JUNE 2025

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

The month of June is a busy one for SJF. Classes are coming to an end, grad preparations are underway and exams and final assessments are just around the corner. The exam schedule is complete and available inside.

NWT School Sports was able to host Senior Super Soccer this past weekend after its postponement from early May. This modified tourney enabled us to cheer on our Falcons. Our teams demonstrated great pride. Both junior teams finished on top, as did our senior girls. The senior boys finished a hard-fought second.

The Indigenous Honor Ceremony takes place on Saturday, June 7th at 12pm. This ceremony is very unique in recognizing our indigenous graduates in a traditional way and Sir John is very proud to be a part of it. There is more information inside this newsletter.

Our 7th annual Sir John Golf Classic is on Saturday, June 7th at 1pm. This event helps raise money for the SJF athletic department.

We will be celebrating academic success June 9th. We have scheduled an Awards Assembly at 10:45am where we present the honor roll and principal's list certificates, and that night at 7:00pm we host an Awards Evening where we recognize students for success in individual courses.

Graduation events are in full swing this month. Our Formal Grad Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 24h at 7:00pm in our SJF Gymnasium, and our Academic Graduation Ceremony will be at 1:00pm on Wednesday, June 25th at City Hall.

This year, we say goodbye to some wonderful staff members. We wish the best of luck to Janice Daly as she sets off into retirement. We also have Logan Shupe returning to university to become a teacher very soon. Aidan Cartwright will be leaving SJF for new opportunities in the Calgary area. You will all be missed.

We wish you a safe and healthy summer and we will see you again on August 28th, 2025 for the first day of school!

Yours sincerely,

Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

June 7

Indigenous Honour Ceremony Sir John Golf Classic

June 9

Awards Assembly Awards Evening

June 11-24

Exams

June 21

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 24

Formal Graduation

June 25

Academic Graduation Ceremony

June 28

School Closes for Summer

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SUPER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

A huge thank you to everyone involved in Soccer this season! After the postponement of Super Soccer earlier this month, a condensed version of the tournament was held this past weekend at the Fieldhouse — and Sir John showed up strong!

We had 7 teams compete, and we made it to every Tier 1 final, coming home with 3 banners:

- 🏆 Junior Girls Banner Winners vs. St. Pat's
- 🟆 Junior Boys Banner Winners vs. St. Pat's
- 🏆 Senior Girls Banner Winners vs. CJBS
- Senior Boys Finalists







Teams from Sir John, St. Pat's, and Behchokò participated, and our Falcons represented with pride, spirit, and sportsmanship!

Special thanks to our amazing coaches:

Mr. Morozov, Ms. Julian, Mr. Shupe, Mr. Kooymans & Wendy, Mr. Grady, Mr. Hagen

Mr. Mac and Mr. Skauge for stepping in with the Junior Teams

Mr. MacInnis coached a winning team!

MUSIC

On Wednesday, May 21, the SJF High School Music Department presented Musical Potpourri Spring Concert to a full house at NACC.









The night featured standout performances from our Concert Choir, Concert Band, and Grade 9 Band, as well as special guest performances by the William McDonald School Band Academy, the St. Patrick High School Concert Band, and the Mildred Hall School Concert Band

It was a beautiful celebration of music, collaboration, and community spirit — thank you to everyone who came out and supported our amazing student musicians!





MUSIC

On Friday May 23, the Sir John choir went down to Edmonton to compete in the Alberta Provincial Music Festival.

Congratulations on your Third-Place finish!



Many thanks to Peter Curran for chaperoning and to music teacher Susan Shantora for her musical leadership and trip planning.



After having received a Silver ranking at our local Music Festival, they were recommended to go on to the next round of competition. We just made the requirement of 13 members and were up against some very tough competition and choirs with 30 - 60 members each.

After each choir performed the church erupted in cheers and applause. It was like we were at a sports event!





MUSIC

Here are some of the comments from the choir members regarding their experience:

Going to Edmonton to compete with the choir was a highlight of my semester. The fun we all had just walking around Edmonton together was one of the best parts of the trip. It was great to hear and learn from the other choirs we were competing against. The feeling of getting third place with how small we are, was amazing. Getting to spend time with some of my best friends and making memories was great. - Kaden





The choir trip was awesome. It was an amazing experience to compete at such a high level. We sang our hearts out and put on an unforgettable performance. Despite being the smallest choir in the competition, we managed to showcase our talent to the other choirs and showed them why we deserved to compete. We ended up getting third in the provincial music festival, but even if we didn't get third we still would have had an amazing experience. It was very fun watching the other choirs perform, all of whom had great performances. We got introduced to new and exciting things we haven't seen before. The trip taught us that we can do great things as a group. I had the choice of competing by myself or with the choir in the Provincial Festival, and I am happy that I chose to compete with the choir for the music festival. A trip like this needs to happen again and should be fully supported by the school, because of its great impact on us as students. - Connor

