MARCH 2025

EWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr.Dean MacInnis

March will be a short month here at Sir John. There is no school on Friday, March 14th and March Break begins on March 15th. Students will return to school on Monday, March 31st.

We have set dates for the 2025 Grad Season. On June 7th, we will host the Indigenous Honor Ceremony on the SJF grounds. Formal Grad will be held on June 24th at the school. Academic Grad will be held at Somba'ke park on June 25th. More details on these events will be posted as time gets closer.

February was a busy month at the school with many events. On February 14th, MAGMA hosted their first Coffee House this year. Students were able to come to the library for a nice evening of poetry and music. To see more about this event, check out the rest of the newsletter.

This month saw the event "Sir John's Got Talent" on February 27th. An incredible show of talents from music to skits and jokes.

Pink Shirt Day was February 26th. Staff and students were encouraged to wear pink to bring awareness to bullying. Thank you to all Falcons who participated

Our annual SJF Reading Challenge is still going! So far, we have read over 700 books! Keep reading everyone! It's very easy to join the challenge. Simply read a book and record your name and book title!

The weekend of March 7th to 9th will be the Senior Cager basketball tournament. We hosted a Pep Rally on Thursday, March 6th in support of our teams. Go Falcons Go!!

A huge shoutout to Sydney Galusha (Grade 10) and Ella Skauge (Grade 11) for their incredible performance at the **Scotties Tournament of Hearts** (Senior Women's Canadian Curling Championships)! They won three games, including an unforgettable victory against Team Einarson, the four-time Scotties champions. What an outstanding achievement!

IMPORANT DATES March 6-9

Cager Basketball **Tournament**

March 14 STIP Day - No Classes

March 15-30 March Break

Yours sincerely, **Dean MacInnis**

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READING CHALLENGE

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

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

The answer? ALL BOOKS!

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!



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.



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!

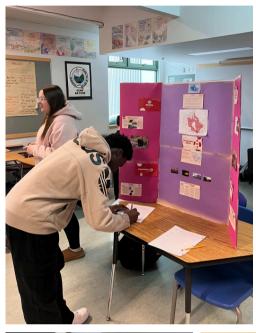




SOCIAL STUDIES



Mr. Kooymans's Grade 9 Social Studies class took part in a gallery walk of their Physiographic Regions of Canada inquiry projects!











They also visited the **Giant Mine Oversight Board** to discuss the ethics behind resource extraction. It's always great to take learning beyond the classroom!





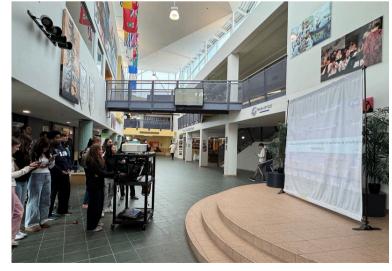
SOCIAL STUDIES CLUB

Students in the Social Studies Club hosted their second annual Black History Month Trivia Day in the Foyer on February 28.





Club members worked hard all month at developing information slides made available to the student body, creating 25 questions about prominent Black Canadians, and managing an exciting trivia event over the lunch period.



Great job to all who organised and participated in the event!



Huge shoutout to **Kirsten** and **Lena**, who put in extra effort leading up to the event and did a fantastic job as hosts!



FRENCH Language Arts



On February 27,

FLA 9 students took part in a creative writing session with Clémence Dumas-Côté, a poet, artist, and performance artist from Montreal, Quebec.

Students brought a personal item from home and wrote using their five senses. Some students had the opportunity to read their pieces to the class, sharing their unique and heartfelt expressions with their peers.

















SCIENCE

Grade 10 scientists using spectral analysis to estimate the age of the Universe.

The evidence they found was interesting but not enough to convince anyone that the Big Bang Theory is a reliable explanation for how the Universe came to be.

But they did recognize that the redshift of galaxies did make it seem likely that the Universe is expanding at an accelerating rate





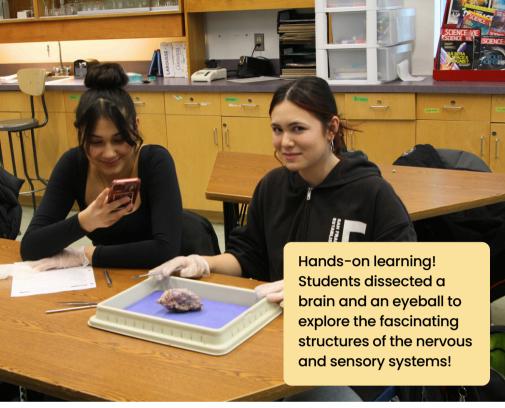




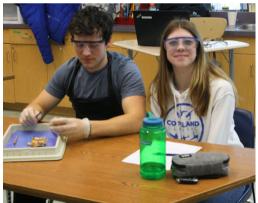
Grade 9 class exploring evidence of chemical change. They are mixing different solutions to see if there is a change in colour, temperature or if a new substance was created.

