ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 2024

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr.Dean MacInnis

I hope everyone had a fantastic March break!

It's already report card season! The time seems to be flying by! Mid-term report cards will be posted in PowerSchool on Monday, April 14th and Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews will be held online April 15th & 16th from 4pm to 7pm. PowerSchool will be shut down from April 9th to 14th. As a reminder there will be no school on Friday, April 11th as teachers prepare for report cards. Instructions on how to book appointments can be found on our website in the coming days. If you are unable to book an appointment with your child's teacher, please call the school at (867) 669-0773 to make arrangements to meet with them at a different time.

SJF Reading Challenge is over! 104 staff and student readers participated and read a total of 1,265 books, for an average of 12.16 books per participant. This is the most books we've ever read for the Reading Challenge, so it's a big win for READING... and for our school! We won!

Super Soccer is back! Our SJF teams will be participating in the tournament from May 8th to 11th. Practices for all teams are now underway. Watch for updates on how they did on social media and in our next newsletter.

Graduation 2025 is a little over two months away. We will be hosting a Parent Information evening on Thursday, May 1st at 7pm to 8pm in our gymnasium. We will be reviewing each of the grad ceremonies, dates of special events, scholarships applications, etc.

Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

April 11
STIP Day - No Classes

April 15 & 16
Parent Teacher Interviews

May 1
Grad Parents Info Evening

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CAGER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

A huge shout-out to all our teams and coaches for their dedication!:

- **Junior Girls Tier 1 Champions** – Mr. Green
- **Junior Boys Tier 1 Silver Medalists** – Mr. McDonald
- **Senior Girls Tier 1 & Tier 2 Champions** – Mr. Doherty
- **Senior Boys Tier 1 Silver Medalists** – Mr. Hagen

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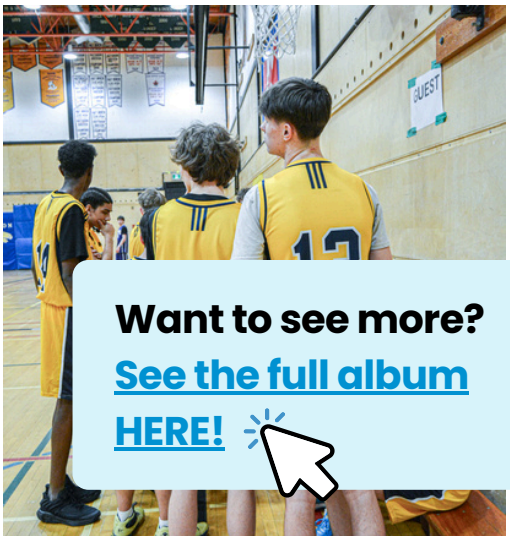
CAGER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The following photos were captured by our talented student, **Luna Langlois!**



Want to see more?

See the full album HERE!

Special Guest!

SJF was truly honoured to welcome **Canadian Astronaut Jeremy Hansen** to our school! His inspiring speech filled the entire assembly with excitement and engagement.

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!

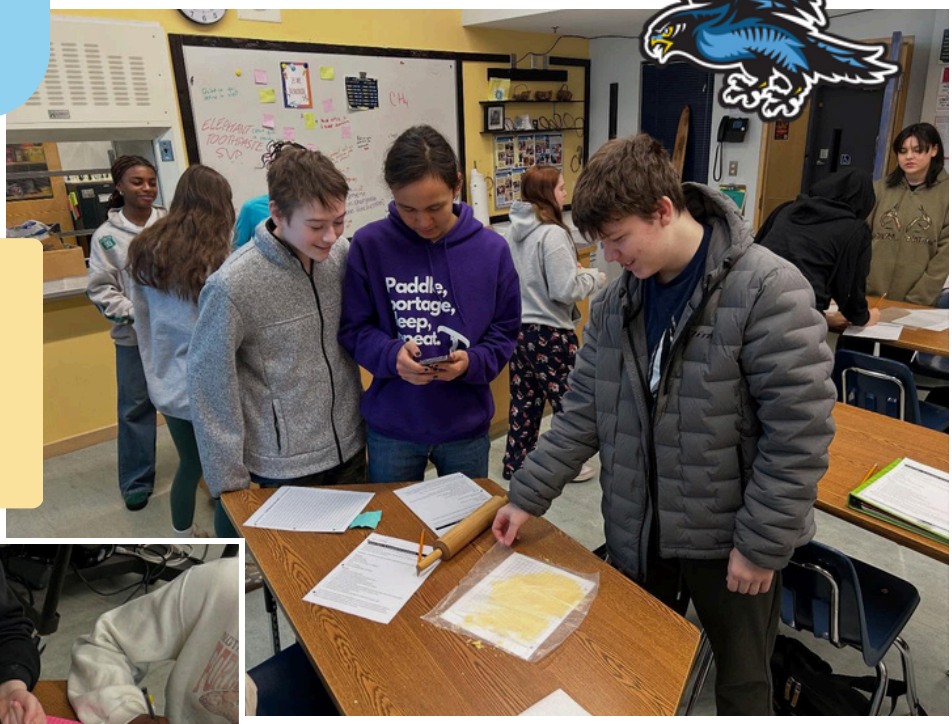
MATH - Special Guest!

