# JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr.Dean MacInnis

#### WELCOME BACK!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday break. Students should be finishing up any class assignments and preparing for exams. See inside for more study tips and for the exam schedule.

Congratulations to our Badminton Team! Eighteen of our athletes collected medals during the competition. SJF was awarded the overall banners for both 19U and 15U.

Staff and students enjoyed a wonderful Christmas assembly and luncheon on the last day before winter break. Inside the newsletter you will see photos of it and other holiday festivities that occurred the month of December.

As we get closer to exams, remember that teachers are here to assist if you need additional support. The first day of classes for Semester Two starts Tuesday, January 28th and report cards for Semester 1 will be available on PowerSchool on Monday, February 3rd, 2025.The parental portal of PowerSchool will be shut down from January 16th to February 3rd

> Yours sincerely, Dean MacInnis

#### **IMPORANT DATES**

#### January 15th

Final Day of Regular Classes for Semester 1 January 16th - 24th Exam Week January 27th Report Card Writing day

> January 28th The first day of Semester 2 February 3rd Report Cards posted on PowerSchool

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# **PROUD RECOGNITION!**



# **CONGRATULATIONS!**





Tasir Bhuiyan Ts Award English Language Arts 30-1





Emily Hazenberg Mathematics 30-2



Duncan Stewart Mathematics 30-2



Tydzeh Kakfwi-Lennie

Social Studies 30-2

Every year, the Department of Education, Culture and Employment presents the Minister's Awards to high school students achieving the top marks on the Alberta Diploma Exams. Last year, awards were given to students for performance in nine core academic subjects; École Sir John Franklin High School was eligible for recognition in eight of these nine categories.

Social Studies 30-1



We are pleased to announce that in 2024 our students have won a total of six awards out of a possible eight. This is an impressive achievement, and the SJF staff is very proud of the young people recognized. Each recipient will receive a \$500 scholarship from YK1 for each Minister's Award earned.

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We are delighted to announce that **seven** SJF students have secured awards in nine different categories this

year - truly impressive achievement!

**Sean Vermaak** received his *Governor General's Award* from the Dean during the Christmas Assembly.

A special shout-out to our Art and Drama teacher, **Mr. Peters**, for showcasing his calligraphy skills by beautifully writing Sean's name on the certificate!





# **AWARDS PRESENTATION**













### **WINTER HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY & LUNCHEON**













### WINTER EXTRAVABANDZA













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Ms. Shantora's proud moment as the band shines after their fantastic Holiday Concert performance!

On December 5, the band students performed at the **Legislative Assembly** for their *Lights Across Canada event.* 

They played Christmas Carols for the crowd and then were treated to cookies and hot chocolate along with a photo with Santa.

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### **GRAD** Holiday Ornament & Cookie Decorating



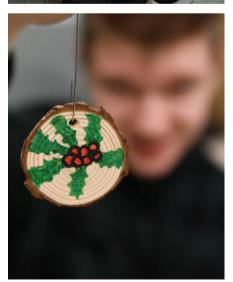


















### **HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING**







It wasn't just for the Grads—everyone got to join the fun!

Holiday Cookie Decorating during lunch brought festive joy to all, just two days before the holidays!















### **BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**



### Congratulations to our Badminton Team! Eighteen of our athletes collected medals during the competition. SJF was awarded the overall banners for both 19U and 15U.

Orlee Duru and Logan Doll - triple gold winners, undefeated in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles! Melanie Messier, Willem Kannigan, Ofira Duru, and Hudson Shymko - Triple medalists! Sarah Boudreau-Hunt and Janescy Brown - Recognized as the most improved players! Medalists not pictured here: Janescy Brown and Elias Enns.



### **BADMINTON TOURNAMENT**













Steps for Solving



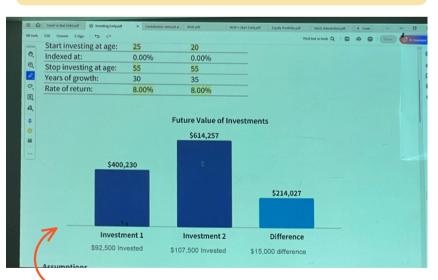
The Math Dept hosted **Shawn Talbot** and **Janet Murray** from NWT Financial to speak to our grade 12s about investing.