Last weekend, our choir competed in a competition in Edmonton and proudly placed third. It was an amazing experience filled with so much fun, and our performance reflected the hard work and progress we've built over time. For this being my first year in choir, I had so much fun and would recommend others to join choir! - Maya





I had a wonderful time at the 2025 Alberta Provincial Music Festival. It was a great learning opportunity, as we got to sing in a competitive environment, and get adjudicated by a renowned vocal adjudicator. It was so neat to both perform and hear all of the other choirs sing! So happy that we did well, and hope to go again next year. - Anna



DEBATE CLUB



The SJF Debate Club sent 4 teams to Saskatoon for the Senior High School National Debate Championships. Chaperoned by debate coaches Peter Curran and Tomiko Robson, our teams were strong, competitive and friendly representatives of the NWT.

Congratulations to all of our debate teams: Penelope Berrub and Neve Mahon; Jaida Deutschmann and Sagan Power-Thériault; Leo Erhlich and James Smilie; and Nina Slagter and Logan Doll.

Special congratulations to Logan Doll, the top speaker from the NWT, and thanks to our supporters, the Yellowknife Elks Lodge 314 and McLennan Ross LLP.













SKILLS CANADA



A group of our amazing students recently travelled to Regina, Saskatchewan, to represent Team NWT at the 2025 Skills Canada National Competition — the largest skilled trades and technology competition in the country, with over 500 competitors across 40+ categories! We're so proud of our Falcons for representing École Sir John Franklin and the NWT!















On May 13, our student-led group MAGMA hosted the Music for Mental Health Fundraiser, and it was a huge success in raising awareness and breaking the stigma around mental health.









With incredible performances by Hughes, Prime Time, Flora and the Fireweeds, and Agony of the Leaves, the night was filled with music, connection, and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this meaningful event!

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!



GRADS VS. STAFF DODGEBALL



What a Game! Sometimes the best way to shake off some end-of-semester stress is by tossing a few dodgeballs at your favourite student or teacher — all in good fun, of course! Huge shoutout to everyone who came out to play, cheer, and laugh!

Also an extra thank you to Rylie Strowbridge for designing the awesome event poster!











DROP THE POP!

Go for a SMOOTHIE instead!

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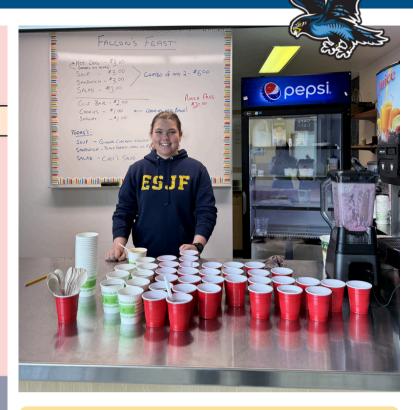
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Sugar-sweetened beverages are any liquids that are sweetened with various forms of added sugars like brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, dextrose, fructose, glucose, high-fructose corn syrup, honey, lactose, malt syrup, maltose, molasses, raw sugar, and sucrose.



Huge thanks to everyone who joined us in DROPPING THE POP for a REFRESHING SMOOTHIE! Your energy and enthusiasm made today truly special!





This campaign initiated by the GNWT continues to provide funding to schools to support healthy students.







MAY 31

Last Day to submit Grad Bio (Google Form) Last Day to submit Grad Quote (Google Form) **Last Day to submit Grad Speech Applications**

JUNE 2

Last Day to submit Scholarship Applications

JUNE 7

Indigenous Honour Ceremony

JUNE 8

Grad 2025 Year End Activities

JUNE 24

Grad Rehearsal and Gown Pick Up

JUNE 24

Formal Graduation Ceremony

JUNE 25

Academic Graduation Ceremony

JUNE 26

Grad Gown Return

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For inquiries, please contact **Evelyne Straker:** evelyne.straker@yka.ca 867-669-0773 ext. 1236.

Saturday June 7, 2025

Registration 11:30am Ceremony: 12:00pm

Location: Sir John Franklin High School









7TH ANNUAL SJF ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



GOLF GLASSIG

JUNE 7, 2025



\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE CASH PRIZE!

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@ykl.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.

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!







