

NOVEMBER 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

I trust the first two months of this school year have been an exciting journey for you all. We already embarked on a bustling start to the academic calendar, and there is plenty more in store.

November is one of our busiest month of the year. To ensure you stay informed about upcoming events, please refer to our website calendar or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

For those who have not yet secured their tickets to the SJF Drama production of "Grease"; I urge you to promptly visit our main office. We are thrilled to announce five evening shows scheduled for November 26 th – 30th at 7 pm in our Black Box Theatre.

Our volleyball athletes have had a triumphant run at tournaments in Fort Smith and Sr. Spike here in Yellowknife this year. Congratulations to all!

Our debate team traveled to New Brunswick to test their public speaking skills. It was an incredible experience had by all.

PowerSchool - If you are having any issues with downloading or seeing the report card, please contact our front office.

If you have any questions about our student's progress, please reach out to the teachers or guidance counselor team anytime.



**Yours sincerely,**  
Dean MacInnis

### IMPORANT DATES

**November 8**

Remembrance Day Assembly

**November 11**

Remembrance Day (No School)

**November 18**

Photo Day

**November 20**

Challenge Cup Hockey

**November 26-30**

GREASE Musical

**November 27**

Grad 2025 Parent Meeting

**November 29**

No School

**December 2**

Winter Concert

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# VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**Huge congratulations** to our Falcons for bringing home the **19U Girls Champion Banner** from the **Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament** in Fort Smith!

Your hard work and dedication paid off!  
Way to go, Falcons!





# DRAMA



Our **Drama Technologies** team is bringing some seriously cool stuff to the set of **GREASE!**

From innovative lighting effects to impressive stage designs, they're creating a world straight out of the 1970s!





# DRAMA



ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL



PRESENTS:

## 5 SHOWS!

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Nov 26</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Nov 27</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Nov 28</b>	<b>7PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Nov 29</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>ROOM 3</b>



**\$10**

Ticket Sells at SJF High School  
FRONT OFFICE 8AM -4PM

# BLACK BOX THEATRE

**Grab Your Tickets NOW!!!**





## MUSIC

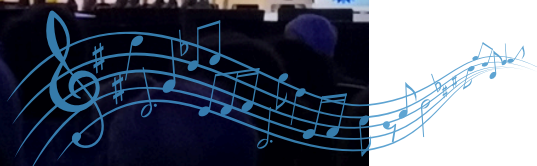


Grade 12 student, **Alice Winkler**, performed with the **Alberta Youth Choir at the Music Conference Alberta** which was held in Edmonton on the last weekend of October.

Alice auditioned for the group in the Spring when she was taking Choral Music 20 and was delighted to take part in a rehearsal weekend this Fall held in Calgary as well as a rehearsal and performance weekend in Edmonton and Lacombe.

The choir is made up of students ranging in age from 16 to 24 and were trained by guest conductor **Dr. Jamie Hillman** who is the Head of Choral Studies at the **University of Toronto**.

Our music teacher, **Susan Shantora** attended the conference and was delighted to have a Sir John student there representing our school and territory. Congratulations Alice on an amazing accomplishment!





# MUSIC

Here's the next musical performance we can all look forward to!



# Winter Extrava**BAND**za and **CHOIR**



TUESDAY DECEMBER 3



7:30PM



NACC

\*ADMISSION BY DONATION\*





## DEBATE CLUB

Mrs. Griffin took four students from our Debate Club to the **National Debate Seminar in Fredericton, New Brunswick!**



Throughout the week, we experienced a mock parliament in the actual legislature, attended inspiring presentations from **a university professor, the Green Party leader, and the Mayor at St. Thomas University**, and even enjoyed a fun day trip to a marine center and petting farm.





## DEBATE CLUB



The week wrapped up with an exciting day of debates at a local high school. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with students from across the country and strengthen our debating skills. Amazing representation from SJF!!





# SPIKE IT! VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The action began with an epic **Students vs. Staff Pep Rally** packed with BIG energy!



Find the full album on our Flickr Page:

<https://www.flickr.com/.../1625.../albums/72177720321643335/>





# PUMPLIN CARVING CONTEST

SJF students put their creativity to the test in this year's Pumpkin Carving Contest! Swipe through to see the impressive creations, and check out the FULL album for even more!

<https://www.flickr.com/.../16251.../albums/72177720321643260>





## HALLOWEEN AT SJF!





## INTERVIEW

with **Ms. Sofie Engelschjøn**  
by **Grayson Klein**

**Q: Where are you from?**

A: I am from Norway.



**Q: What do you miss about where you are from?**

A: I miss good food.

**Q: Why did you come to Yellowknife?**

A: I came to Yellowknife to work and also because I really like the lifestyle here.



**Q: What do you like about Yellowknife?**

A: I like to be so connected to nature, that it is so easy to go outside and to canoe in the summer and to go skidooing in the winter.