Our Math classes had the pleasure of welcoming **Judith Koeller** from the **University of Waterloo!** She shared her knowledge and experiences in math, computer science, and programming — and showed how math can be applied in creative and practical ways.

Students lined up and acted as sticks in a strategy game to explore factors and multiples of numbers.

Judith shared how she began her career in math by creating software to design knitting patterns for her sweaters!

SCIENCE

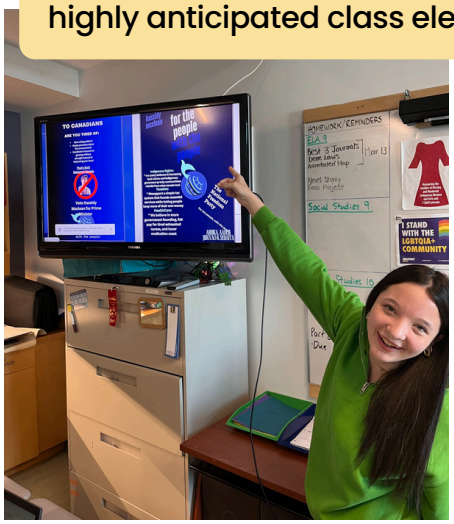


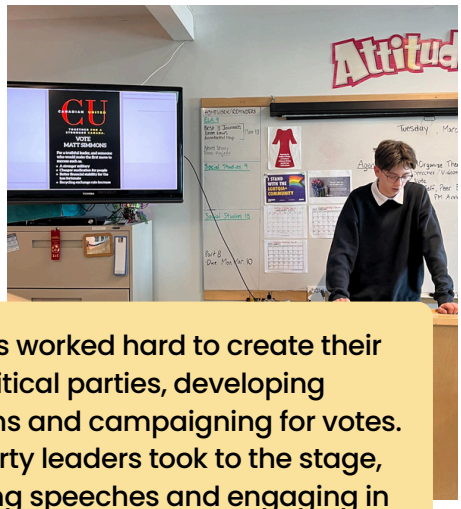
Ms. Martin's **Grade 9 science** class learned about reactivity of metals. They added pure sodium to water and watched it explode - safely inside the fume hood.

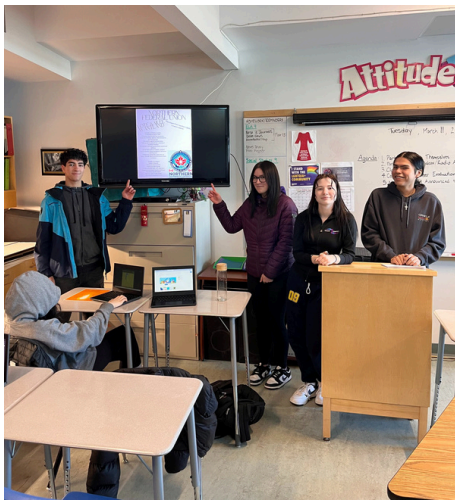
Mr. Magee was leading a demo to show reactivity of metals, using properties and critical thinking to determine mystery substances, and playing with experimental design to determine if claims made by chip companies are true.

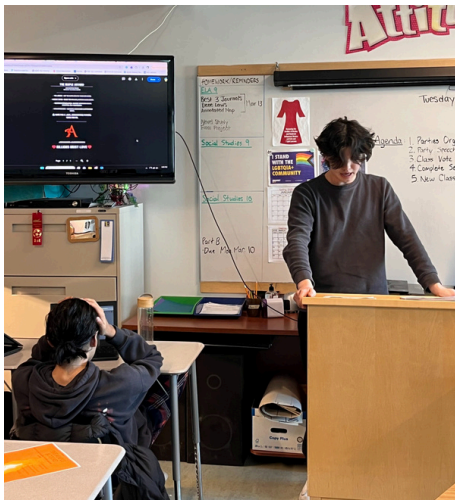
SOCIAL STUDIES

After weeks of preparation, the **Social Studies 10** classes held their highly anticipated class elections!

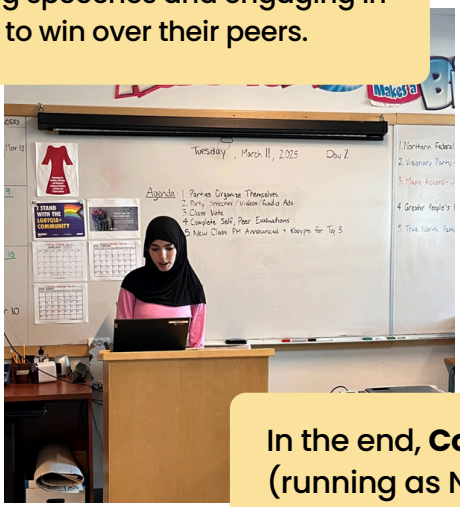








Students worked hard to create their own political parties, developing platforms and campaigning for votes. Their party leaders took to the stage, delivering speeches and engaging in debates to win over their peers.



