

## DECEMBER 2024

# NEWSLETTER



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

Time flies, and here we are in December. Although it's a brief month, our agenda is brimming with tasks to prepare for the upcoming winter break and January 2025 exams. Mark your calendars—Christmas break spans from December 21st to January 5th providing a well-deserved break. To make the most of this break, it's crucial for students to ensure they are up-to-date in all their classes, setting the stage for a focused preparation leading up to the final exams in January. Keep an eye out for the exam schedule, which will be posted early next month.

The last day of first semester's regular classes is slated for Wednesday, January 15th.

Let's take a moment to applaud Mr. Peters and the exceptional cast and crew of 'Grease' for delivering a captivating performance late November. In the past month we also witnessed the SJF Christmas Concert, showcasing the remarkable musical talents within our school community.

Hats off to our hockey players who showcased their skills and determination at the 40th Annual Wade Hamer Challenge Cup on November 20th. Both the Falcon girls and boys secured the championship, keeping the coveted cups home. Congratulations to our dedicated athletes and coaches—we couldn't be prouder!

For any concerns or questions, the SJF staff is here for you. Reach out via email or call the school at 669-0773 to arrange a meeting or discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Parents who missed the grad meeting on November 27th or didn't receive the subsequent email are encouraged to contact the school. Email addresses can be found on our website ([www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca](http://www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca)).

As we bid farewell to the current semester, mark your calendars for the commencement of Semester 2 classes on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025.

Wishing you a rejuvenating holiday season filled with joy. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**Yours sincerely,**  
Dean MacInnis

### IMPORANT DATES

#### December 3

Christmas ExtraviBandza Concert

#### December 13-14

Badminton Tourney

#### December 20

Christmas Assembly & Luncheon

#### December 21 - January 5

Winter Break

#### January 6

Back to School

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY







## CHALLENGE CUP PEP RALLY

### Celebrating 40 Years of Challenge Cup Hockey!

What a fantastic way to kick off this milestone! Alumni joined us to celebrate decades of hockey spirit, while our students dressed up in true Falcon pride to set the tone for the tournament ahead.







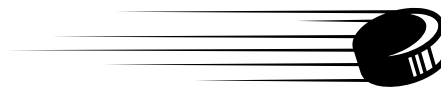
## CHALLENGE CUP PEP RALLY







## CHALLENGE CUP



The **Wade Hamer Challenge Cup 2024** was Wednesday, November 20th - at the Ed Jeske Arena. We are thrilled to announce that our girls and boys teams both took home the grand prize this year- the coveted cup!

Both games were well fought and a blast to play against our neighbours at St. Pat's. More photos are posted on our Flickr page. To see them follow this link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/162514633@N04/albums>







## CHALLENGE CUP







# DRAMA – Grease

We've got chills! The cast of Grease has been rockin' and rollin' and whatnot. Grease is the time, is the place, is the motion!

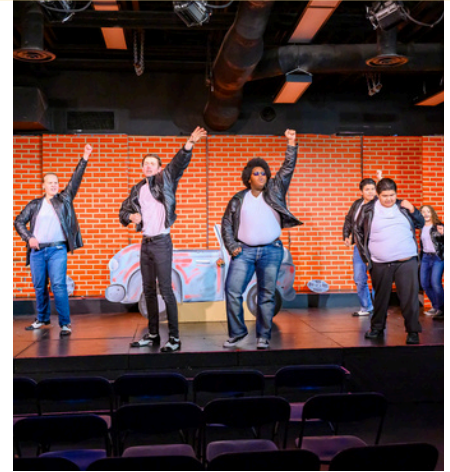






# DRAMA – Grease

With sold-out shows and unforgettable performances, our talented cast brought the house down every night!





