

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

CONGRATULATIONS to our students, staff, and coaches on a successful first semester! Semester 2 is now underway, and report cards are available on PowerSchool. If you have any questions regarding final marks, please reach out to your teachers via email.

February is a busy and exciting month with many important events and celebrations:

- It's **Indigenous Language Month** and **Black History Month**.
- **Pink Shirt Day** will take place on Wednesday, February 26 – join us in standing together against bullying.
- Check out the newsletter for more details on all these activities and how you can get involved.
- The **2025 Reading Challenge** has started and goes until March 31

Looking ahead, our basketball teams will be participating in the **Cager Basketball Tournament** early next month. Let's cheer on our Falcons—Go Falcons!

Finally, a reminder that graduation photos will be taken from February 10 to 14. Don't forget to book your session and capture this milestone moment!



Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

February 1

Report Cards posted on PowerSchool

February 10-14

Grad Photo Days

February 19

Grade 8 parent information Meeting

February 26

National Pink Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying Day)

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READING CHALLENGE

The 2025 Reading Challenge runs from **JAN 27 to MAR 31!**

The Challenge is to get all SJF Students and Staffs hyped about reading!

- French books count
- Graphic novels count
- Audiobooks count
- Books in languages other than English count
- Short books count
- Manga counts
- Long books count
- Fiction, non-fiction counts
- Romance books that you don't want people to know you are reading count (no one but me sees the titles and I won't judge!)
- and... if it looks/sounds like a book, IT COUNTS!

Like last year, we will award weekly prizes to our MVPs!

Background:

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the Reading Challenge, it was born as a competition between Sir John and St. Pat's during the 2020 COVID lockdown and then was the premier (and only) sporting event in 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Three years ago, we acquired an awesome trophy...and then lost it to St. Pat's. Heartbreakingly (at least for me), I (we) still don't have my (our) trophy back 🙏



Each year, I get questions about what types of books count.

The answer? **ALL BOOKS!**
We aren't discriminating!

How it works:

1. Read a book.
2. Scan the QR code to record your book.
3. Repeat many, many times!



In the end, whichever school has the highest average reading (number of books read divided by the number of participants) wins!

IF you have any questions, please ask Ms. Robson or Ms. Daly!





DRAMA

Imagine if you will that "Hamlet" was not "Hamlet" at all, but "Hamlette" - a woman ... "Princess" of Denmark!



Mr. Peters' drama classes put on three shows a day on Jan 15 and 17 as their exam pieces, delivering fantastic performances!





MUSIC



At the end of the exam period, 20 Sir John band students from grades 9 through 12, gave up their day off to tour the other **YK1 schools**. We were met with great enthusiasm at all schools and students and staff really enjoyed the 30 minute concerts of movie and pop music. A few students came to chat after the concerts, to tell us stories that related to the music that we played or to ask **"How did you do that?"**. The high schoolers learned how to perform consistently in a variety of acoustics and what it's like to **"go on the road"**! A good time was had by all!

Many thanks to the staff, parents and students from our school and all of the other schools who made time for us to perform and shuttled us to and from.



Range Lake North School



École Itt'ò



École William McDonald Middle School



Mildred Hall School



N.J. Macpherson School



TALENT SHOW!



SIR JOHN'S GOT TALENT

THURSDAY
February 27
7pm

STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT
ALL KINDS OF PERFORMING ARTS WELCOME!

SIGN UP NOW

The deadline to sign up is **February 14**.
The auditions are **February 20 & 21** at
lunch in the **Music Room**.
See **Ms. Shantora** for more information.



