

SEPTEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

Welcome back everyone! A new school year is upon us. We would like to welcome our new Grade 9's and all other new students to Sir John. SJF has so much to offer, and we encourage all students to find a club, sport, or any of our many extracurricular activities to join. Trying something within the school that you are passionate about or want to experience for the first time will contribute to your sense of belonging here and will enrich your overall high school experience.

We are very excited to welcome back our graduating class: The Class of 2025. As the graduating class, you will provide leadership and purpose in all aspects of student life. Your role as leaders within our community is a significant responsibility and directly contributes to SJF's history of excellence. We are confident you will meet and exceed our expectations as student leaders. Grade 12 is a year where your hard work and dedication are celebrated and where you get to create many life-long memories. We are excited to share this important year with you.

Our student timetable and course planning were created based on student course requests from the spring. Our counselors have done an extraordinary job of changing and verifying student course requests based on what they chose in the spring. Please understand that course change requests will be extremely limited and may not be possible in most circumstances due to many factors including the size and composition of our classes.

Students with schedule change requests must book an appointment with their guidance counselors via email or through the front office staff. All schedules must be followed until any changes are confirmed.

Our school runs a five-period a day schedule in order to meet more needs for students and their course choices. We will continue to have early dismissal Thursdays with the exception during the months of January and June. Please review our class times on the next page. We are looking forward to a very exciting school year with great school experiences. If you have any questions please call us at (867) 669- 0773 or email at sjf@yk1.nt.ca.



Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

- **October 14**
Thanksgiving Day (no school)
- **October 18-20**
Fort Smith Volleyball Tournament
- **October 25**
No School
- **October 31 - November 3**
Spike It! Volleyball Tournament

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OPEN HOUSE



We're excited to kick off the school year by showcasing the wide range of programs and awesome facilities we have to offer.

From Language, Math, Science, Social Studies, Fine & Performing Arts, to Career & Technology Programs, Indigenous Education, Fitness Centre, and our competitive athletics - there's something for everyone, and we were excited to show it all off!





TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

This assembly was held in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Day, featuring presentations created and delivered by our students. We remember the survivors and those who never returned home.

A heartfelt thank you to the YKDFN Drummers for leading a powerful drum circle with 680 participants! Together, we reflected on healing, unity, and the resilience of Indigenous peoples.



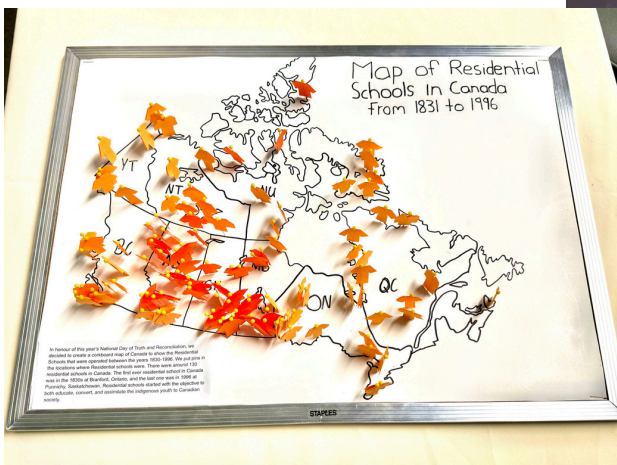


SOCIAL STUDIES

A job well done by Social Studies Club members, Lena Nguyen and Kirsten MacLellan, for engaging the student body's participation in creating a poster for this year's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremony.



Their poster features handprints and thoughts from students across the school in connection to the theme, advancing reconciliation in Canada through allyship and decolonisation.