**Q: Tell me 3 things about yourself?**

A: I am creative, I travel a lot and I have a cat.



**Q: What is your favourite animal?**

A: My favourite animals are cats

**Q: What was your first job ever?**

A: My first job was as a waiter at a diner.

**Q: What is one thing on your bucket list?**

A: On my bucket list, I want to get a farm and I want to have an ostrich on that farm.





## NEW GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS



### What do you need to graduate?



New NWT graduation requirements for students entering Grade 10 in the 2024-2025 school year.

<b>English Language Arts</b> 10, 11, 12 Level (4 credits each) <b>12</b> Total Credits	<b>Social Studies</b> 10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each) <b>8</b> Total Credits	<b>Mathematics</b> 10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each) <b>8</b> Total Credits	<b>Science</b> 10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each) <b>8</b> Total Credits	<b>Northern Studies</b> 11 Level <b>4</b> Total Credits
<b>Career Education</b> Career Life Education (4 credits each) Career Life Connections (4 credits each) <b>8</b> Total Credits	<b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b> 10 Level <b>4</b> Total Credits	<b>Applied Design, Skills &amp; Technologies or Arts Education</b> • ADST Courses • Fine Arts Courses <b>4</b> Total Credits	<b>Additional Credits</b> <b>16</b> Total Credits	<b>Additional Grade 12 Credits</b> <b>8</b> Total Credits

A minimum of **80** credits is required for NWT graduation.

For more information, please contact your SJF Academic Counsellor.





## 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)	5	• A Language Arts 10 (4 credits)	4
• A Language Arts 20 (5 credits)	5	• A Language Arts 11 (4 credits)	4
• A Language Arts 30 (5 credits)	5	• A Language Arts 12 (4 credits)	4
• Northern Studies 10 (5 credits)	5	• Northern Studies 11 (4 credits)	4
• A Social Studies 10 (5 credits)	5	• Social Studies 10 (4 credits)	4
• A Social Studies 20 (5 credits)	5	• A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits) <i>(NEW Northern Studies 12 included as a Social Studies 12 option)</i>	4
• A Mathematics 10 (5 credits)	5	• A Mathematics 10 (4 credits)	4
• A Mathematics 20 (5 credits)	5	• A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4
• A Science 10 (5 credits)	5	• Science 10 (4 credits)	4
• A Science 20 (5 credits)	5	• A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4
<b>Required Core Courses - Subtotal</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Required Core Courses - Subtotal</b>	<b>40</b>
• Career & Life Management 20 (3 credits)	3	• Career Life Education (4 credits)	4
• Career & Program Plan (1 credit)	1	• Career Life Connections (4 credits) <i>(includes 30 hours of community service)</i>	4
• Community Service (1 credit)	1	• Physical & Health Education 10 (4 credits)	4
• Physical Education 10 (3 credits)	3	• An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	4
• Career & Technology Studies (5 credits) <i>(At any level)</i>	5		
• A Fine Arts (3 credits) <i>(At any level)</i>	3		
<b>Additional Required Courses - Subtotal</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Additional Required Courses - Subtotal</b>	<b>16</b>
• <b>Electives</b> (34 credits) at any level and in any course areas. <i>Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.</i>	34	• <b>Electives</b> (24 credits) at any level and in any course areas. <i>Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.</i>	24
<b>Total # of Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total # of Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Level 30 Credits</b> (15 credits)- <i>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.</i>		<b>Grade 12 credits</b> (16 credits) - <i>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.</i>	
<b>Departmental Exams</b>		<b>Provincial Graduation Assessments</b>	
• English 30-1, 30-2	• Chemistry 30	• Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment	
• FLA 30-1, 30-2	• Physics 30	• Grade 10 Literacy Assessment	
• Français 30-1, 30-2	• Biology 30	• Grade 12 Literacy Assessment	
• Mathematics 30-1, 30-2			
• Social Studies 30-1, 30-2			
<i>Note: A passing mark in English 30-1 or 30-2 is required to graduate (combination of exam and classroom mark).</i>		<i>Note: Completion of all assessments is required to graduate; however, a passing mark is not required.</i>	





## 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!**





## CLUBS / TEAMS / GROUPS

Weekly Schedule at a Glance!