- 1. Start when you're young
- 2. Invest monthly as much as you can

MATH

3. Research your investment advisor to make the highest possible return from your investments.



The difference in return (\$214, 027) between someone who starts investing at 20 years of age and another at 25 years, with all other parameters staying the same.



They explained the difference between good and bad debt,

encouraged students to invest in themselves for both long

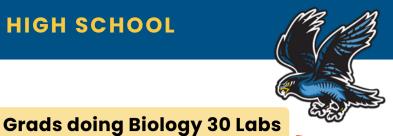
**RRSPs and TSFAs, and** 

and short term goals.

Shawn Talbot explaining the difference between "good debt" and "bad debt"

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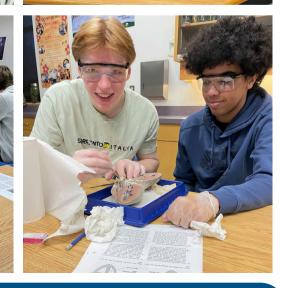






Heart Lab by Grade 11 Students

Grade 11 doing Biology Labs







# **DEBATE CLUB**



The **SJF Debate Club** had their 3rd annual Debate Tournament on Sunday, December 15. We are again grateful to all the community members and SJF staff who volunteered to help judge the debates throughout the day. Each of the eight teams competed in three rounds of debate before watching the top two teams battle each other in the final round.

Congratulations to our 2024 SJF Debate tournament winners, James Smilie and Peter Mahon! Congratulations also to the day's top speaker, Anna Curran and to our top rookie speaker, Peter Mahon. The Debate Club always welcomes new members - if you like arguing, come check out one of our lunch hour meetings on Fridays in Room 40.



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Magnanimous Advocates Cenerating Mental Health Awareness.

On December 13th, **MAGMA** hosted an amazing game night in the library!

Over 20 students joined in the fun, enjoying board games, Christmas tunes, hot chocolate, and festive treats.











# **EXAM SCHEDULE**



#### January 2025 Exam Schedule – Final

<u>FLA 30-1/30-2 Part A: Monday, January 13 from 9:00-3:00 (Rooms 34, 38, l</u>ibrary) <u>ELA 30-1/30-2 Part A</u>: Tuesday, January 14 from 9:00-3:00 (Rooms 40, 34, 36, library) Social Studies 30-1/30-2 Part A: Wednesday, January 15 from 9:00-3:00 and 9:00-2:00 respectively (Room 40,

Block	Thu., Jan. 16	Fri., Jan. 17	Mon., Jan. 20	Tue., Jan. 21	Wed., Jan. 22	Thu., Jan. 23	Fri., Jan. 24	Mon., Jan. 27
Morning : <b>:00-12:00</b>	FLA 30-1 (B) FLA 30-2 (B) 9:00-3:00 Rms 34, 38 ELA 9 ELA 9 9:00-12:00 Gym	Math 30- 1 Math 30-2 9:00- 3:00 Rm 40 FLA 9 SS9 9:00- 12:00 Gym	ELA 30-1 (B) ELA 30-2 (B) 9:00-3:00 Rms 34, 40, 36 Science 9/9F 9:00-12:00 Gym Science 9 (Magee) 9:00-12:00 Rm 23	SS 30-1 (B) SS 30-2 (B) 9:00- 3:00 Rm 34 PIF 9 (Hubert) 9:00-11:00 Rm 31 FLS 10 9:00-12:00 Gym	Bio. 30 9:00-3:00 Rm 34 Math 9 9:00-12:00 Rms 14, 29, 30, 24 NS 30 9:00-12:00 Gym	Chemistry 30 9:00-3:00 Rm 40 Physics 20 9:00-12:00 Gym Math 9F 9:00-12:00 Rm 24	Physics 30 9:00-3:00 Boardroom	STIP
	ELA 10 1:00-4:00 Gym FLA 20-1	ELA 20-1 ELA 20-2 1:00-4:00 Gym Math 10W	<b>SS 20-1</b> <b>SS 20-2</b> <b>ES 20</b> 1:00-4:00 Gym	Bio. 20/20F Science 10 1:00-4:00 Gym PIF 9 (Hubert) 1:00-3:00	Math 10F/PC Math 20PC Math 20-2 1:00-4:00 Gym	Chem. 20 1:00-4:00 Rm 34 PIF 15 (Hubert) 1:00-4:00	<b>PIF 25/31</b> ( <b>Drouin)</b> 1:00-4:00 Rm 32	STIP

