

# OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message Mr. Dean MacInnis

Dear parents, this is not how we envisioned starting the new school year, but we will continue to make the best of it and work hard to stay connected with your child. Our teachers are teaching online every morning and providing more individual support in the afternoon. Students are encouraged to email teachers if they need extra help. All staff emails can be found on our website at [www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca](http://www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca).

Please check in with your child to make sure they are reading emails and responding to their teachers.

This year, we have many new staff members joining our SJF team. You can learn more about them inside!

### Morning Sessions

Period 1 - 8:30am - 9:15am

Period 2 - 9:20am - 10:05am

Period 3 - 10:10am - 10:55am

Period 4 - 11:00am - 11:45am

### Afternoon sessions:

Period 5 - 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Period 6 - 1:20pm - 2:05pm

Period 7 - 2:10pm - 2:55pm

Period 8 - 3:00pm - 3:45pm

### Afternoon sessions include:

- tutorial sessions
- review materials
- Q&A over email with teachers
- study groups
- One-on-one support (EA/PST/ Guidance/Counseling)
- homework
- watch videos
- professional meetings

On Wednesday, September 29th, staff and students wore orange shirts in recognition of Orange Shirt Day. Do you know why we wear orange? The orange shirt refers to the new shirt that Phyllis Webstad was given by her grandmother for her first day of school at St. Joseph's Mission Residential School in British Columbia. When Phyllis got to school, they took away her clothes, including her new shirt. It was never returned.

See inside for pictures of SJF staff and students honouring Orange Shirt Day.

Soon, parents will be receiving an email from me with details about our school. This email will include a video tour of the school and some great ways for you to stay connected to what's going on at SJF! As always, if you have any questions, please call (867) 669-0773.

Take care and stay safe.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October 11

Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL

### November 1

STIP Day NO SCHOOL for Students

### November 8

Report Cards Posted

### November 9-10

Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7pm

### November 11

Remembrance Day NO SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BREAK STARTS  
ON DECEMBER 22, 2021

## STAY CONNECTED

SJF Online:

Website: [www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca](http://www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca)

Email: [sjf@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:sjf@yk1.nt.ca)

Facebook (Sir John  
Franklin High School)

Twitter (@sjf\_school)

Instagram (sirjohnfalcons)



# WELCOME TO SIR JOHN!



## Jackie Arthur

My name is Jacqueline Arthur but everyone calls me Jackie. I moved to Yellowknife in the summer of 2020 from Nova Scotia with my husband and two children. I am working here at SJF as an EA. I have over 10 years of experience working with children of all ages with a focus on children with exceptionalities. I enjoy spending time with my family in my spare time and I look forward to exploring more of Yellowknife. I'm thrilled to be part of the SJF team and I look forward to learning more about all of you.

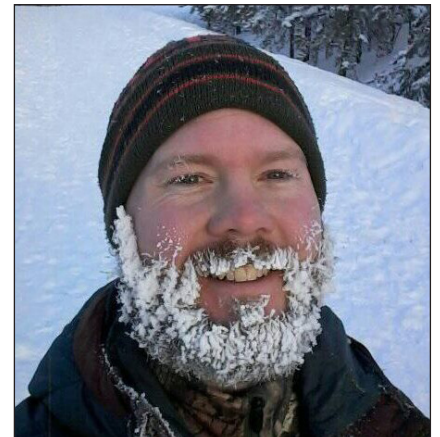
## Carina Lee

Hi, my name is Carina Lee. I was born in Romania and I am a Certified EA. This is my 1st Year with Yellowknife Education District No. 1. I'm a proud military spouse and mother of three. I've been in the NWT for almost three years and my previous experience is with Yellowknife Catholic Schools, running my own dayhome, and being a licensed foster parent. Outside of school, I have my own business, and enjoy photography, dancing, playing baseball; as well as many other outdoor activities with my family. I'm very passionate about food and travel. I am really looking forward to this upcoming school year with all of you.