Looking for something to do during Lunch Hour or After School? There's something for everyone! Check this out:



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Lunch Hour</b></p> <p><b>Intramurals</b> Gym</p> <p><b>GSS</b> Room 22</p> <p><b>Rock Band</b> Music Room</p> <p><b>Art Club</b> Room 15</p>	<p><b>Lunch Hour</b></p> <p><b>Intramurals</b> Gym</p> <p><b>Student Council</b> Leadership Room</p> <p><b>Grad Council</b> Room 29</p> <p><b>Chess Club</b> Room 19</p> <p><b>Art Club</b> Room 15</p>	<p><b>Lunch Hour</b></p> <p><b>Intramurals</b> Gym</p> <p><b>Choir</b> Music Room</p> <p><b>Social Studies Club &amp; Green Team</b> Room 36</p> <p><b>Club Euclid</b> Room 34</p> <p><b>*Coming Soon*</b> <b>Knitting &amp; Crochet</b> Room 41 (Starts when the snow flies)</p>	<p><b>Lunch Hour</b></p> <p><b>Intramurals</b> Gym</p> <p><b>MAGMA</b> Room 29</p> <p><b>Karaoke</b> Music Room</p> <p><b>Pizza Day</b> Foyer</p>	<p><b>Lunch Hour</b></p> <p><b>Intramurals</b> Gym</p> <p><b>Concert Band</b> Music Room</p> <p><b>Debate Club</b> Room 40 or NACC</p> <p><b>Retro Video Games</b> Room 14</p>
<p><b>After School</b></p> <p><b>3:23-4pm</b> <b>Homework Hub</b> Room 19</p> <p><b>3:45-5pm</b> <b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Room</p> <p><b>3:45-4:30pm</b> <b>Choir</b> Music Room</p> <p><b>3:30-4:45pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Jr. Boys</b> Gym</p> <p><b>4:45-6pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Sr. Boys</b> Gym</p>	<p><b>After School</b></p> <p><b>3:23-4pm</b> <b>Homework Hub</b> Room 19</p> <p><b>3:45-5pm</b> <b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Room</p> <p><b>3:30-4:45pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Jr. Girls</b> Gym</p> <p><b>4:45-6pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Sr. Girls</b> Gym</p>	<p><b>After School</b></p> <p><b>3:23-4pm</b> <b>Homework Hub</b> Room 19</p> <p><b>3:45-5pm</b> <b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Room</p> <p><b>3:45-4:30pm</b> <b>Concert Band</b> Music Room</p> <p><b>3:30-4:45pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Jr. Boys</b> Gym</p> <p><b>4:45-6pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Sr. Boys</b> Gym</p>	<p><b>After School</b></p> <p><b>2:40-3:40pm</b> <b>Young Parents Group</b> Room 38</p> <p><b>3:00-4:15pm</b> <b>Boys Hockey</b> Ed Jeske Arena</p> <p><b>3:45-5pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Jr. Girls</b> Gym</p> <p><b>5-6:15pm</b> <b>Spike it Volleyball Sr. Girls</b> Gym</p>	<p><b>After School</b></p> <p><b>3:45-5pm</b> <b>Fitness Club</b> Fitness Room</p>







# GET INVOLVED AT SJF!

## Boys Hockey

Mr. Curran

## Girls Hockey

Mr. Kilbride

## Volleyball

Mr. McDonald

## Retro Video Games

Mr. Cartwright

## Social Studies Club

Mr. Traynor

## Art Club

Mr. Cartwright

## Debate Club

Mr. Curran

## Gender Sexuality Squad

Ms. Wilson

## MAGMA

Ms. Ryan

## Drama

Mr. Peters

## Band & Choir

Ms. Shantora

## Student Council

Mrs. Oldford

## Grad Council

Ms. Martin

## Fitness Room

Mr. Skauge

**Check in with  
the teachers  
listed above to  
learn more!**





## École Sir John Franklin High School Calendar 2024-2025

### 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 2024

September 2024

October 2024

November 2024

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

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December 2024

January 2025

February 2025

March 2025

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

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April 2025

May 2025

June 2025

July 2024

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   Last Day of Classes  
   Early Dismissal

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## École Sir John Franklin High School Calendar 2024-2025





## Yellowknife Education District No. 1 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR Grades 9 – 12 SJF

### Important dates at a glance

School office open: Aug 15, 2024

First day back for school staff: August 26, 2024

**First day of classes:** Thursday August 29, 2024

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: November 6 and 7, 2024 (4-7pm)

**December Break:** Monday Dec 23, 2024 - Friday January 3, 2025

Semester 2 start: Jan 28, 2025

**March Break:** Monday March 17, 2025 – Friday March 28, 2025

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: April 15 and 16, 2025 (4-7pm)

**Last day of classes:** Wednesday June 25, 2025

Last day for school staff: June 27, 2025

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

### Statutory and Scheduled School holidays

<b>Labour Day</b> .....	Mon Sept 2, 2024
<b>Truth and Reconciliation Day</b> ...	Mon Sept 30, 2024
<b>Thanksgiving</b> .....	Mon Oct 14, 2024
<b>Remembrance Day</b> .....	Mon Nov 11, 2024
<b>December Break</b> .....	Mon Dec 23, 2024- Fri Jan 3, 2025
<b>March Break</b> .....	Mon Mar 17, 2025- Fri Mar 28, 2025
<b>Good Friday</b> .....	Fri Apr 18, 2025
<b>Easter Monday</b> .....	Mon Apr 21, 2025
<b>Victoria Day</b> .....	Mon May 19, 2025
<b>National Indigenous Peoples Day (day in recognition)</b> .....	Mon Jun 23, 2025