EXAM SCHEDULE







June 2025 Exam Schedule – Final

ELA 30-1/30-2 Part A: Wednesday, June11 from 9:00-3:00 (Rooms 40, 34, library)

Block	Thu., June 12	Fri., June 13	Mon., June 16	Tues., June 17	Wed., June 18	Thu., June 19	Fri., June 20	Mon., June 23	Tues., June 24
9:00- 12:00	SS 30-1 (A) 9:00-3:00 Rm 34 SS 30-2 (A) 9:00-2:00 Rm 40 ELA 9 9:00-12:00 Gym	Math 31 9:00-12:00 Rm 34 FLA 9 SS9 9:00-12:00 Gym	Science 9 (Magee) Rm 23 Science 10F 9:00-12:00 Gym Science 9 (Martin) 9:00-12:00 Rm 27 Math 10W (Ryan) 9:00-12:00 Rm 29	Math 30-1 Math 30-2 9:00-3:00 Rms 34, 40 SS 10 9:00-12:00 Gym ES 10 (Drouin P1) 9:00-12:00 Rm 32	ELA 30-1/30-2 (B) 9:00-3:00 Rms 34, 40 Math 9/9F 9:00-12:00 Gym	SS 30-1/30-2 (B) 9:00-2:00 Rms 34, 40 Science 10 9:00-12:00 Gym	Bio. 30/30F 9:00-3:00 Rms 34, 40	Chem. 30 9:00-3:00 Rm 34	Physics 30 9:00-3:00 Rm 40
1:00- 4:00	ELA 10 1:00-4:00 Gym ES 9 (Drouin) 1:00-4:00 Rm 32	ELA 20-1 ELA 20-2 1:00-4:00 Gym	SS 20-1 SS 20-2 1:00-4:00 Gym Math 10W (Ryan) 1:00-4:00 Rm 29	Bio. 20 1:00-4:00 Gym ELA 9 (Cartwright) 1:00-4:00 Rm 14 ES 10 (Drouin P2) 1:00-4:00 Rm 32	Math 10F/PC Math 10F/PC (F) Math 20PC Math 20-2 1:00-4:00 Gym	Physics 20 1:00-4:00 Gym	Chem. 20/20F 1:00-4:00 Gym		

We kindly request all students to be present at their designated exam location at least 20 minutes PRIOR to the scheduled start time.

Your timely presence not only reflects responsibility but also sets the stage for success. Best of luck to all our students in their upcoming examinations!







STUDY TIPS



GET READY FOR EXAMS BY FOLLOWING THESE TIPS:

Having trouble getting serious about studying for a test? These high school study tips will get you in the right mindset to get prepped for your final exams, or just for your average, everyday quiz.

1. STUDY ALONE



Unless you've got a couple of friends who are super serious about getting down to business, stay away from group study sessions because they tend to get off-top pretty quickly. Save the social time till after you've handed in your test.

2. CREATE YOUR PERFECT STUDY AREA

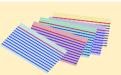
The place where you study should be quiet, comfortable and free from distractions. Go to your room, close the door and kill as many distractions as possible - like music, television, and even the internet on your phone. If you don't have your own room that you can sneak away to, consider studying at the library instead.

3. GET IT ALL OUT



Your study materials, that is. Before you dig in, make sure you have all your books, notes, study guides and writing utensils in front of you. Don't give yourself another excuse to get up and rummage around.

4. TURN YOUR NOTES INTO FLASH CARDS



Now that you've got all your notes in front of you, open up a pack of index cards. As you read through the important facts, rewrite them in **Q&A form** on the cards.

For Instance: to study historical facts, write the historical fact on one side of the card and the key details on the other side. To study geometry formulas, write the name of the formula on one side and the formula itself on the other side.

5. SNACK HEALTHY WHILE YOU STUDY



If you want to stay sharp while you study, stay away from junk food. Instead, snack on dark leafy greens, whole grains, peanut butter, milk and seafood.

Feeling sluggish? Caffeine or energy drinks won't help you in a long run. Get your energy boost instead by eating a banana or an apple.







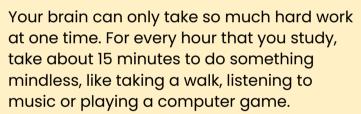
STUDY TIPS (CONTINUED)



6. NARROW IT DOWN

If you try to study every single thing your teacher has ever said, you'll go crazy. Instead, focus on the most important topics. If you're not sure what those are, read the study guide (if there is one), or ask your classmates. Once you're nailed down the important stuff, if there's still time left before the test, you can move on to finer details.

7. TAKE A BREAK



(You can even take a 15-minute nap, if you're confident you can wake yourself up and give your brain a chance to let all that information sink in.)

BONUS TIP!

Be present at their designated exam location at least 20 minutes PRIOR to the scheduled start time. Your timely presence not only reflects responsibility but also sets the stage for success. Best of luck to all our students in their upcoming examinations!