## Ian Brown

Hello my name is Ian Brown. My current teaching assignment is grade 8 French Immersion. I have been teaching in the North for over ten years. I am an avid outdoorsman and an active member of the Canadian Rangers. I look forward to a great year with students in grade 8 at Sir John.



## Aidan Cartwright

My name is Aidan Cartwright and this will be my first year teaching at SJF. I will be instructing in Art, Drama, CALM and Wildlife. The North has always been my home and as a former student and graduate of SJF, I am looking forward to educating future generations of Falcons!



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## Kodi Bauldry

Hello, my name is Kodi Bauldry. I am a teacher at École Sir John Franklin. I moved to Yellowknife from Ontario, and am really enjoying my time teaching and learning in the north. Being a teacher means a lot to me, and I work hard to learn as much as I can from my students. It was a teacher that changed my life, and I want to be that teacher for as many students as possible. I have travelled all over the world for my education, and really love travelling in general. I enjoy playing sports, being outside, and playing cards.

“There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it’s going to be a butterfly” – Buckminster Fuller



## Chloe Duval

Hey y'all, my name is Chloe Duval and I have the pleasure of being an educational assistant at SJF, the school in which I am proud to say I graduated from. I was born and raised in Yellowknife and have always been fascinated by our amazing sunsets. For these past couple of years, I have worked in a variety of places such as Home Base, the Foster Family coalition, the Street Outreach Van and Range Lake North School. In my spare time, I love listening/practicing music, spending time outside making campfires, hiking/walking, sleeping and travelling. Thank you for taking the time to read a little bit about me!



## Piyush Gosain

Hello! I'm Piyush Gosain and I am teaching at SJF as an Educational Assistant. I moved to Yellowknife from Toronto and I am excited to start my career in education here at SJF. I completed my Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and Certified in FASD (Foundations in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder). I love camping, travelling and cooking in my spare time. Thanks for taking the time to learn a little about me!

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## Logan Shupe

Hello! My name is Logan Shupe, and I am a Educational Assistant at Sir John Franklin High School. As a recent graduate of Sir John it feels good to be back helping out the kids. I have lived in Yellowknife my entire life and enjoy playing sports like hockey, softball and just staying as active as I can!



## Brianna Tremblay

Hey!!! My name is Brianna Tremblay. I recently moved here from Trenton, Ontario with my husband and two kids. I am a proud military spouse. On the weekend I enjoy snowmobiling, four wheeling, hiking and hanging out with my family and best friend Mrs.C. I love to dance and make people laugh. I look forward to working and meeting you all.

## Shaun Doherty

My name is Shaun Doherty and I am originally from Lennoxville, Quebec. I am an academic counsellor at Sir John. The majority of my NWT years were spent in the beautiful community of Deline. My Bachelors of Education from Queen's University is focused on Aboriginal Education. I'm excited to be at Sir John, as well as living back in Yellowknife again. When I'm not working at school, I'm spending time with my wife raising our amazing twins.





## Taking Science Classes Outside in September

In the 2020-2021 school year, teachers explored other options for learning due to COVID. Members of the SJF staff created spaces outside of the school where students could learn in larger groups.

This year, Sir John has two locations for classes to experience learning outside. Science teacher Kim Poitras has used these locations for her science students to engage in labs and activities focused on plant and animals. Students created a "outdoor microscope" to explore and discover microscopic organisms. These experiences show how Science can be "cool"!



## Making New Friends and Why Pronouns Matter

A Knowledge Drop from the Gender & Sexuality Squad

Hey, there, You! Hello! Are you new to our school? Are you meeting new friends? Are you asking their pronouns, and sharing your pronouns? That's super!

It's early in the school year, so in case you have forgotten... a pronoun is a word that refers to the people talking (*you, I*) or to someone or something that is being talked about (*she, they, this*). Pronouns often have a gender implied, such as "she" for a woman/girl or "he" for a man/boy.

People may make an assumption of which pronouns to use based on someone's name or appearance, BUT making an assumption can unintentionally send a harmful message. It can be offensive or harassing to guess someone's pronouns.

