



MAY 2023

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message Mr. Dean MacInnis

The snow is almost gone and we only have two months left of school this year! We hope everyone is spending time outside and enjoying the warmer weather.

Parent Teacher Interviews were held a few weeks ago. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher, please call the school at (867) 669-0773 to make arrangements to meet with them at a different time.

A grad parent meeting will be held on May 4th at 7pm. The meeting will be in-person in the fitness room.

This past month both our student and grad councils hosted events, we had an Indigenous language and culture carnival for our grade 9 students, some students participated in the Page program at the legislative assembly, Green team hosted Earth day events, a chess tournament and many more. See the newsletter for pictures of all the activities that happened in April!

Back this year is our annual Sir John Athletics Golf Classic on Saturday June 3rd. If you are interested in registering a team, contact Mark.Kilbride@yk1.nt.ca. More information can be found below in our newsletter.

SJF MAGMA is holding a "Music for Mental Health" concert on May 17th at NACC. See poster inside for more details. Tickets can be purchased on the NACC website or at the box office.

Our music department has their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 25th. The concert will be held at NACC and Admission is \$10. Check it out!

Lastly, our soccer teams participated in the annual super soccer tournament on April 27th -29th. Congratulations to all of our Sir Johns teams who brought home many banners!

As you can tell, we have many exciting things happening at the school before we wrap up another school year!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 4th

Grad Parent Meeting 7pm

May 9th

Grade 8 Parent Night 7pm

May 17th

Music for Mental Health

May 18th

PAC Meeting 7pm

May 22nd

Victoria Day- No School

May 25th

Spring Music Concert 7pm

May 31st-June 2nd

NWT Track and Field Championships

June 3rd

5th Annual SJF Gold Classic

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)





SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL MAGMA

Presents

MUSIC FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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**WED
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AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC!

17 MAY

NORTHERN ARTS AND CULTURAL CENTRE

DOORS AT 6:30PM

SHOWTIME 7:00PM

LIVE PERFORMANCES BY

Quantum Haze - The K-Kaws - Munya Mataruse

Prime Time Prine - Hughes

Agony of the Leaves - Cat McGurk

\$25/\$15 FOR STUDENTS

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

WWW.NACCNT.CA

All ticket proceeds go towards projects led by the Sir John Franklin High School mental health awareness group, MAGMA



Visit Jack.org to access a hub of mental health resources!

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Music Department Updates



The Music students of Sir John Franklin High School proudly present Red, White and Blues - a salute to the musical pioneers of the 20th century. The concert will feature music from many genres including jazz, musical theatre, classical, rock and country. All of the school ensembles will be performing including the Concert Band, Concert Choir and Junior Band as well as the Instrumental, General and Choral Music classes all directed by Susan Shantora. Tickets are \$10 and are available through the NACC website at www.naccnt.ca

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The Concert Band and Junior Band performed in the Yellowknife Music Festival on Friday April 28. Ms. Shantora was very proud of their performance and dedication all year. The concert band was awarded gold and the junior band received silver at the festival. Both groups gave stellar performances! The adjudicator was Dr. Taina Lorenz from Edmonton. The Concert Choir performed at the Festival back in March and received a Gold standing and a recommendation to compete at the Alberta Provincial Music Festival in Edmonton in May. Also, many Sir John students competed in the Festival as soloists in piano, voice, flute, composition and guitar. Vocalist Belinda Formaniuk will be heading down to Edmonton to compete at the Provincial level in Classical Voice. Congratulations to all of these hard-working young musicians and their teachers!

From May 11-16, the music students who have been members of the Concert Band and Concert Choir all year will be taking a Trip to Toronto for music education enrichment. They will be visiting, workshopping and concertizing at two schools, lunching with the Youth Council and Composer-in-Residence Cecilia Livingston at the Canadian Opera Company as well as visiting the sights of the city and hearing some great concerts.

Concert Band Members:

Matthew Bui, Joe Curran, Vincent Lumacad, Alex Ketchum, Duncan Stewart, Gordon Kwong, Jillian French, Maura Smith, Belinda Formaniuk and Sean Vermaak.