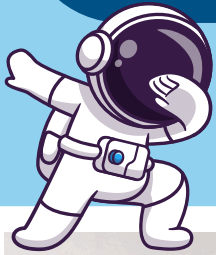


# SANTA CLAUS PARADE



Our Falcons lit up the parade with a stunning float, celebrating 40 years of **Challenge Cup** hockey spirit, promoting our upcoming musical **Grease**, and spreading holiday cheer — **all thanks to the incredible teamwork and creativity of our students!**



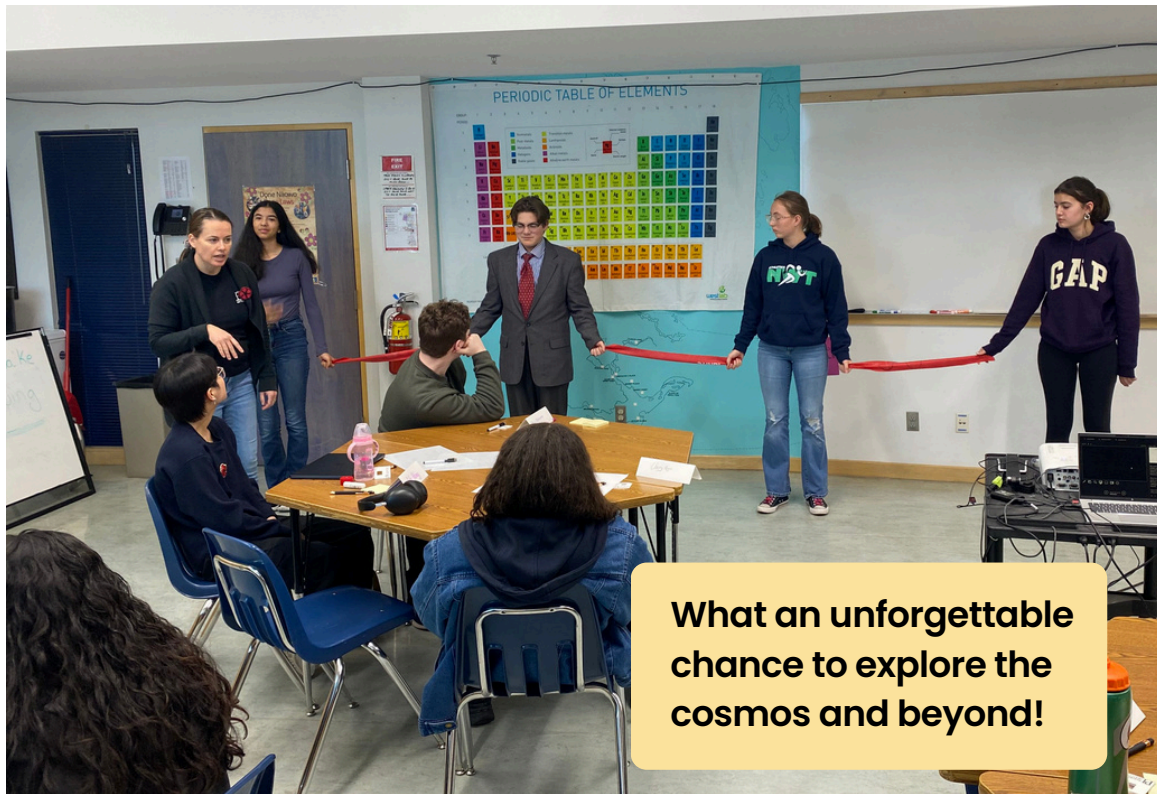
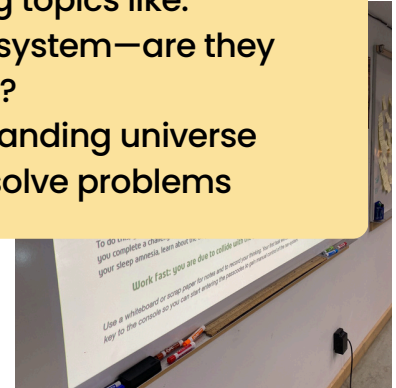


# SCIENCE

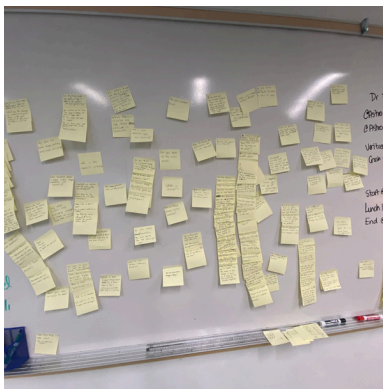
The **Perimeter Institute** visited SJF and brought an incredible presentation: **GoPhysics!**

Students explored fascinating topics like:

- Planets beyond the solar system—are they suitable for sustaining life?
- The Big Bang and the expanding universe
- How scientists think and solve problems



What an unforgettable chance to explore the cosmos and beyond!