**IMPORANT DATES** 

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Your timely presence not only reflects responsibility but also sets the stage for success. Best of luck to all our students in their upcoming examinations!

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# **STUDY TIPS**



### **GET READY FOR EXAMS BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS:**

Having trouble getting serious about studying for a test? These highschool study tips will get you in the right mindset to get prepped for your final exams, or just for your average, everyday quiz.

#### **1. STUDY ALONE**

Unless you've got a couple of friends who are super serious about getting down to business, stay away from group study sessions because they tend to get off-top pretty quickly. Save the social time till after you've handed in your test.

#### 2. CREATE YOUR PERFECT STUDY AREA

The place where you study should be quiet, comfortable and free from distractions. Go to your room, close the door and kill as many distractions as possible – like music, television, and even the internet on your phone. If you don't have your own room that you can sneak away to, consider studying at the library instead.

#### **3. GET IT ALL OUT**

Your study materials, that is. Before you dig in, make sure you have all your books, notes, study guides and writing utensils in front of you. Don't give yourself another excuse to get up and rummage around.

#### 4. TURN YOUR NOTES INTO FLASH CARDS



Now that you've got all your notes in front of you, open up a pack of index cards. As you read through the important facts, rewrite them in **Q&A form** on the cards.

For Instance: to study historical facts, write the historical fact on one side of the card and the key details on the other side. To study geometry formulas, write the name of the formula on one side and the formula itself on the other side.

### 5. SNACK HEALTHY WHILE YOU STUDY



If you want to stay sharp while you study, stay away from junk food. Instead, snack on dark leafy greens, whole grains, peanut butter, milk and seafood.

Feeling sluggish? Caffeine or energy drinks won't help you in a long run. Get your energy boost instead by eating a banana or an apple.

### **STUDY TIPS** (CONTINUED)



#### 6. NARROW IT DOWN

If you try to study every single thing your teacher has ever said, you'll go crazy. Instead, focus on the most important topics. If you're not sure what those are, read the study guide (if there is one), or ask your classmates. Once you're nailed down the important stuff, if there's still time left before the test, you can move on to finer details.

#### **7.TAKE A BREAK**



Your brain can only take so much hard work at one time. For every hour that you study, take about 15 minutes to do something mindless, like taking a walk, listening to music or playing a computer game.

(You can even take a 15-minute nap, if you're confident you can wake yourself up and give your brain a chance to let all that information sink in.)

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#### **BONUS TIP!**

Be present at their designated exam location at least 20 minutes PRIOR to the scheduled start time. Your timely presence not only reflects responsibility but also sets the stage for success. Best of luck to all our students in their upcoming examinations!

#### 8. PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST

Once you've got your set of flash cards, test yourself with them. If you don't trust yourself not to cheat, give the cards to your parents and have them test you. Don't stop till you've made it through the whole stack without any mistakes. And be sure to bring your flash cards to school with you on the day of the test: you'll be amazed at how much more you can retain if you run through the cards right before your teacher hands out the test

packet.

### 9. GET SOME SLEEP $z^{z}$

You might be tempted to pull an allnighter, but if you do, you'll only be hurting your chances of getting an A. Get a full 8 hours of sleep so your brain is in good shape on test day.

#### **10. STUDY ALL SEMESTER LONG**

It's tempting to hold off on studying till the last minute, especially if you tell yourself that anything you try to memorize earlier on won't really stay in your brain. That's not true. Take some time throughout the semester to review all of your notes and re-read important passages in your text book. It might seem tedious, but it'll really keep all those facts in your brain on test day.



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# **GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS**



# What do you need to graduate?



New NWT graduation requirements for students entering Grade 10 in the 2024-2025 school year.



