

MAY 2024

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, both our student and grad councils hosted events. We had **MAGMA** students visit Mildred Hall School and Range Lake North in April to talk to Grade 8 students about Mental Health. The Student Council organized the **"Drop the Pop"** campaign to encourage healthy eating among students, while the **Green Team** hosted Earth Day events... etc. Check out the newsletter for pictures of all the activities that happened in April!

Our annual **Sir John Athletics Golf Classic** is on Saturday, June 1st. If you are interested in registering a team, please contact mitch.grady@yk1.nt.ca

Our music department has their **"Spring Serenade"** concert on Thursday, May 23th. The concert will be held at NACC and Admission is FREE!

Lastly, our soccer teams participated in the annual **Super Soccer** tournament on April 25th -28th. SJF had 10 teams with over 100 student-athletes. Congratulations to all of our SJF Falcons who brought home five banners!

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



Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORTANT DATES

- **May 7**
Skills Canada Competition
- **May 20**
Victoria Day - No School
- **May 23**
Spring Serenade Concert
- **May 31**
Last Day to submit Grad Bio & Grad Quotes
- **June 1**
SJF Athletics Golf Classic
- **June 3**
Last day to submit Scholarship Applications

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Sir John Franklin High School



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SUPER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Once again SJF was well represented at the annual **NWT School Championships Super Soccer Tournament** held here in town at the Fieldhouse!

We had 10 teams competing in the **4 different divisions**. **3- U15 Girls Teams, 3 U15 Boys Teams, 2 U18 Girls teams and 2 U18 Boys teams.**

Not only was our school represented in numbers but also in skill as we came away with **5 banners!**

-  **U15 Girls - Tier 1 Banner**
-  **U15 Boys - Tier 2 Banner**
-  **U18 Girls - Tier 1 Banner**
-  **U18 Boys - Tier 1 Banner**
-  **U18 Boys - Tier 2 Banner**

CONGRATULATIONS



Amazing job, Falcons! You make us all so proud!





SUPER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

A Huge shout out to our **photography student, *Luna Langlois***, who captured the intensity and excitement of the tournament!





SUPER SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Special thanks to all the coaches that gave up their time to prepare the players and then to guide them through such a successful weekend!



We could only include so much in this newsletter, so make sure to head over to our school's official Flickr Page for the full slam-dunk of memories!
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/162514633@N04/albums/>





MUSIC



The **SJF Junior, Senior and Concert Bands** performed at the **Yellowknife Music Festival** in the third week of April.

The adjudicator, **David Lum**, a retired teacher from Toronto District School Board was very impressed with their performances and the flexibility to adapt to new information and to improve quickly the students showed during the workshops.



Congratulations!

Each group received a rating: **Silver** the **Junior Band** and a **Gold** each for the **Senior** and **Concert Bands**!





MUSIC



The **Concert Choir** participated in a workshop and a concert at the **Northern Arts and Cultural Centre** with a guest choir called **Oran**.

They taught us a song with movement from South Africa that was sung in the **IsiZulu** language.



Students from **William MacDonald** and **Mildred Hall Schools** made up a part of the audience as well as some Sir John students for the 30 minute concert that **Oran** presented.

The music students will be presenting a **Spring Serenade** concert on **May 23 at 7 PM** at **NACC**.

ADMISSION IS FREE!





DIAVIK MINE TRIP



A huge thank you to **Stephanie Harris** and her **Rio Tinto** colleagues for hosting Sir John students and staff at the **Diavik Diamond Mine** on April 10.

Five staff and 25 students travelled north to **Lac de Gras** and spent the entire day immersed in a full operational experience at the mine. Truly Unforgettable!





MAGMA



MAGMA:

Magnanimous Advocates Generating Mental Health Awareness.

MAGMA students visited **Mildred Hall School** and **Range Lake North** in April to talk to Grade 8 students about Mental Health.



Picture shows: **Jaide Deutchman**, **Scarlett Anderson**, **Andrea Sieben** and **Katelyn Browley** (technical backup!) presenting at Mildred Hall School.

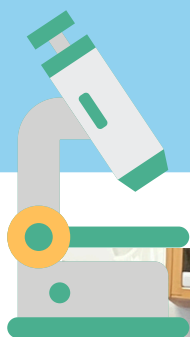


MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

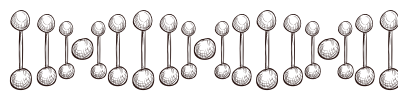
May 6-10 is Mental Health Week.