# SCIENCE – Biology



On November 28, Dr. James Hodson, a biologist, and Amber Erasmus, a wildlife technician, visited the school to involve students in a wolf research study.

Students from three different groups were tasked with extracting specific teeth from skulls, which will be sent to a laboratory to determine the age of the captured wolves. It was a highly enriching experience for the students, as they gained hands-on familiarity with laboratory work.

We would like to extend our thanks to James and Amber's team for providing this opportunity to the students and for offering such a unique activity that bridges the gap between school and the professional world.







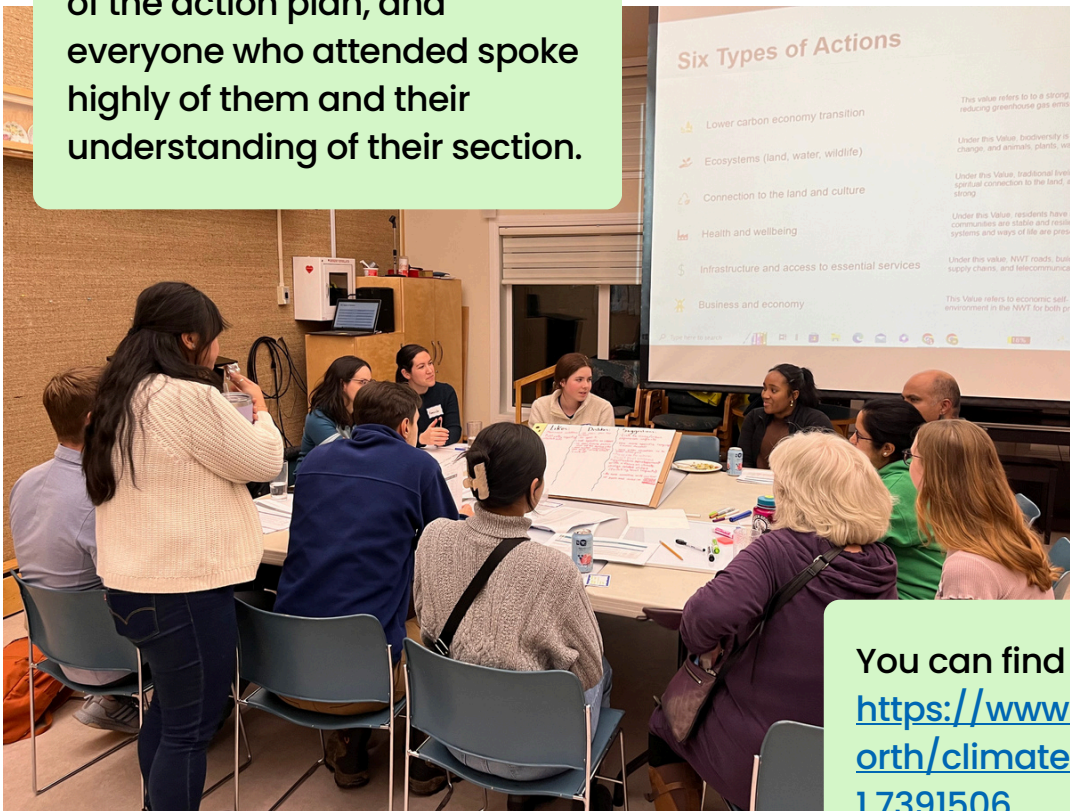
## GREEN TEAM

The **Green Team** had a meeting in November in collaboration with **Ecology North** and **Seniors for Climate** to discuss the new **GNWT Draft Climate Change Action Plan**, and the students who were there did an awesome job.



What doesn't work for you?  
What should be done instead?  
What is our vision for the future?

They manned a table to talk about the Ecosystems section of the action plan, and everyone who attended spoke highly of them and their understanding of their section.