THURSDAY
February 27, 7pm



SJF HIGH SCHOOL
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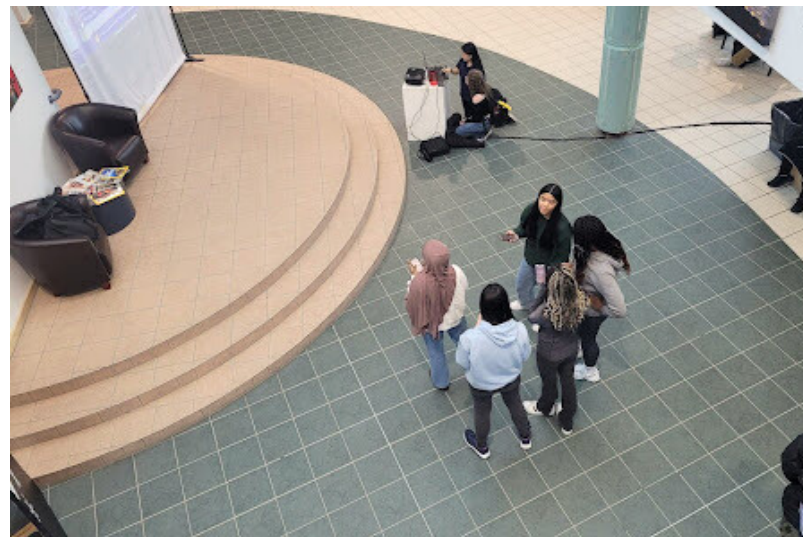
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AT THE DOOR





SOCIAL STUDIES CLUB

Social Studies Club members hosted a "Trivia Day in the Foyer" event on Friday, January 10 during lunch, where students participated in answering general knowledge based questions in the areas of history, geography, and civics.



Gift cards were awarded to the top three contestants: **Sadee Mitchel, Becky Pol, and Ava Maurice**. Congratulations, ladies, and thank you to the **Social Studies Club** students for organising this fun activity!



ART

In partnership with **NWT Arts**, the SJF Senior Art Students will be the featured **Artists of the Month** at **NACC** for June 2025.



**NORTHERN
ARTS &
CULTURAL
CENTRE**

More Details: <https://nacnt.ca/june-2025-sir-john-franklin-high-school/>



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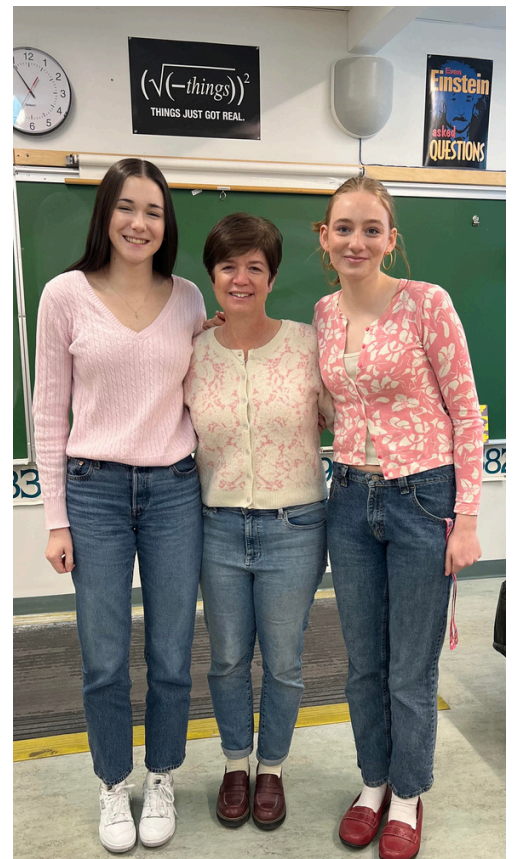
Art teacher Robyn Scott is thrilled to return to the classroom this semester and collaborate with her students to curate a display of their best work.



DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER DAY

On January 28, our grad students hosted a **Dress Like Your Teacher Day!**

Brooke Durnford (left) and Lacey Furniss (right) perfectly recreated Ms. Schlosser's signature look from head to toe—**pink floral cardigans and all!**





CAGER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



FEBRUARY 2025
BASKETBALL
PRACTICE SCHEDULE

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
7:00- 8:00 am	Sr. Girls Mr. Doherty				
3:45 - 5:00 pm		Jr. Boys Mr. Mac	Sr. Girls Mr. Doherty	Jr. Boys Mr. Mac	Jr Girls Mr. Green
5:15 - 6:30 pm	Sr Boys Mr. Hagen	Jr Girls Mr. Green	Sr Boys Mr. Hagen		





Indigenous Language Month



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**Learn a few greeting phrases,
practice pronunciation, and win
prizes at the end of the month!**

**February is Indigenous Languages Month!
Use the language in class or the hallways, and you'll be entered into
a draw to win prizes at the end of the month!**





MONTH OF FEBRUARY

IMPORTANT AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE MONTH



February is **Indigenous Languages Month** and we are recognizing the importance of preserving our Indigenous languages.