MAGMA will be giving out positive messages and **FREE POPCORN!**

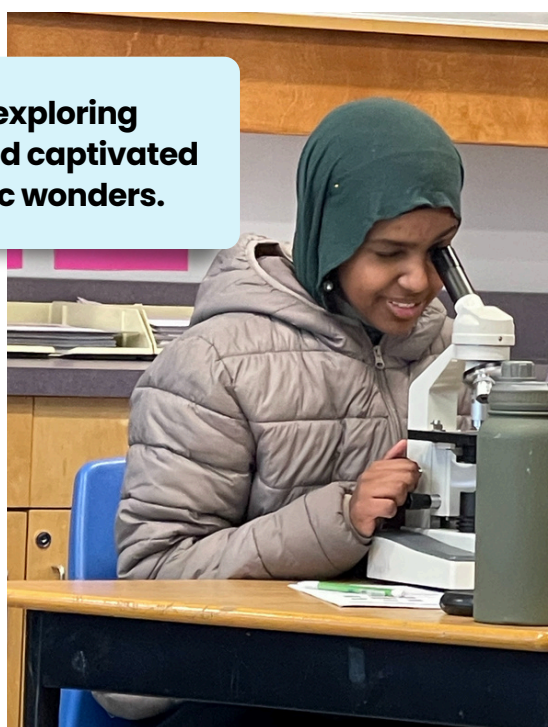




SCIENCE



Science students exploring unseen worlds, and captivated by the microscopic wonders.





Science meets culture! **Ms. Vaughn's** wildlife and northern studies students were taught how to **process a Wolverine** by traditional knowledge holder and trapper **Donavon Boucher**.





NORTHERN STUDIES

Student's from all areas of the school supported the second day of processing with around 150 students and teachers being a part of the learning.



Come check out the completed pelt in Ms. Waugh's classroom!





😊 TASTE OF THE NORTH

Taste of the North, envisioned by **Ms. Waugh** with the support of her family, is a cultural revitalization project which allows students and staff of SJF the opportunity to try Northwest Territories foods from locally sourced meats.



Student's in Ms. Waugh's Wildlife classes focus their learning on the zoology of the animal as well as how to hunt, process and use all the parts of the animal.

This time around, students have been learning about **bison** and processing a **bison skull** during class.

Ms. Waugh, with the help of her mom, made **bison meatballs** for students to try - they were a **BIG HIT!**





GREEN TEAM



For **Earth Week** this year, the **SJF Green Team** sought to engage and educate students with regard to issues surrounding the environment.



On Monday, April 22nd we hosted a free bake sale where students had to answer an environment-related trivia question in order to receive a free cookie, muffin, or cupcake.

On Tuesday, April 23rd we had a planting activity where students were able to plant a seedling in a recycled makeshift pot to take home.

Unfortunately, our wooden fish painting activity set for Wednesday, April 24th had to be postponed.



DROP THE POP!

Go for a SMOOTHIE instead!

FACT #1

Frequently drinking sugar-sweetened beverages is associated with weight gain, obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, kidney diseases, non-alcoholic liver disease, tooth decay and cavities, and gout, a type of arthritis

FACT #2

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.



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

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





SPECIAL GUESTS



Skills Canada promoting the Territorial Competition on May 7.



MacEwan University



Yellowknife Community Foundations introducing their scholarships.



Northern Alberta Institute of Technology





EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES



Prepare for an unforgettable journey into the world of aviation at the **Cross Country Tour** on **May 30th!**

Hosted by **Elevate Aviation**, this event, dedicated to empowering underrepresented groups in aviation careers, offers endless sky-bound possibilities.

Join us at the **Air Tindi** Hangar at 8:30 AM for inspiring talks from four speakers, including pilots, engineers, and aviation professionals.

With only 60 spots available, make sure to secure your spot ASAP!

Learn more and register at:

<https://elevateaviation.ca/programs/cross-country-tour/>

ELEVATE AVIATION

2024 CROSS COUNTRY TOUR

YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
THURSDAY, MAY 30 | FREE TO REGISTER

AIR TINDI

SCAN ME

NORTHERN YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMER CAMPS 2024!

Gana River Leadership Camp: June 24 - July 3, 2024 for youth aged 11-17 from across the NT

Nahanni River Rafting Adventure: July 6 - 21, 2024 for youth aged 16-18 from across the NT

Hidden Lake Leadership Canoe Trip: August 12-18, 2024 for youth aged 14-18 from across the NT

NYL COVERS THE COST OF RETURN TRAVEL BETWEEN THE YOUTH'S HOME COMMUNITY AND CAMP. THERE IS NO CAMP REGISTRATION FEE.

APPLY BY MAY 15, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL: 867-686-9926
EMAIL: DIRECTOR@NORTHERNYOUTH.CA

TO APPLY VISIT
WWW.NORTHERNYOUTH.CA/PROGRAMS

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Northern Youth Leadership (NYL), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing land-based programming for Northern youth, prioritizing safety and fostering connections to self, land, and community.