### Six Types of Actions

- Lower carbon economy transition
- Ecosystems (land, water, wildlife)
- Connection to the land and culture
- Health and wellbeing
- Infrastructure and access to essential services
- Business and economy



You can find more info about it here:  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/climate-plan-feedback-event-1.7391506>

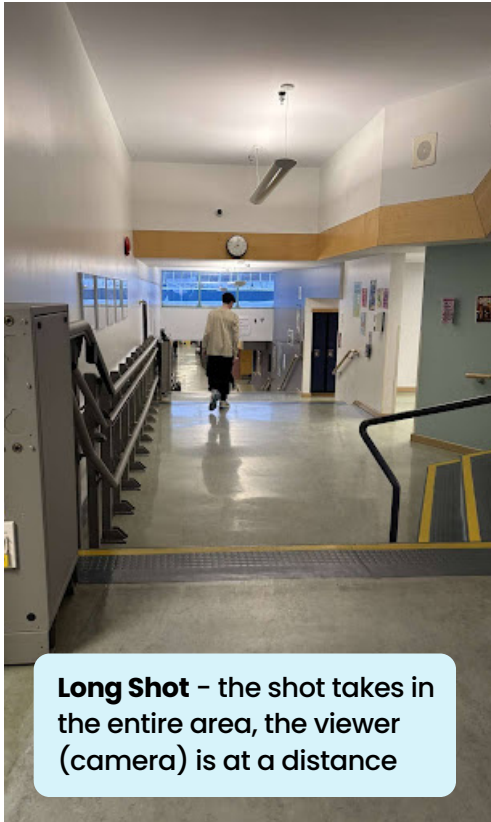






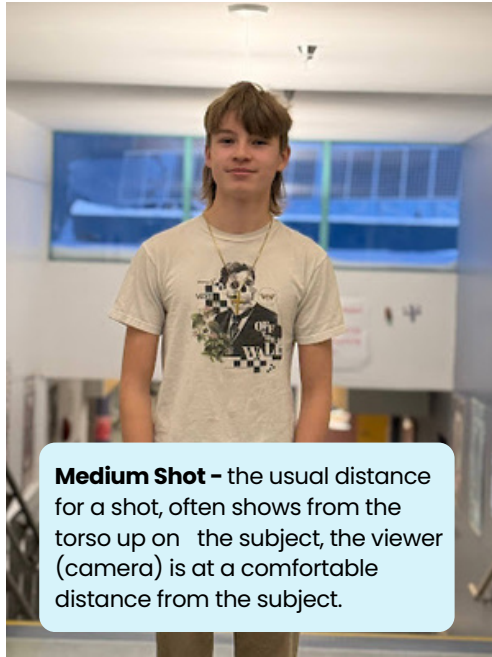
# VISUAL ELEMENTS

In Mr. Kooymans's ELA 9 class, students have been learning about different visual elements as part of our unit on Visual Literacy.



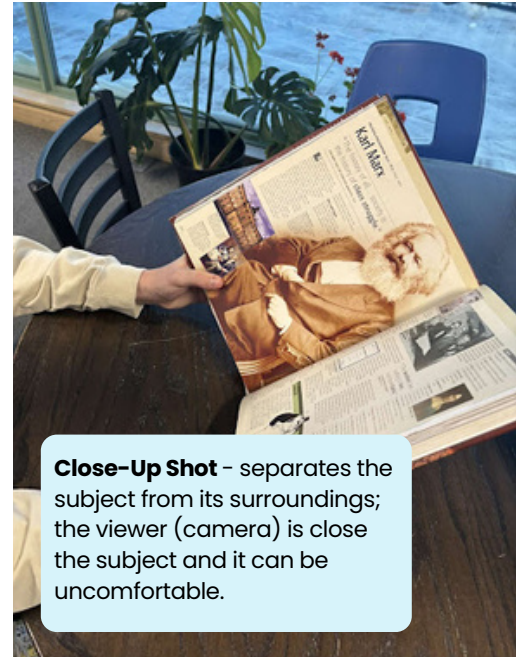
**Long Shot** - the shot takes in the entire area, the viewer (camera) is at a distance