# A minimum of 80 credits is required for NWT graduation.

For more information, please contact your SJF Academic Counsellor.









# **GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS**

Government of Northwest Territories

### NWT Minimum Graduation Requirements

The NWT will be moving from a 5-credit to 4-credit system; this simply means that the credit values for courses will change and does not reflect reduced academic expectations of students.

Current Requirements			NEW Requirements			
Credits must be earned in the following			Credits must be earned in the following			
subject areas or courses:			subject areas or courses:			
<ul> <li>A Language Arts 10 (5 credits)</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>A Language Arts 10 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>A Language Arts 20 (5 credits)</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>A Language Arts 11 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>A Language Arts 30 (5 credits)</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>A Language Arts 12 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>Northern Studies 10 (5 credits)</li> </ul>		5 5	<ul> <li>Northern Studies 11 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>A Social Studies 10 (5 credits)</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Social Studies 10 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>A Social Studies 20 (5 credits)</li> </ul>		5	A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits) (NEW Northern Studies 12 included as a Social Studies 12 option)	4		
<ul> <li>A Mathematics 10 (5 credits)</li> </ul>		5	<ul> <li>A Mathematics 10 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>A Mathematics 20 (5 credits)</li> </ul>		5	<ul> <li>A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>A Science 10 (5 credits)</li> </ul>		5	<ul> <li>Science 10 (4 credits)</li> </ul>	4		
A Science 20 (5 credits)		5	A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4		
Required Core Cour		50	Required Core Courses - Subtotal	40		
Career & Life Management 20 (		3 1	Career Life Education (4 credits)	4 4		
Career & Program Plan (1 credit	t)	1	<ul> <li>Career Life Connections (4 credits) (includes 30 hours of community service)</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>Community Service (1 credit)</li> <li>Physical Education 10 (3 credits)</li> </ul>	1	3		4		
		5	<ul> <li>Physical &amp; Health Education 10 (4 credits)</li> <li>An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design,</li> </ul>	4		
<ul> <li>Career &amp; Technology Studies (5 credits) (At any level)</li> </ul>			Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	4		
A Fine Arts (3 credits) (At any level)						
Additional Required Courses - Subtotal			Additional Required Courses - Subtotal	16		
• Electives (34 credits) at any leve	el and in any	34	• Electives (24 credits) at any level and in any	24		
COURSE areas. Once the credits for required courses			COURSE areas. Once the credits for required courses have			
have been met, additional courses in that subject area			been met, additional courses in that subject area count as			
count as elective credits.			elective credits.			
Total # of Credits Required for	or Graduation	100	Total # of Credits Required for Graduation	80		
Level 30 Credits (15 credits)- Of the 100 total credits, students			Grade 12 credits (16 credits) - Of the 80 total credits, studen	nts must		
must complete a minimum of 15 credits at the 30-level including a			complete a minimum of 16 credits at the grade 12 level including a required			
required English or Français 30 course.			Language Arts 12 course and Career Life Connections.			
Departmental Exams			Provincial Graduation Assessments			
English 30-1, 30-2     Chemistry 30			Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment			
• FLA 30-1, 30-2 • Physics 30			<ul> <li>Grade 10 Literacy Assessment</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Français 30-1, 30-2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Biology 30</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Grade 12 Literacy Assessment</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Mathematics 30-1, 30-2</li> </ul>						
Social Studies 30-1, 30-2						
Note: A passing mark in English 30-1 or 30-2 (combination of exam and classroom mark).	is required to grad	uate	Note: Completion of all assessments is required to graduate; however passing mark is not required.	r, a		
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# **STUDENT SERVICES**





SJF Student Services





# We are well stocked with all kinds of personal hygiene and menstrual products!

Please feel free to take whatever you need, and ask us if you have any questions!



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# **CLUBS / TEAMS / GROUPS**

Weekly Schedule at a Glance!