8. PUT YOURSELF TO THE TEST

Once you've got your set of flash cards, test yourself with them. If you don't trust yourself not to cheat, give the cards to your parents and have them test you. Don't stop till you've made it through the whole stack without any mistakes. And be sure to bring your flash cards to school with you on the day of the test: you'll be amazed at how much more you can retain if you run through the cards right before your teacher hands out the test packet.

9. GET SOME SLEEP ZZZ

You might be tempted to pull an allnighter, but if you do, you'll only be hurting your chances of getting an A. Get a full 8 hours of sleep so your brain is in good shape on test day.

10. STUDY ALL SEMESTER LONG

It's tempting to hold off on studying till the last minute, especially if you tell yourself that anything you try to memorize earlier on won't really stay in your brain. That's not true. Take some time throughout the semester to review all of your notes and re-read important passages in your text book. It might seem tedious, but it'll really keep all those facts in your brain on test day.







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

Credits

Additional

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			
Credits must be earned in the follow subject areas or courses:	wing	mmi	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) 			 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) A Social Studies 10 (5 credits) A Social Studies 20 (5 credits) 			 Northern Studies 11 (4 credits) Social Studies 10 (4 credits) A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits) (NEW Northern 	4 4 4		
 A Mathematics 10 (5 credits) A Mathematics 20 (5 credits) A Science 10 (5 credits) A Science 20 (5 credits) 			Studies 12 included as a Social Studies 12 option) A Mathematics 10 (4 credits) A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits) Science 10 (4 credits) A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4 4 4 4		
Required Core Cour	ses - Subtotal	50	Required Core Courses - Subtotal	40		
 Career & Life Management 20 (3 credits) Career & Program Plan (1 credit) Community Service (1 credit) 			 Career Life Education (4 credits) Career Life Connections (4 credits) (includes 30 hours of community service) 	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) 			 An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits) 	4		
Additional Required Cour	ses - Subtotal	16	Additional Required Courses - Subtotal			
 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. 			 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 fo	r 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 			 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.			

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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)



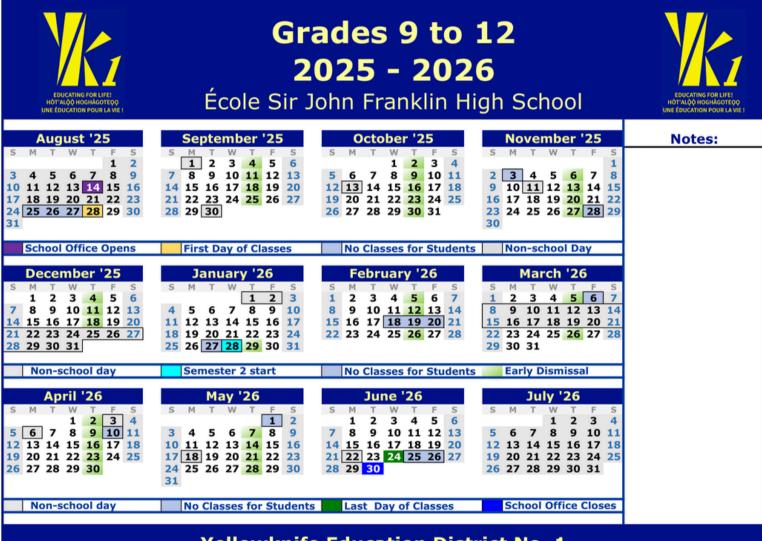








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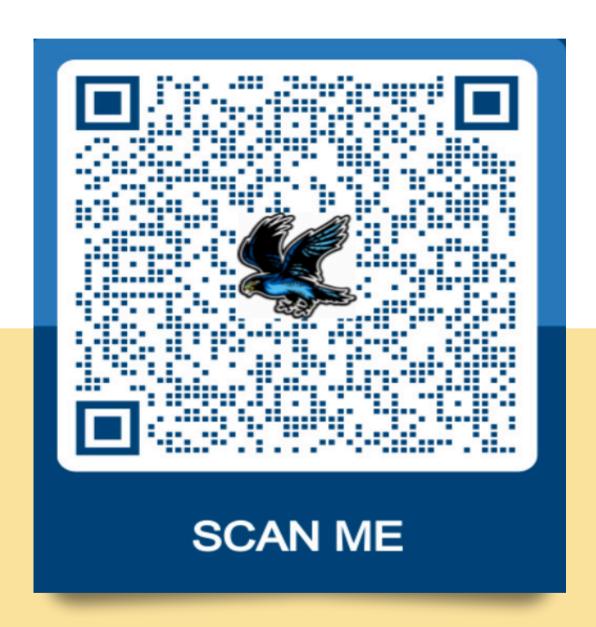
GET INVOLVED AT SJF!

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	nesday 3:45-4:30pm M		Ms. Shantora	
Debate Club	Friday	Lunch Rm		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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