Coming soon!

Olympic Lifting
Mr. Morozov

Green Team
Ms. Robson

Debate Club
Mr. Curran

Gender Sexuality
Squad
Ms. Wilson

MAGMA
Mrs. Hurley

Volunteer Club
Mr. Morozov

Band & Choir
Ms. Shantora

Student Council
Ms. Shantora

Grad Council
Ms. Martin

Fitness Room
Mr. Kilbride

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See anything you like?

Check in with the teachers listed above to learn more!



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