Looking for something to do during Lunch Hour or After School? There's something for everyone! Check this out:

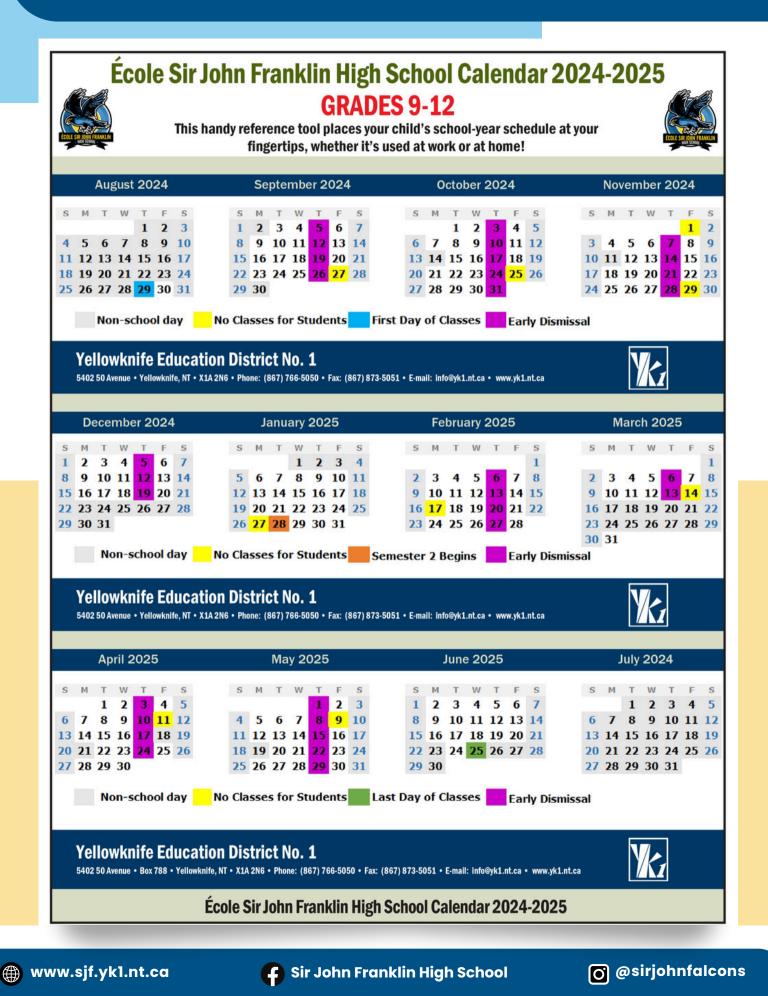
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch Hour	Lunch Hour	Lunch Hour	Lunch Hour	Lunch Hour
Intramurals	Intramurals	Intramurals	Intramurals	Intramurals
Gym	Gym	Gym	Gym	Gym
<b>GSS</b> Room 22	Student Council Leadership Room	<b>Choir</b> Music Room	MAGMA Room 29	<b>Debate Club</b> Room 40 or
Art Club	Grad Council	Social Studies Club	Karaoke	NACC
Room 15	Room 29	<b>&amp; Green Team</b> Room 36	Music Room	Retro Video Games
<b>Concert Band</b> Music Room	Rock Band Music Room	Club Euclid Room 34	<b>Pizza Day</b> Foyer	Room 14
	<b>Chess Club</b> Room 19	*Coming Soon* Knitting & Crochet		
	Art Club	Room 41 (Starts when the		
After School	Room 15	snow flies)	After School	After School
3:23-4pm	After School	After School	3:00-4:15pm	3:45-5pm
Homework Hub	3:23-4pm	3:23-4pm	Boys Hockey	Fitness Club
Room 19	Homework Hub Room 19	Homework Hub Room 19	Ed Jeske Arena	Fitness Room
3:45-5pm	ROOTTIS	Roomino	3:45-5pm	
Fitness Club	3:45-5pm	3:45-5pm	Spike it Volleyball	
Fitness Room	Fitness Club Fitness Room	Fitness Club Fitness Room	Jr. Girls Gym	
3:45-4:30pm	Filliess Room			
Choir	3:30-4:45pm	3:45-4:30pm	5-6:15pm	
Music Room	Spike it Volleyball Jr. Girls	Concert Band Music Room	Spike it Volleyball Sr. Girls	
3:30-4:45pm	Gym		Gym	
Spike it Volleyball	- ,	3:30-4:45pm	с.	
Jr. Boys	4:45-6pm	Spike it Volleyball Jr. Boys		
Gym	Spike it Volleyball Sr. Girls	Gym		
4:45-6pm	Gym	4:45-6pm		
Spike it Volleyball		Spike it Volleyball		
Sr. Boys		Sr. Boys		
Gym		Gym		