Concert Choir Members:

Amelie Strachan-Legere, Alice Winkler, Maura Smith, Janelle Jordison, Isabella Villegas, Anna Curran, Belinda Formaniuk, Keira Clinton, Alex Ketchum, Gordon Kwong, Vincent Lumacad, Connor Burns

Jr. Band Members:

Vanessa Song, Isabella Villegas, Leah McShane, Isabelle Christoffersen, Paige Hawthorn, Ritaj Hamad-Dawoud.





The SJF Music Department Presents

Red, WHITE, AND BLUES

**THURSDAY MAY 25TH AT 7PM
@ NACC**



Tickets \$10



**CONCERT CHOIR, CONCERT BAND, JUNIOR BAND
PLUS THE INSTRUMENTAL, GENERAL AND CHORAL
MUSIC CLASSES
SUSAN SHANTORA, MUSIC DIRECTOR**



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École Sir John Franklin HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Excellence, 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

Grade 8 Parent Information Evening

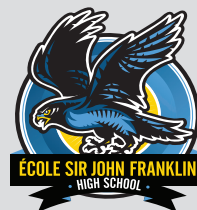
Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 7:00pm

Meet the student services team and
tour our incredible state-of-the-art facility.



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Science Space



Science in Action

In Ms. Cornett's Grade 9F science students did demos with static electricity.

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Science Continued...

Mr. Kirkhams Physics 30 students - constructing an apparatus to measure the Earth's Magnetic Field.



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TERRITORIAL COMPETITION

May 4th & 5th

& Career Expo!

Sir John Franklin High School &
St. Patrick High School

Yellowknife, NT

www.skillscanadanwt.org



Math

Ian Payne from the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing at the University of Waterloo, spent a day working with our Grade 9 and 12 students. He presented a variety of challenges and inspired some creative and collaborative problem solving.



$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$





Super Soccer Pep Rally

We started off the Super Soccer weekend with a school pep rally. Go Falcons!



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Super Soccer Tournament

Sir John teams came out on top this year! Congratulations!

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Indigenous Spring Carnival

Last week students and staff participated in the schools first indigenous spring carnival. There were many stations to try and all were taught by knowledge keepers from Dettah. It was a blast!

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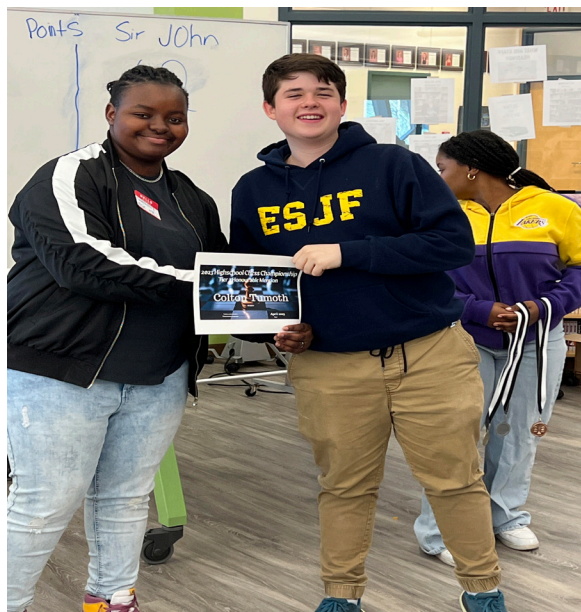
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Chess Tournament

SIR JOHN FRANKLIN



This year Ms.Crystal helped organize a chess tournament between Sir John and St. Pat's. While St.Pat's won the overall banner, our students took home many wins!

- Tier 1 1st Place- Byran Clinton
- Tier 1 2nd Place- Sahal Malin
- Tier 2 3rd Place- Jayden Sayine
- Honorable Mention- Colton Tumoth



Northern Studies 10

Ms. Waugh's Northern Studies 10 was tasked with writing a journal entry from the point of view of the land (pre colonization or post colonization) students ventured outside to gain perspective and sit quietly with nature as they wrote.

The tracks across
The snow remind
Me of a road.
A road where our
Loved ones ride with
Animals to the
End of time
Grade 10 Student

Yellowknife, NT
April 5, 1492

Caribou herd walking across the lake. I'm standing on a hill and there are many trees below me. Foxes walk in the bushes undisturbed. I look behind me and there are rocky hills covered in trees, with no evidence that they have ever been touched by humans. The lake has snowshoe tracks all across it. I move away from the village and it is silent, apart from the odd chip of a magpie. The feeling you get is unmatched as you are probably the first one to ever touch that land.