SCIENCE - Biology 30





















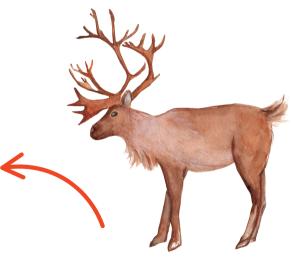
TŁĮCHO CLASS

Highlight from Ms. Lafferty's Period 2 Tłįcho Class.

Logan is skinning the caribou while Carter and Nahze wait for their turn.







Lawson is cutting a back strap.



SIR JOHN'S GOT TALENT!



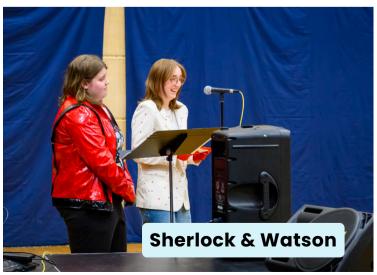


On February 27, Ms. Shantora and Mr. Currie, along with many other helpers, put together an incredible talent show that showcased the amazing skills of our students!

Huge shoutout to all the performers who took the stage and made it an unforgettable night! For more photos, visit our school's Flickr Page!









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On February 14, MAGMA (Magnanimous Advocates **Generating Mental Health** Awareness) hosted a Valentine's Day Coffee House!



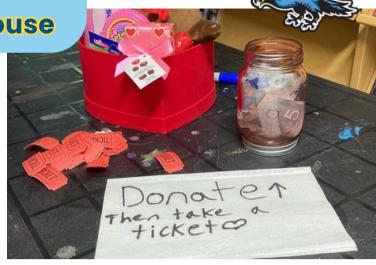


















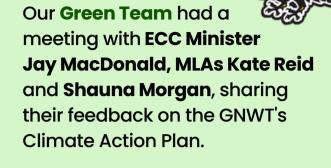


With around 25 students in attendance, the event was filled with karaoke, a raffle, and plenty of snacks. What a great way to celebrate the day while promoting mental health awareness!



GREEN TEAM

SAFE SPACE



Students spoke up, asked great questions, and made their voices heard on environmental issues that matter!









PROUD MOMENT!



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A special congratulations to Sydney, who made history as the youngest player ever to compete at the Scotties!

Way to go, Sydney and **Ella! Your dedication** and achievements inspire us all!











Our Falcons brought the ENERGY as we kicked off the Cager Basketball Tournament weekend with an awesome Pep Rally! The teams are pumped and ready to play! For more photos, visit our school's Flickr Page!



















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Program Runs:

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Grade 11 Female and **Gender Diverse Students**

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You Can Expect To

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- Become familiar with academic life at a post-secondary institution.
- Broaden your perspective about innovative STEM careers that solve the biggest challenges facing society.

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We invite applicants from diverse backgrounds and lived experiences, including Indigenous, racialized, and rural students, to apply. To advance equity in STEM, Black and Indigenous students have tailored pathways to participate in our program.

For more info and to start your online application visit: www.uab.ca/WISEST or email us at wisest@ualberta.ca if you have any questions.







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NEW

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



What do you need to graduate?



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

English Language Arts

10, 11, 12 Level (4 credits each)

Total Credits

Social **Studies**

> 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)

Total Credits

Mathematics

11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)

Total Credits

Science

11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)

Total Credits

Northern **Studies**

11 Level

Total Credits

Career Education

Career Life Education (4 credits each) Career Life Connections (4 credits each)

Total Credits

Physical Education & Health

10 Level

Total Credits

Applied Design, Skills & Technologies or Arts Education

Total Credits

Additional Credits

Additional Grade 12 Credits

Total Credits

A minimum of 80 credits is required for NWT graduation.

For more information, please contact your SJF Academic Counsellor.