**Actively choosing to ignore the pronouns someone has asked you to use for them can send the message that intersex, transgender, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming people do not or should not exist.**

And that is NOT how to make new friends!

**Instead, ask people**

**"What pronouns do you use?"**

**"How would you like me to address you?"**

**"Could you please remind me of your pronouns?"**

Instagram: @sjf\_gss

Some common pronouns you may have encountered are:

Subject	Object	Possessive
He	Him	His
She	Her	Hers
They	Them	Their
It	It	Its
Ze (or Zie)	Hir	Hir
Xe	Xem	Xyr
Ey	Em	Eir

These last three rows are examples of **neopronouns**, and can be used for gender neutral or gender nonconforming individuals. Always ask, because some people may not use pronouns and will prefer you to use only their name! If an individual uses dual pronouns, like "she/they" it is generally okay to switch between both sets – but again ASK!

If you make a mistake with someone's pronouns, correct yourself in the next sentence and move on. For example, if you are talking about someone who uses he/him pronouns and you say, "She is a great student. I'm sorry, I meant to say he is a great student." Don't make a big deal about it, but make sure to fix your mistake and do better moving forward.

**Never force someone to share their pronouns!**

Nothing may be more personal than the words people use to refer to us through our names and pronouns. **Using appropriate pronouns is a first step toward respecting people's gender identity and creating a more welcoming space for people of all genders!**

Sources: MyPronouns.org, [lgbt.ucsf.edu/pronouns-matter](http://lgbt.ucsf.edu/pronouns-matter), National Institute of Health blog

# Pronouns matter.



Share your pronouns.

Ask what pronouns others use.



# Feeding the Fire

Our NS10 class, with the guidance from MJ Lafferty, studied and carried out a successful "Feeding the Fire" ceremony... a celebration of being where we are on the land and a goal for a safe and successful year. Kyla Arrowmaker assists in giving the tobacco to their fellow students and staff while Carter Robertson places the tobacco in the fire.



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 [david@wasylciw.com](mailto:david@wasylciw.com) if you would like more information. To read minutes from previous meetings, visit our website at [www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca](http://www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca) and click the PAC button.



# Ms. McLeod's Grade 9 Social Studies class shares what they learned from the election...

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That the bloc Quebecois is very stupid because they are only caring about one province instead of the whole country.-Maura

your thoughts can change a lot in debates and how the prime minister is elected - Mackenzie

I learned how elections work -hailey

I learned that the debate can sometimes turn into a mud fight Hayden

I learned Interrupting others in debates and being aggressive doesn't do too much good for your campaign -Kibula

I learned what the political spectrum is - Yasmine

One thing that I learned is that an election can be held whenever as long as its within 5 years. -Ryan

I learned more about the government . devlin

Politics are futile, planet's still dying. And we killed it! :)

I Learned that electoral districts are called ridings - Nico

I learned that it takes around 4-5 years for a prime minister to be re-elected.) lily

There is a lot of talking and thinking

I learned how prime ministers are chosen  
Jos

One thing I learned from the election is a deeper understanding of the different parties' views. -Michael

There's a lot of arguing of how they'll do as prime minister

no point in having the election because everything stayed the same- Emmaleigh

I learned in more about how the federal election works. Ava

one thing I learned during the election is I care more about the environment than the economy- Emmaleigh

I know what municipal means -abby

waste of 600mill of tax payers money-emmaleigh

During the debate they all used different fallacies to get there opinions through. -Ofira

I learned that the debate can be a turning point in an election - Ms. McLeod

# Ms. McLeod's Grade 9 ELA class shares their six word memoirs...

**cold is  
here, hot  
coffee  
please**

**sun is out,  
tea is hot**

**im tired,  
cold,  
hungry,  
not ready**

**I am cold  
and very  
tired**

**In my  
room, in  
my class**

**play games  
after school or  
work**

**My alarm  
woke me  
up today**

**Tired,  
confused,  
happy,excited,  
tired still**

**wake up,  
eat, do  
stuff,  
sleep**

**im young  
scrappy  
and  
hungry.**