We are encouraging students to scan the QR code to learn key phrases and practice pronunciation.

Use the language in class or the hallways, and you'll be entered into a draw to win prizes at the end of the month!



Every February, people across Canada participate in **Black History Month** events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black people in Canada and their communities.



February LGBTQ+ History Month is a dedicated period to celebrate and honor the achievements, contributions, and struggles of the **2SLGBTQIA+ community**, recognizing key historical events and figures that have shaped the fight for equality and acceptance.





MONTH OF FEBRUARY

IMPORTANT AND COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

FEB 14

Valentine's Day isn't just about romantic love—it's a time to celebrate all kinds of love. Whether it's with family, friends, or colleagues, this day is for appreciating the people who make life special, no matter their race or gender.

It's a reminder that love comes in many forms, and everyone deserves to feel valued and appreciated.



FEB 26

Pink Shirt Day, also known as **Anti-Bullying Day**, is an annual event dedicated to raising awareness and taking a stand against bullying.

People wear pink shirts to demonstrate their commitment to fostering a culture of kindness, compassion, and inclusivity, sending a powerful message that bullying has no place in our schools or society.

It originated from a small act of solidarity and has grown into a global movement advocating for empathy and safe spaces in schools and communities.

Let's make February a month of celebration, education, and unity!





NEW GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS



What do you need to graduate?



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

<p>English Language Arts</p> <p>10, 11, 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p>12</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Social Studies</p> <p>10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p>8</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p>8</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p>8</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Northern Studies</p> <p>11 Level</p> <p>4</p> <p>Total Credits</p>
<p>Career Education</p> <p>Career Life Education (4 credits each)</p> <p>Career Life Connections (4 credits each)</p> <p>8</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Physical Education & Health</p> <p>10 Level</p> <p>4</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Applied Design, Skills & Technologies or Arts Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADST Courses • Fine Arts Courses <p>4</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Additional Credits</p> <p>16</p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p>Additional Grade 12 Credits</p> <p>8</p> <p>Total Credits</p>

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

For more information, please contact your SJF Academic Counsellor.





NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



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





École Sir John Franklin High School Calendar 2024-2025

GRADES 9-12

This handy reference tool places your child's school-year schedule at your fingertips, whether it's used at work or at home!



August 2024

September 2024

October 2024

November 2024

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 Non-school day
 No Classes for Students
 First Day of Classes
 Early Dismissal

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December 2024

January 2025

February 2025

March 2025

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 Non-school day
 No Classes for Students
 Semester 2 Begins
 Early Dismissal

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April 2025

May 2025

June 2025

July 2024

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 Non-school day
 No Classes for Students
 Last Day of Classes
 Early Dismissal

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École Sir John Franklin High School Calendar 2024-2025





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	Fri Apr 18, 2025
Easter Monday	Mon Apr 21, 2025
Victoria Day	Mon May 19, 2025
National Indigenous Peoples Day (day in recognition)	Mon 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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UNE ÉDUCATION POUR LA VIE!





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!