Credit: Ruth, Hallie, Haemish, and Wyatt



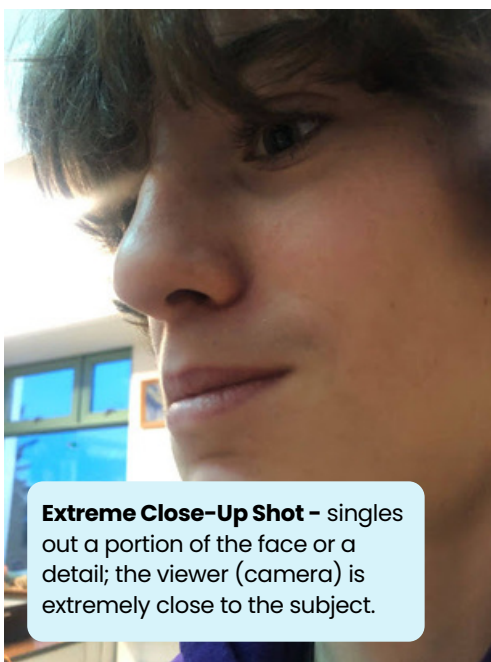
**Medium Shot** - the usual distance for a shot, often shows from the torso up on the subject, the viewer (camera) is at a comfortable distance from the subject.

Credit: Madeline Hotson



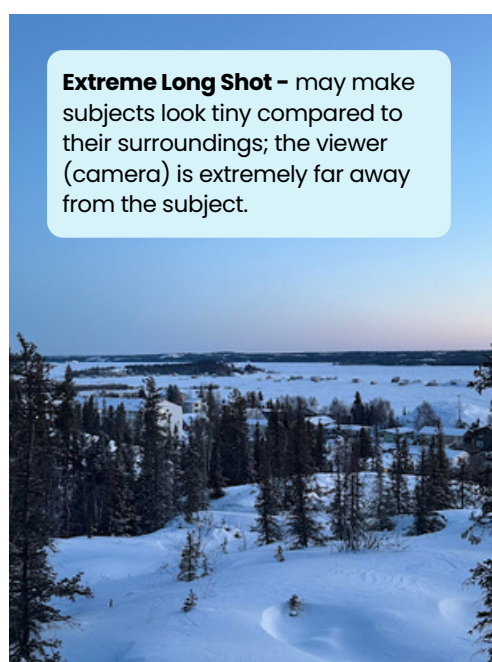
**Close-Up Shot** - separates the subject from its surroundings; the viewer (camera) is close the subject and it can be uncomfortable.

Credit: Ruth, Hallie, Haemish, and Wyatt



**Extreme Close-Up Shot** - singles out a portion of the face or a detail; the viewer (camera) is extremely close to the subject.

Credit: Nora Boken



**Extreme Long Shot** - may make subjects look tiny compared to their surroundings; the viewer (camera) is extremely far away from the subject.

Credit: Ruth, Hallie, Haemish, and Wyatt

Here are some examples that groups put together where they took pictures to illustrate their understanding of different types of shots, angles, lines, and focus that can be used for effect within photos.







# NEW GRADUATION REQUIRMENTS



## What do you need to graduate?



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

<p><b>English Language Arts</b></p> <p>10, 11, 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Social Studies</b></p> <p>10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>10, 11 or 12 Level (4 credits each)</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Northern Studies</b></p> <p>11 Level</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>
<p><b>Career Education</b></p> <p>Career Life Education (4 credits each)</p> <p>Career Life Connections (4 credits each)</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Physical Education &amp; Health</b></p> <p>10 Level</p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Applied Design, Skills &amp; Technologies or Arts Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADST Courses</li> <li>• Fine Arts Courses</li> </ul> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Additional Credits</b></p> <p><b>16</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>	<p><b>Additional Grade 12 Credits</b></p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Total Credits</p>

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 Education 10 (3 credits)	3	• Physical & Health Education 10 (4 credits)	4
• Career & Technology Studies (5 credits) <i>(At any level)</i>	5	• An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	4
• 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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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September 2024

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29	30					

October 2024

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November 2024

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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

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December 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2025

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February 2025

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March 2025

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

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April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025

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July 2024

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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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