### Professional Development Days\*

Early dismissal on Thursday afternoons, (except in August, January and June)

All SJF students have no school on the following dates:

Fri Sept 27, 2024 (Culture)  
Fri Oct 25, 2024 (STIP)  
Fri Nov 1, 2024 (STIP)  
Fri Nov 29, 2024 (P/S/T)  
Mon Jan 27, 2025 (STIP)  
Mon Feb 17, 2025 (STIP)  
Fri Mar 14, 2025 (P/S/T)  
Fri Apr 11, 2025 (STIP)  
Fri May 9, 2025 (Culture)

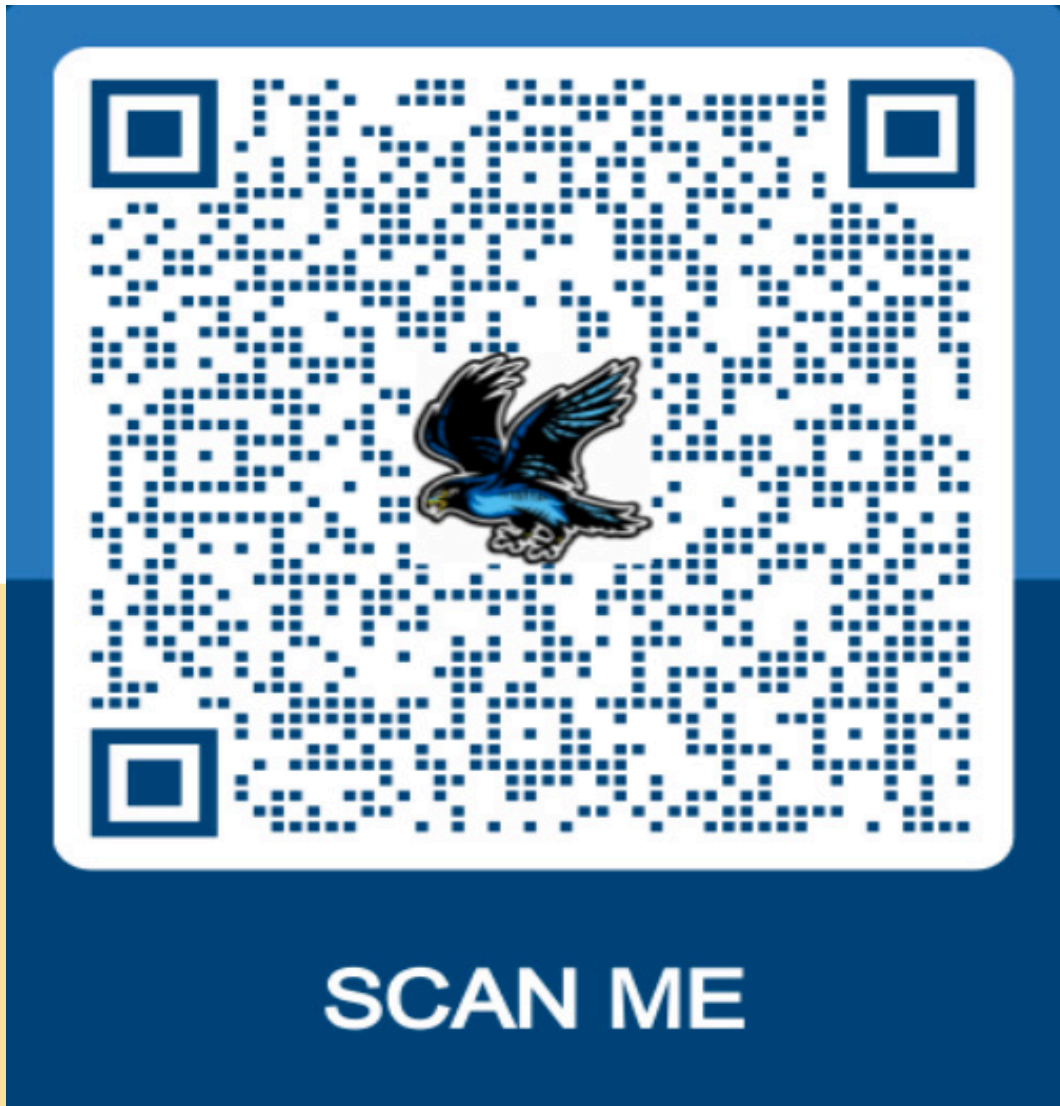
\*Professional Development Days include:

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





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