Moose

February 14, 1876

My lands were stripped of people, by conflict, disease and unfairness, The animals that used to roam are reduced to rot and bone. My waters, soil and trees are contaminated, stolen and dry.

Kibula Kiboigo

The view the creator gave us is a gift. The frozen lake has sun rays beaming off the snow, glimmering with such a passion. Ancestors souls dancing on their land. The trees dance in the cold winter wind.

Grade 10 Student



As The Land, I have seen many changes over the years. I have witnessed the arrival of humans and their effect on me and my inhabitants. My woods were lush before colonization, my waterways were clear, and my animals roamed freely. However, when people arrived, my resources were over-exploited, and my environment was destroyed. It saddens me to see my waters polluted and many species that once resided here extinction. Despite these obstacles, I am optimistic about the future. I've met individuals who recognize the value of conservation and restoration, and I'm grateful for them. Sitting quietly allows us to reflect on all that nature has given us and how we can all work together to preserve it. Let us continue to treasure and protect nature so that future generations can enjoy its splendour and wealth.

Grade 10 Student

Daring Lake/Thelon Eskar

June 4th, 1600

The caribou are roaming around us as usual. Walking along the eskar, the hunters are in position. The caribou are such beautiful creatures. There are also fish in the lake that goes over the eskar when the eskar dives into the water. Where the caribou cross, the fish swim.

The hunters leave things behind for the future peoples to discover. Things like arrow heads and shavings of other weapons. No trees in sight. Past the tree line the plants grow down low to adapt against the wind. The plants, the moss, the berries and all the others, so beautiful, so fresh.

The ground so low you can touch the permafrost.

The land so bear you can see caribou from miles away.

The water so full of fish you can always get a bite.

The air so fresh and cool you can relax and be at peace.

Lochland Brotherton

Student Council News

The Student Council held two fundraisers for the Yellowknife Food Bank this month. Through a cupcake sale and a cake auction as well as a game of Humans versus Zombies, they were able to raise about \$300 for the Food Bank. Thank you students and teachers who supported these events!

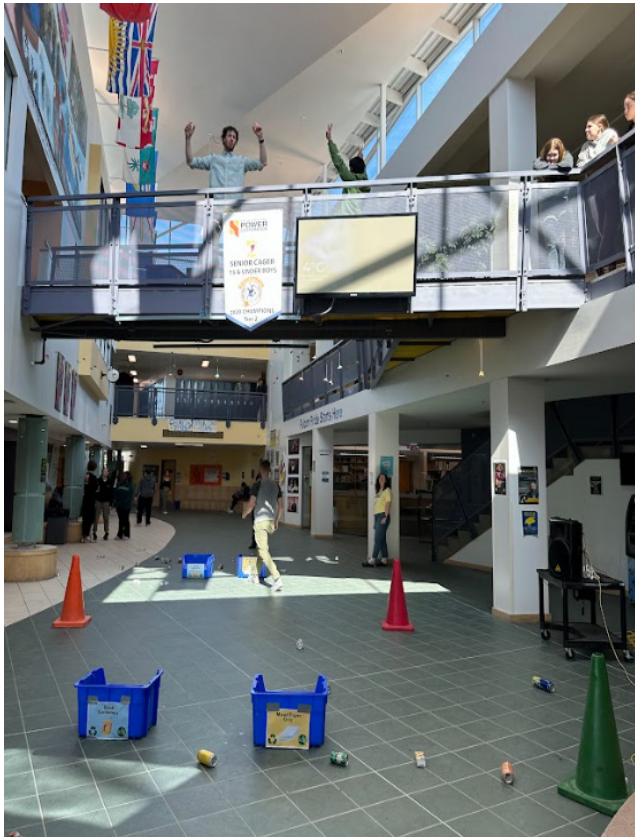
The Council will be hosting a Spring Fling dance on Friday May 26 in the school gym. This will be an all grades event so hopefully many students will be interested in dancing the night away!





SJF Green Team

The green team has been very busy this past week doing things to help celebrate Earth Day. They hosted recycling basketball, painted recyclable materials into art, and did some planting.



