ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2025

NEWSLETTER

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.

This past month our students hosted and participated in many events. NWT Skills Canada held their competition on April 11th. SJF was represented by 14 students in a variety of skills. See inside for more details on results. We also had our annual grade nine Winter Carnival on April 15th - 17th. SJF students also engaged with the federal election by participating in a Student Vote in order to learn more about the election process and the importance of voting.

We will be busy over the next month as our year is closing out. Our soccer teams will be participating in the annual Super Soccer tournament on May 8th -11th. SJF has over 120 student-athletes involved in this territorial event. Good luck to all our SJF Falcons!

The "MAGMA Music for Mental Health Concert" is on May 13 in NACC. Our music department has their "Music Potpourri" concert on Wednesday, May 21st . The concert will be held at NACC and Admission is by donation at the door.

Our annual **Sir John Athletics Golf Classic** is on Saturday, June 7th. If you are interested in registering a team, please contact greg.skauge@yk1.nt.ca.

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

Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

May 1
Grad Parents Info Night

May 8-11
Super Soccer Tournament

May 19
Victoria Day (no school)

May 21
Music Potpourri Spring Concert

STAY CONNECTED:

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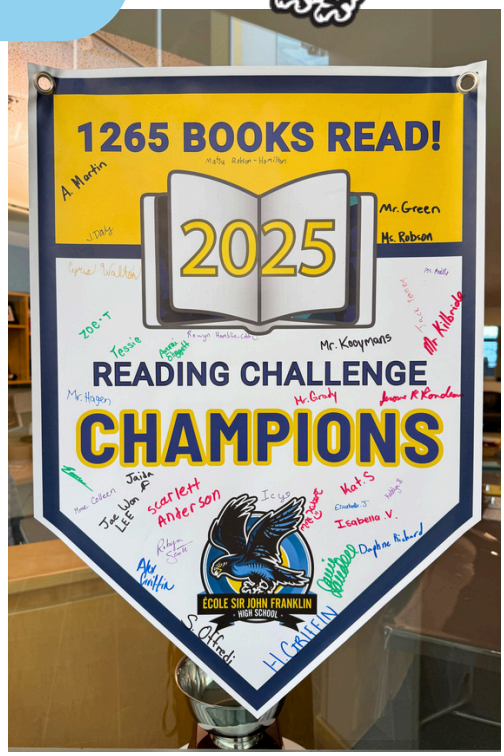
READING CHALLENGE

Everyone involved in the **2025 Reading Challenge** was invited to come sign the banner and take pictures with our trophy!

This was our biggest year yet, with 1265 books read!



SKILLS CANADA

Huge congratulations to all students who participated in the **Skills Canada NWT** competition at the Summit Air Hangar on April 11!

From baking to robotics, public speaking, hairstyling, and more... our Falcons truly shone!

Award Recipients:

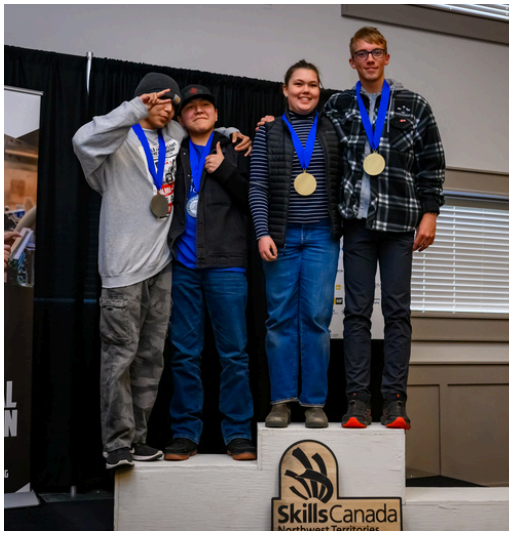
Baking – Tanika Pike (Gold)
Hairstyling – Emily Hutchings (Silver)
Mobile Robotics – Lucas Pedersen & Leah McShane (Gold)
Public Speaking – Katelyn Browley (Gold)
Photography – Luna Langlois (Gold), Neve Mahon (Bronze)
TV/Video Production – Kai Walden & Caeden Waddell (Gold), True Hunter & Sabrina Trinh (Silver), Catey Bartlett & Rowyn Hamblin-Cobb (Bronze)
Workplace Safety – Sarah MacKenzie (Gold)

All of our Gold Medalists have earned the opportunity to represent the NWT at **Nationals** in Regina later this spring!

A big thank you to all the staff who supported and prepared these students behind the scenes. We're so proud of all your hard work and achievements!

SKILLS CANADA

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!



WINTER CARNIVAL

Winter Carnival took place from April 15–17 and was packed with hands-on learning and northern spirit! From traditional games and hand games to boiling tea from snow, roasting bannock on a stick, and processing muskrats and a lynx, it was an unforgettable three days filled with outdoor skills and fun activities.