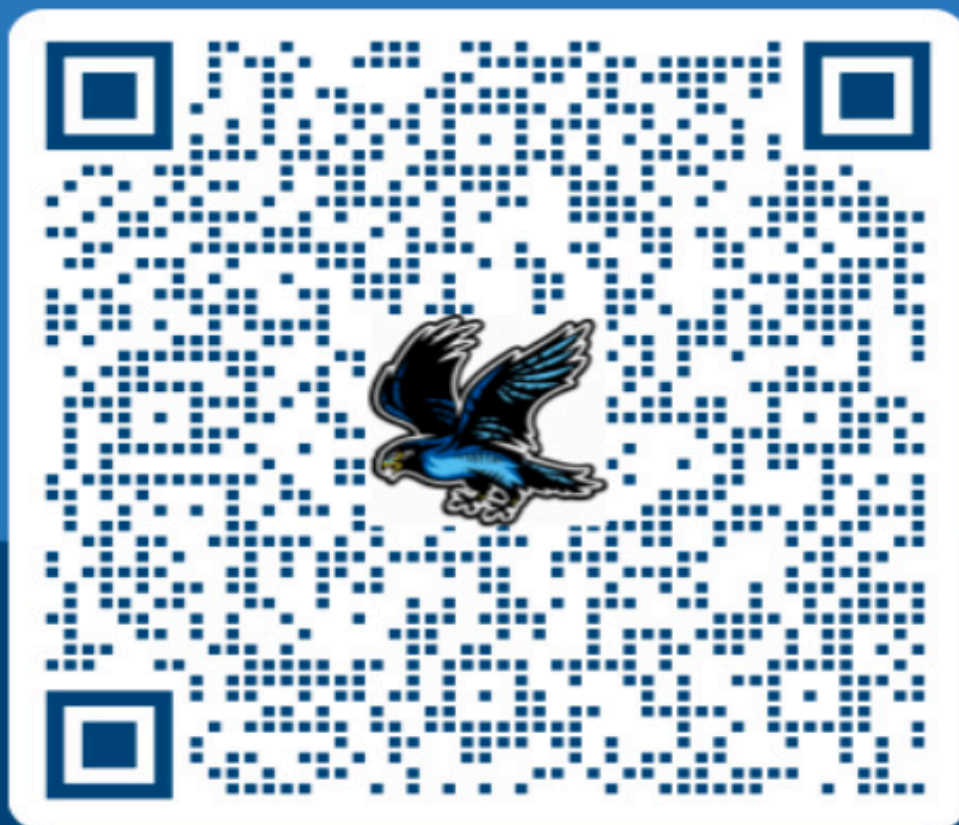
GET INVOLVED AT SJF!

Clubs/Teams	Day of the Week	Time	Location	Contact
Art Club	Monday, Tuesday	Lunch	Rm. 14	Mr. Cartwright
Basketball - Jr Boys	Tuesday	3:30-5:00pm	Gym	Mr. McDonald
	Thursday	2:30-4:00pm	Gym	
Basketball - Jr Girls	Tuesday	5:15-6:30pm	Gym	Mr. Green
	Friday	3:45-5:00pm	Gym	
Basketball - Sr Boys	Monday, Wednesday	5:15-6:30pm	Gym	Mr. Hagen
Basketball - Sr Girls	Monday	7:00-8:00am	Gym	Mr. Doherty
	Wednesday	3:45-5:00pm	Gym	
Chess Club	Tuesday	Lunch	Rm. 19	Mr. Green
Choir	Monday	3:45-4:30pm	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Choir	Wednesday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Club Euclid	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 34	Ms. Schlosser
Concert Band	Monday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Concert Band	Wednesday	3:45-4:30pm	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Debate Club	Friday	Lunch	Rm. 40 /NACC	Mr. Curran, Ms. Robson
Dungeons & Dragons	Monday, Tuesday	15:30	Rm. 28	Mr. Green & Ms. Millie
Fitness Club	Everyday (Except Thursday)	3:45-5:00pm	Fitness Room	Mr. Skauge
Gender & Sexuality Squad	Monday	Lunch	Rm. 22	Ms. Wilson
Grad Council	Tuesday	Lunch	Rm 29.	Ms. Martin
Green Team	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 32	Mr. Drouin
Homework Club	Monday tWednesday	3:23-4pm	Rm. 19	
Intramurals	Monday to Friday	Lunch	Gym	
Karaoke	Thursday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Knitting and Crochet	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 41	Ms. Griffin
MAGMA	Thursday	Lunch	Rm 29.	Ms. Ryan
Photography	Monday	Lunch	Black Box Theatre	Mr. Currie
Retro Video Games	Friday	Lunch	Rm. 14	Mr. Cartwright
Rock Band	Tuesday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Social Studies Club	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 36	Mr. Traynor
Student Council	Tuesday	Lunch	Leadership Room	Mrs. Oldford
Weight Lifting	Wednesday	3:35-4:45pm	Rm. 13	Ms. Waugh





WANT MORE INFO?



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