In the end, **Cole Avery** (running as Matt Simmons) and **Noah Koop** (running as Noah Coop) emerged victorious, earning the title of Prime Minister for their respective classes!

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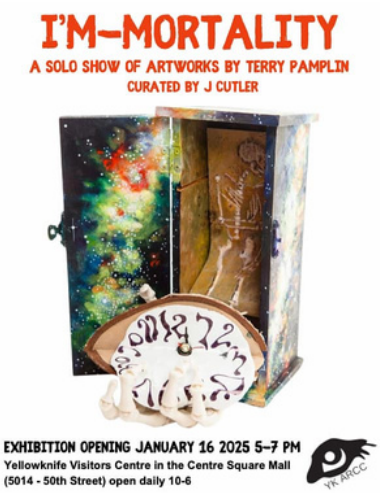
DECHINTA ŁIWE FISH CAMP

Mr. Kooymans's **ELA 9 class** had a great time learning about living off the land in a sustainable way and the importance of land, culture, and traditions to Indigenous peoples. This trip was a meaningful connection to ***The Barren Grounds*** by **David A. Robertson**, the novel they've been studying.

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!

ART

Ms. Scott brought her senior art students to visit the **Yellowknife Visitor Centre** to see **Terry Pamplin**'s exhibition, ***"I'm-mortality,"*** which opened on January 16th.



Thanks to sponsorship by the **Yellowknife Artist Run Community Centre (YK ARCC)**, curator and community arts advocate **Sarah Swan** spent the afternoon discussing the exhibition with the students.

Pamplin, a local artist, has previously explored themes of vitality and mortality, drawing from his personal experiences, including his battle with cancer. This latest collection continues that exploration, offering unique insights into life and existence. The visit inspired students to think about how personal history can be expressed through mixed-media art.

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READING CHALLENGE 2025 ROUND UP

Thanks to all the readers who participated in this year's reading challenge!

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

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

HERE ARE OUR 2025 RESULTS:

- **1265 books read**
- **104 readers**
- **12.6 books/reader**

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.

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

Congratulations to our Reading Challenge MVPs!!!

Student MVPs	Staff MVPs
Amirah Ali	Janice Daly
Scarlett Anderson	Alex Griffin
Leo Erhlich	Robin Kooymans
Beth Fenwick	Carrie Lauder
Ruth MacKay	Sonia Longchamps
Neve Mahon	Angela Martin
Zoe Mutebi	Stephen Offredi
Jack Penney	

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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!

Yellowknife Education District No. 1
2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR
Grades 9 – 12 SJF

Important dates at a glance

School office open: Aug 14, 2025
First day of classes: Thursday August 28, 2025
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: November 12 and 13, 2025 (4-7pm) **Winter Break**: Monday Dec 22, 2025 - Friday January 2, 2026 Semester 2 start: Jan 28, 2026
Spring Break: Monday March 9, 2026 – Friday March 20, 2026
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: April 15 and 16, 2026 (4-7pm)
Last day of classes: Wednesday June 24, 2026
Last day for school staff: June 26, 2026

Student total days: 178 **Staff total days: 192**

Statutory and Scheduled School Holidays

Labour Day ..... Mon Sept 1, 2025
Truth and Reconciliation Day ... Tue Sept 30, 2025
Thanksgiving ..... Mon Oct 13, 2025
Remembrance Day ..... Tue Nov 11, 2025
Winter Break..... Mon Dec 22, 2025- Fri Jan 2, 2026
Spring Break..... Mon Mar 9, 2026- Fri Mar 20, 2026
Good Friday ..... Fri Apr 3, 2026
Easter Monday ..... Mon Apr 6, 2026
Victoria Day ..... Mon May 18, 2026
National Indigenous Peoples Day..... ..... (day in recognition) Mon Jun 22, 2026

Number of instructional days per month		
Aug: 2	Sep: 20	Oct: 22
Nov: 17	Dec: 15	Jan: 19
Feb: 17	Mar: 11	Apr: 19
May: 19	Jun: 17	Total: 178

Professional Development Days*

Early dismissal on most Thursday afternoons (STIP time)

All SJF students have no school on the following dates:

Mon Aug 25, 2025 (STIP)
Tue Aug 26, 2025 (Culture)
Wed Aug 27, 2025 (STIP)
Mon Nov 3, 2025 (STIP)
Fri Nov 28, 2025 (P/S/T)
Tue Jan 27, 2026 (STIP)
Wed Feb 18, 2026 (PD)
Thu Feb 19, 2026 (PD)
Fri Feb 20, 2026 (PD)
Fri Mar 6, 2026 (P/S/T)
Fri Apr 10, 2026 (STIP)
Fri May 1, 2026 (Culture)
Thu June 25, 2026 (STIP)
Fri June 26, 2026 (STIP)

*Professional Development Days include:

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

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Notes:

School Office Opens | First Day of Classes | No Classes for Students | Non-school Day

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February '26

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

April '26

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Non-school day | No Classes for Students | Last Day of Classes | School Office Closes

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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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