WINTER CARNIVAL

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!

TŁĮCHǪ CLASS

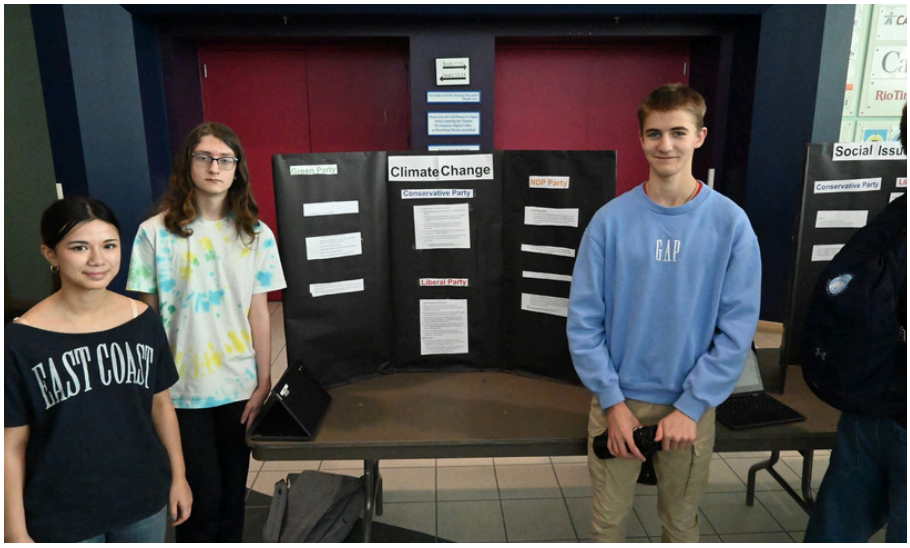
Our Tłįchǫ Yatìì class had a fun time learning about and tasting five kinds of fish. First, we described the unique features of each fish in the Tłįchǫ language.

Next, students took turns filleting and cooking the fish. Finally, we tasted the different types of fish. We discovered that dehdorı kwǫ̀ gogha łekǫ eyıts'ǫ łıwezǫǫ̀ kwǫ̀ gogha łekǫ dìì!

VOTE

SOCIAL STUDIES

Thank you to everyone who visited the Grade 10 Social Studies information booths to learn about the upcoming federal election and the platform positions of the major political parties.



Students also had the opportunity to test their knowledge by participating in an election-based Kahoot at lunch, and many took part in the student vote.

Thank you for showing such great engagement and interest in civic participation!

MUSIC

The Sir John bands and choir, directed by music teacher Susan Shantora, competed at the **Yellowknife Music Festival** again this year. All groups were very successful and gave excellent performances.

The Concert Choir competed in March and were awarded a Silver for their two songs. They were recommended to compete at the next level in May, at the Alberta Provincial Music Festival. We have submitted a recording so look for our results in the next newsletter and cross your fingers for us!

The Concert Band and two Grade 9 bands competed in April. The Concert Band, which meets after school and at lunch hour once a week, was awarded Gold and both of the grade 9 ensembles were awarded Silver. The adjudicators had great things to say about all of the Sir John ensembles as well as some helpful hints to encourage us to improve.

MUSIC

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The **Concert Choir** and **Concert Band** will be performing at the **Yellowknife Music Festival Showcase Concert** on **Tuesday May 6 at 7 PM at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC)** if you would like to hear them along with many other hard-working Sir John musicians.

MUSIC

Congratulations go to the following SJF musicians:

Concert Choir:
Sadee Mitchell
Katherine Saunders
Isabella Villegas
Janelle Jordison
Alice Winkler
Anica Majok-Gordon
Will Tribiger
Connor Burns
Kaden LeMouel
Cyrus Walton
Maya Fuentes
Larah Peters
Niobe Clinton
Brooke Durnford
Anna Curran
Kira Harris
Scarlett Anderson

Concert Band:
Isabella Villegas
Katherine Saunders
Katelyn Browley
Rust Lim
Anh Hong
Isabelle Christofferson
Maura Smith
Ana Maria Villegas
Camryn Brown
Kira Harris
Ella Reynolds
Keira Keenan

MUSIC

ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

A MUSICAL POTPOURRI

NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

WEDNESDAY MAY 21
7PM
NACC

ADMISSION BY DONATION
AT THE DOOR

Featuring the Concert Choir, Concert Band, Guitar Ensemble and special guests William MacDonald School Band Academy and St. Patrick's High School Concert Band .