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# **GET INVOLVED AT SJF!**



Boys Hockey Mr. Curran	<b>Girls Hockey</b> Mr. Kilbride	Volleyball Mr. McDonald
Retro Video Games Mr. Cartwright	Social Studies Club Mr. Traynor	Art Club Mr. Cartwright
Debate Club Mr. Curran	Gender Sexuality Squad Ms. Wilson	MAGMA Ms. Ryan
Drama Mr. Peters	Band & Choir Ms. Shantora	Student Council Mrs. Oldford
Grad Council Ms. Martin	Fitness Room Mr.Skauge	Check in with the teachers listed above to learn more!





#### Yellowknife Education District No. 1 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR Grades 9 – 12 SJF

#### Important dates at a glance

School office open: Aug 15, 2024 First day back for school staff: August 26, 2024 **First day of classes**: Thursday August 29, 2024 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: November 6 and 7, 2024 (4-7pm) **December Break**: Monday Dec 23, 2024 - Friday January 3, 2025 Semester 2 start: Jan 28, 2025 **March Break**: Monday March 17, 2025 - Friday March 28, 2025 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: April 15 and 16, 2025 (4-7pm) **Last day of classes**: Wednesday June 25, 2025 Last day for school staff: June 27, 2025

Student total days: 178 Staff total days: 192

# Statutory and Scheduled School holidays

Labour Day	Mon Sept 2, 2024
Truth and Reconciliation Day	Mon Sept 30, 2024
Thanksgiving	Mon Oct 14, 2024
Remembrance Day	Mon Nov 11, 2024
December Break	Mon Dec 23, 2024-
	Fri Jan 3, 2025
March Break	Mon Mar 17, 2025-
	Fri Mar 28, 2025
Good Friday	
Easter Monday	Mon Apr 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Mon May 19, 2025
National Indigenous Peoples	
recognition)M	lon Jun 23, 2025

## Professional Development Days\*

Early dismissal on Thursday afternoons, (except in August, January and June)

All SJF students have no school on the following dates:

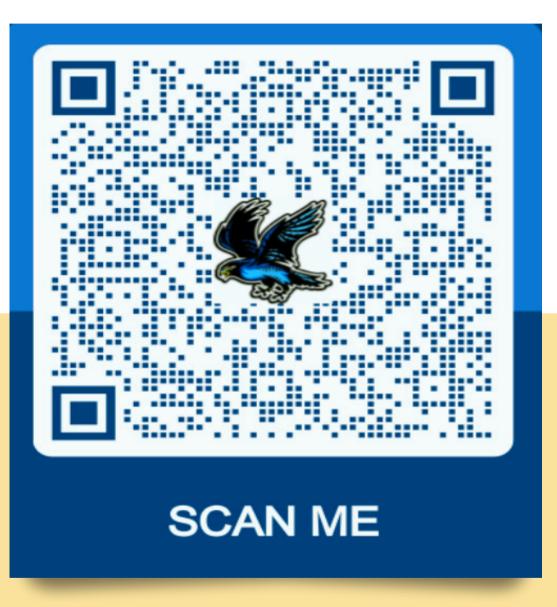
Fri Sept 27, 2024 (Culture) Fri Oct 25, 2024 (STIP) Fri Nov 1, 2024 (STIP) Fri Nov 29, 2024 (P/S/T) Mon Jan 27, 2025 (STIP) Mon Feb 17, 2025 (STIP) Fri Mar 14, 2025 (P/S/T) Fri Apr 11, 2025 (STIP) Fri May 9, 2025 (Culture)

\*Professional Development Days include: -Strengthening Teacher Instructional Practices (STIP) Full Days -Professional Development (PD) -Time in lieu of evening Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (P/S/T) -Cultural Orientation days (Culture)

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