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WINNIPEG, TORONTO,
PETERBOROUGH, OTTAWA,
YELLOWKNIFE, VANCOUVER,
YARMOUTH, & SYDNEY (NS)

Stonewall Riot Activist,

Martin Boyce

Courage to Stand Up Tour

APRIL 7-MAY 10

Courage
to stand up

**RSVP FREE
TICKETS NOW**

Courage
- Across Canada Tour

**WITH STONEWALL
ACTIVIST MARTIN BOYCE**

- APRIL 7 - WINNIPEG (MB)
- APRIL 16 - TORONTO (ON)
- APRIL 18 - PETERBOROUGH (ON)
- APRIL 22 - OTTAWA (ON)
- APRIL 26 - YELLOWKNIFE (NT)
- APRIL 30 - VANCOUVER (BC)
- MAY 4 - CHARLOTTETOWN (PE)
- MAY 6 - YARMOUTH (NS)
- MAY 10 - SYDNEY (NS)

Courage
to stand up

APRIL 26, 2023 (7PM)

YELLOWKNIFE

Prince of Wales Northern
Heritage Centre, 4750 48th St,
Yellowknife, NT



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École Sir John Franklin High School Calendar 2023-2024

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 2023

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October 2023

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November 2023

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

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December 2023

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

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April 2024

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May 2024

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June 2024

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July 2024

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

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Yellowknife Education District No. 1 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR Grades 9-12 - SJF



		Staff			Students
Opening:		New Staff Orientation: August 21, 2023 First Staff Day: August 22, 2023 Staff PD: August 22-25, 2023			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Student Registration Day: August 21, 2023 ➤ First Student Day: August 28, 2023
Winter Break:		December 20, 2023 to January 3, 2024 (inclusive)			
Semester 2 Start:		January 30, 2024			
Spring Break:		March 11, 2024 to March 22, 2024 (inclusive)			
Last Day:		June 24, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. (students) June 25, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. (staff)			
Semester 1	Sessional (Students)	Professional Development	STIP Days	P/S/T Days	Holidays
August	4.0	2.0	2.0		
September	20.0				Labour Day...4
October	19.0	1.0			TRC Day...2 Thanksgiving Day...9
November	19.0		1.0	1.0	Remembrance Day...11 (Observed 13)
December	13.0				Christmas Day...25 Boxing Day...26
January	18.0				New Year's Day...1
TOTAL	93.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	Staff Days = 100.0
Semester 2	Sessional (Students)	Professional Development	STIP Days	P/S/T Days	Holidays
January	2.0				
February	20.0	1.0			
March	9.0			1.0	Good Friday...29
April	20.0		1.0		Easter Monday...1
May	22.0				Victoria Day...20
June	15.0		1.0		Indigenous Day...21
TOTAL	88.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	Staff Days = 92.0

Professional Development Full Days (3)

All SJF students have no school on the following dates:

August 23 & 24, 2023	October 20, 2023	February 2, 2024
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Strengthening Teacher Instructional Practices - Full Days (5)

All SJF students have no school on the following dates:

August 22 & 25, 2023	November 1, 2023	April 4, 2024	June 25, 2024
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Early Dismissal Days (31)

All SJF students will be dismissed early on the following dates:

Aug 31	Sep 7, 14, 21, 28	Oct 5, 12, 19, 26	Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Dec 7, 14
Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Mar 7, 28	Apr 11, 18, 25	May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	

Note: SJF: Parent/Student/Teacher interview times: Semester 1: November 7 & 8, 2023
Semester 2: April 17 & 18, 2024

SJF: No school in lieu of PST evenings: November 24, 2023; March 8, 2024

Semester 1: 93.0 days

Semester 2: 88.0 days

Student Total: 181.0 days

Staff Total: 192.0 days

Approved: _____
Superintendent of Education/ CEO

APPROVED – March 2023



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Class of 2023

SJF GRADUATION DATES

INDIGENOUS HONOR CEREMONY- JUNE 10TH

FORMAL- JUNE 26TH

ACADEMIC GRADUATION- JUNE 27TH

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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!

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Indigenous Drumming
Ms. Lafferty

Indoor Soccer
Mr. Eastcott

Photography
Volunteering
Ms. Kidd

Track and Field
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

See anything you like?

Check in with the teachers listed above to learn more!



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