SCIENCE

SIR JOHN FRANKLIN

Passion for Science Award

Presented to SJF students actively engaged in the scientific process and enjoy learning about Science

CATEGORIES

JUNIOR AWARD: (GRADES 9-10)

SENIOR AWARD (GRADES 11-12)

All SJF students and staff are encouraged to nominate SJF students for this award.

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, MAY 16

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL: GWEN.YOUNG@YK1.NT.CA

MAGMA

SJF MAGMA PRESENTS
MUSIC for MENTAL HEALTH
FUNDRAISER
TUESDAY MAY 13TH
DOORS 7PM
TIX $30
NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE
PERFORMANCES BY
HUGHES
Prime Time
Flora and the Fireweeds
AGONY OF THE LEAVES
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
WWW.NACCNT.CA
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NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE
ALL PROFITS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING PROJECTS LED BY SJF'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS GROUP, MAGMA

FRENCH

The bilingual concert, happening this Saturday, May 3, is organized by Emma Pedersen and Daphne Richard, with valuable input and support from Jack Penney and Victor Lumacad.

The event also involves collaboration with students from Alain St-Cyr and CDÉTNO, as well as Mme Hubert. The concert will feature a diverse range of talents, primarily showcasing artists from our school, including performances by singers, dancers, and martial artists, among others.

We encourage staff, students, and families to join us in supporting our local artists and the dedicated individuals who have made this event possible.

FUNDRAISER

7TH ANNUAL

SJF ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

GOLF CLASSIC

ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 7, 2025

1PM

FEES AND REGISTRATION:

The format is a 18-hole, 4-person scramble with a 1pm shotgun start. This tournament is a fundraiser for the Sir John Athletic Department. The registration fee is $340/team which includes dinner.

To register your team, please contact Greg Skauge at greg.skauge@yk1.nt.ca

PRIZES AND SILENT AUCTION:

This will be a 18-hole Scramble Golf Tournament with many opportunities to win prizes plus a silent auction. Dinner and prizes will take place in the club house following the tournament.

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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!

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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)
12 Total Credits

Social Studies
10,
11 or 12 Level
(4 credits each)
8 Total Credits

Mathematics
10,
11 or 12 Level
(4 credits each)
8 Total Credits

Science
10,
11 or 12 Level
(4 credits each)
8 Total Credits

Northern Studies
11 Level
4 Total Credits

Career Education
Career Life Education
(4 credits each)
Career Life Connections
(4 credits each)
8 Total Credits

Physical Education & Health
10 Level
4 Total Credits

Applied Design, Skills & Technologies or Arts Education
- ADST Courses
- Fine Arts Courses

4 Total Credits

Additional Credits
16 Total Credits

Additional Grade 12 Credits
8 Total Credits

A minimum of 80 credits is required for NWT graduation.

For more information, please contact your SJF Academic Counsellor.

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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) • A Language Arts 20 (5 credits) • A Language Arts 30 (5 credits)	5 5 5	• A Language Arts 10 (4 credits) • A Language Arts 11 (4 credits) • A Language Arts 12 (4 credits)	4 4 4
• 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 4
• A Mathematics 10 (5 credits) • A Mathematics 20 (5 credits)	5 5	• A Mathematics 10 (4 credits) • A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4 4
• A Science 10 (5 credits) • A Science 20 (5 credits)	5 5	• Science 10 (4 credits) • A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4 4
Required Core Courses - Subtotal	***50***	***Required Core Courses - Subtotal***	***40***
• Career & Life Management 20 (3 credits) • 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 credits) *(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
Additional Required Courses - Subtotal	***16***	***Additional Required Courses - Subtotal***	***16***
• **Electives** (34 credits) at any level and in any course areas. *Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.*	34	• **Electives** (24 credits) at any level and in any course areas. *Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.*	24
Total # of Credits Required for Graduation	**100**	**Total # of Credits Required for Graduation**	**80**
Level 30 Credits (15 credits)- *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.*		**Grade 12 credits** (16 credits) - *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.*	

Departmental Exams		Provincial Graduation Assessments
• English 30-1, 30-2 • FLA 30-1, 30-2 • Français 30-1, 30-2 • Mathematics 30-1, 30-2 • Social Studies 30-1, 30-2	• Chemistry 30 • Physics 30 • Biology 30	• Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment • Grade 10 Literacy Assessment • Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
Note: A passing mark in English 30-1 or 30-2 is required to graduate (combination of exam and classroom mark).		*Note: Completion of all assessments is required to graduate; however, a passing mark is not required.*

Department of Education, Culture and Employment www.ece.gov.nt.ca

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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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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2025 - 2026
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School Office Opens | First Day of Classes | No Classes for Students | Non-school Day

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

April '26

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June '26

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

Notes:

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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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WANT MORE INFO?

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SCAN our QR CODE and FOLLOW us on SOCIAL MEDIA!

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