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					
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 Northern Studies 10 (5 credits) 		5	Northern Studies 11 (4 credits)	4				
 A Social Studies 10 (5 credits) A Social Studies 20 (5 credits) 		5 5	 Social Studies 10 (4 credits) A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits) (NEW Northern Studies 12 included as a Social Studies 12 option) 	4				
 A Mathematics 10 (5 credits) A Mathematics 20 (5 credits) A Science 10 (5 credits) 		5 5 5	 A Mathematics 10 (4 credits) A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits) Science 10 (4 credits) 	4 4 4				
A Science 20 (5 credits)		5	A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4				
Required Core Cours	es - Subtotal	50	Required Core Courses - Subtotal	40				
 Career & Life Management 20 (3 Career & Program Plan (1 credit) Community Service (1 credit) 		3 1 1	 Career Life Education (4 credits) Career Life Connections (4 credits) (includes 30 hours of community service) 	4 4				
 Physical Education 10 (3 credits) 		3	Physical & Health Education 10 (4 credits)	4				
 Career & Technology Studies (5 of (At any level) A Fine Arts (3 credits) (At any level) 		5 3	 An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits) 	4				
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Total # of Credits Required for	r Graduation	100	Total # of Credits Required for Graduation	80				
Level 30 Credits (15 credits)- Of the 10 must complete a minimum of 15 credits at the required English or Français 30 course.			Grade 12 credits (16 credits) - Of the 80 total credits, studer complete a minimum of 16 credits at the grade 12 level including a Language Arts 12 course and Career Life Connections.					
Departmental Exams			Provincial Graduation Assessments					
	Chemistry 3Physics 30Biology 30	0	 Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment Grade 10 Literacy Assessment Grade 12 Literacy Assessment 					
Note: A passing mark in English 30-1 or 30-2 i. (combination of exam and classroom mark).	s required to grad	uate	Note: Completion of all assessments is required to graduate; however, a passing mark is not required.					

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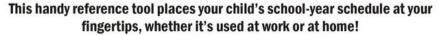






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École Sir John Franklin High School Calendar 2024-2025











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, 202	4
Truth and Reconciliation Day Mon Sept 30, 20	24
Thanksgiving Mon Oct 14, 2024	4
Remembrance Day Mon Nov 11, 202	4
December Break Mon Dec 23, 202	4-
Fri Jan 3, 20	25
March Break Mon Mar 17, 2025	5-
Fri Mar 28, 20	25
Good Friday Fri Apr 18, 2025	
Easter Monday Mon Apr 21, 2025	5
Victoria Day Mon May 19, 2025	5
National Indigenous Peoples Day (day in	
recognition)Mon Jun 23, 2025	

Professional Development Davs*

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)

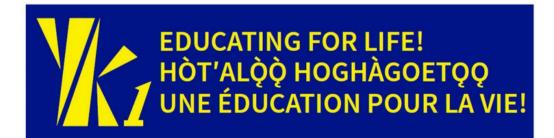
- *Professional Development Days include:
- -Strengthening Teacher Instructional

Practices (STIP) Full Days

- -Professional Development (PD)
- -Time in lieu of evening

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (P/S/T)

-Cultural Orientation days (Culture)



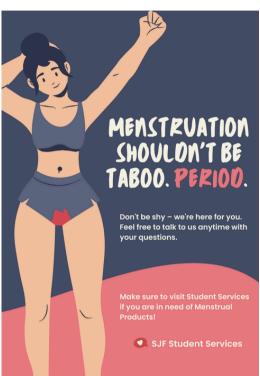






STUDENT SERVICES









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!







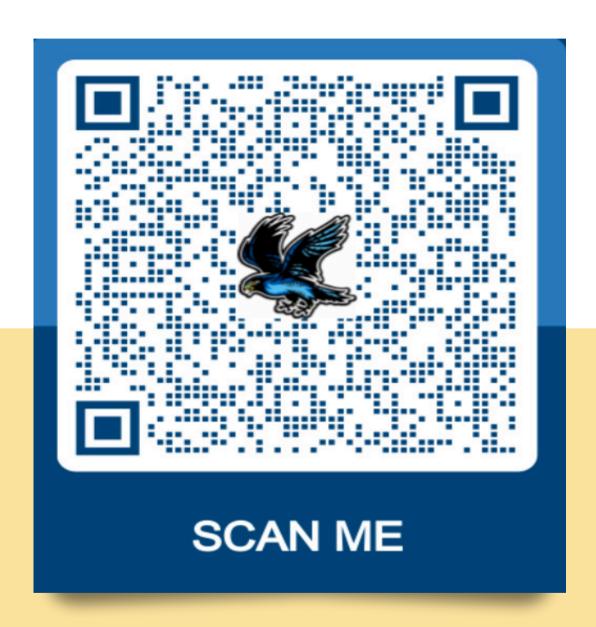
GET INVOLVED AT SJF!

Clubs/Teams	Day of the Week	Time	Location	Contact
Art Club	Monday, Tuesday	Lunch	Rm. 14	Mr. Cartwright
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 to Wednesday	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
Sewing Club	Tuesday	Lunch	Rm. 42	Ms. Lafferty
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





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