NYL's 2024 programming includes three exciting summer camps catering to different age groups, from the **Gana River Leadership Camp** in the Mackenzie Mountains to a **paddling expedition** at Hidden Lake, just outside of Yellowknife.

Learn more and register at:


<https://northernyouth.ca/programs/>

For any questions, please reach out to Goliah, Deh Cho Dene from Łı́ıdlı́ Kúé First Nations, and the Program Coordinator for Northern Youth Leadership, at coordinator@northernyouth.ca






STUDENT SERVICES



MENSTRUATION SHOULDN'T BE TABOO. PERIOD.

Don't be shy – we're here for you. Feel free to talk to us anytime with your questions.

Make sure to visit Student Services if you are in need of Menstrual Products!

 SJF Student Services

CHOOSING MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS



MENSTRUAL PADS

Disposable or reusable pads that are worn inside underwear to absorb menstrual blood.

TAMPONS

Cylindrical products made of absorbent material that are inserted into the vagina to absorb menstrual blood.



MENSTRUAL CUPS

Reusable silicone or rubber cups that are inserted into the vagina to collect menstrual blood.

PERIOD PANTIES

Underwear designed with special absorbent fabric that can be worn without additional period products.



REMEMBER:

It's important to change pads, tampons, menstrual cups, and sponges regularly.

 SJF Student Services

We are well stocked with all kinds of menstrual products!

Please feel free to take whatever you need, and ask us if you have any questions!



SJF Student Services





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

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September 2024

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October 2024

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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

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January 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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Non-school day No Classes for Students 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

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





GET INVOLVED AT SJF!

Boys Hockey

Mr. Curran

Girls Hockey

Mr. Killbride

Olympic Weight Lifting

Ms. Waugh

Retro Video Games

Mr. Cartwright

Social Studies Club

Mr. Traynor

Green Team

Ms. Robson

Debate Club

Mr. Curran

Gender Sexuality Squad

Ms. Wilson

MAGMA

Ms. Ryan
& Mr Doherty

Drama

Mr. Peters

Band & Choir

Ms. Shantora

Student Council

Mrs. Oldford
& Ms. Brancato

Grad Council

Ms. Martin

Fitness Room

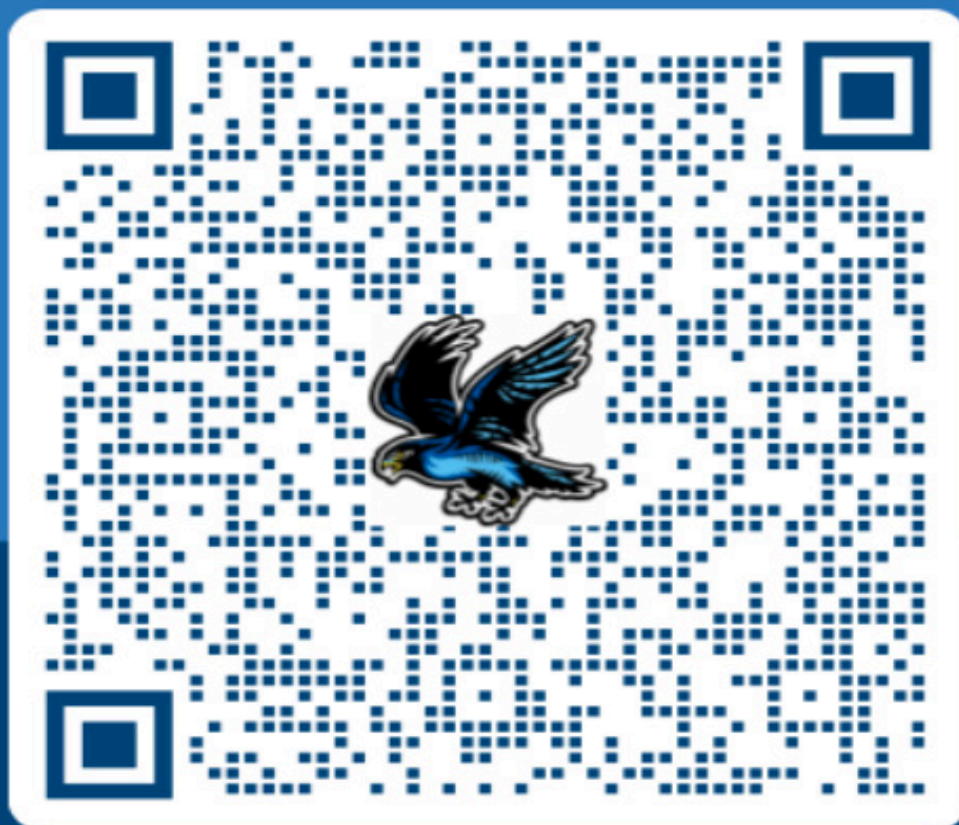
Mr. Eastcott

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





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