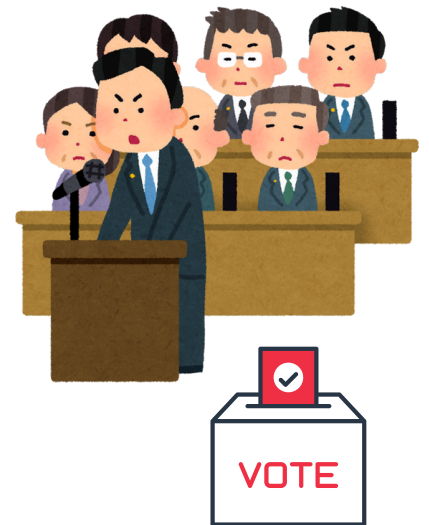
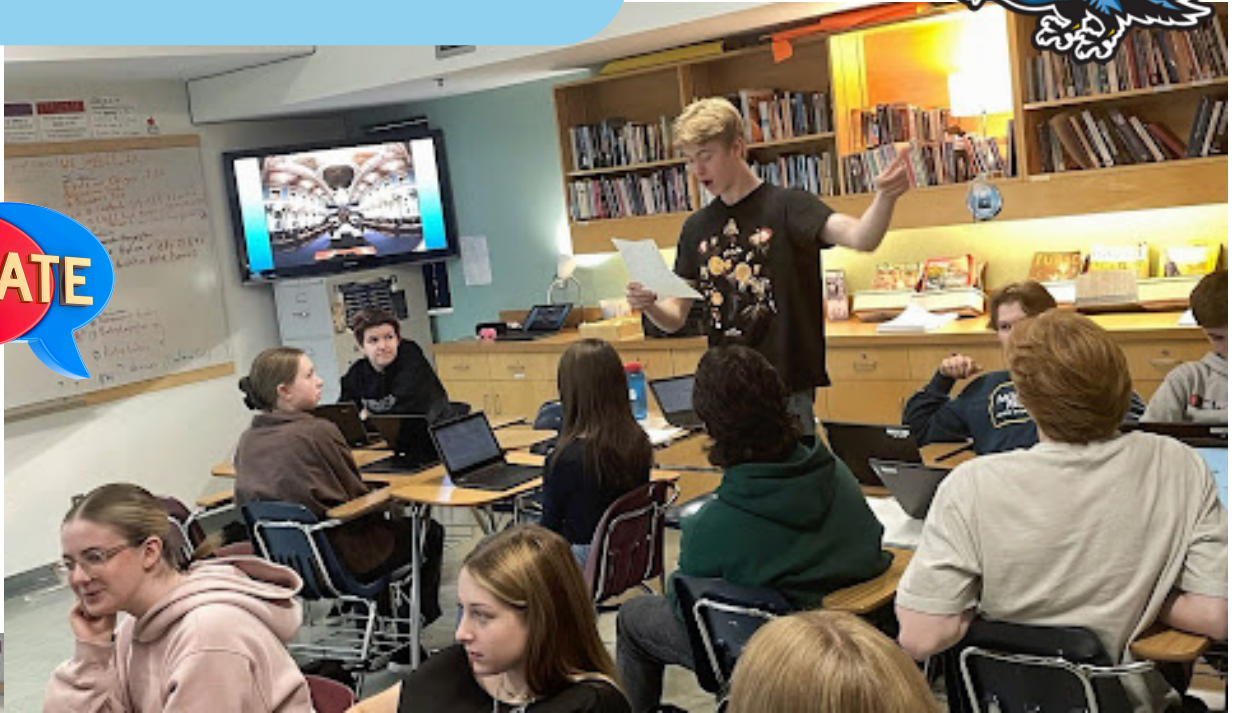




SOCIAL STUDIES



DEBATE



Students in Mr. Traynor's social studies class combined their passions, knowledge, and skills for oration to simulate a session of provincial parliament as they debated and voted on real life bills. Their focus was on controversial legislation that relates to nationalism in Canada.



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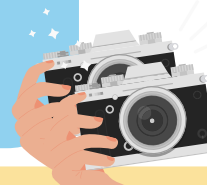
What an incredible weekend at the **Aurora Ford Elks Soccer Tournament** in Hay River! **The SJF Girls brought home the banner** - **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!**

Our boys fought hard and made it to the finals. We're proud of your effort and know you'll come back stronger next time!





ELKS SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Shout out to our student, **Luna Langlois** for photographing the precious moments!





NWT CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our cross-country champions! SJF has clinched the overall points **WINNER** title at the **2024 NWT Cross Country Run!**



Thank you **Physical Literacy NWT** for some of these photos!





NWT CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS





MATH

The Math Dept welcomed representatives from the **Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)** to speak to its Grade 10 students about income tax returns.



Questions that arose:

- Who should file an income tax return?
- Must all income be reported (babysitting money)?
- What is the deadline for filing annual taxes?
- For what is income tax used?
- Where can I get help with my tax return?
- What if I make a mistake on my return?

For information on these questions and more, visit www.canada.ca.

Shown here with their guests are Annika Sluggett, Cora Almond and Gabe Aucoin.

Here is a picture of Kole Desjarlais (Grade 10) working on calculating gross income.





DRAMA



JOIN US!

Step into a time warp because in 2024, the spirit of the 70s is alive, and **GREASE** is the word!

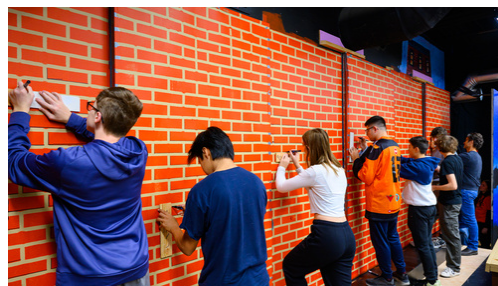


WANT TO TAKE THE SPOTLIGHT?
Consult with your Drama Teacher Mr. Peters, Music Teacher Ms. Shantora, and your academic counselor to become part of the **GREASE** magic!

SHOW DATES: November 25-28

Are you excited for **GREASE** yet? Our set design crew sure is!

Check out the hard work going into building the set for the musical—it's all coming together!



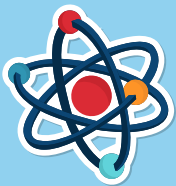
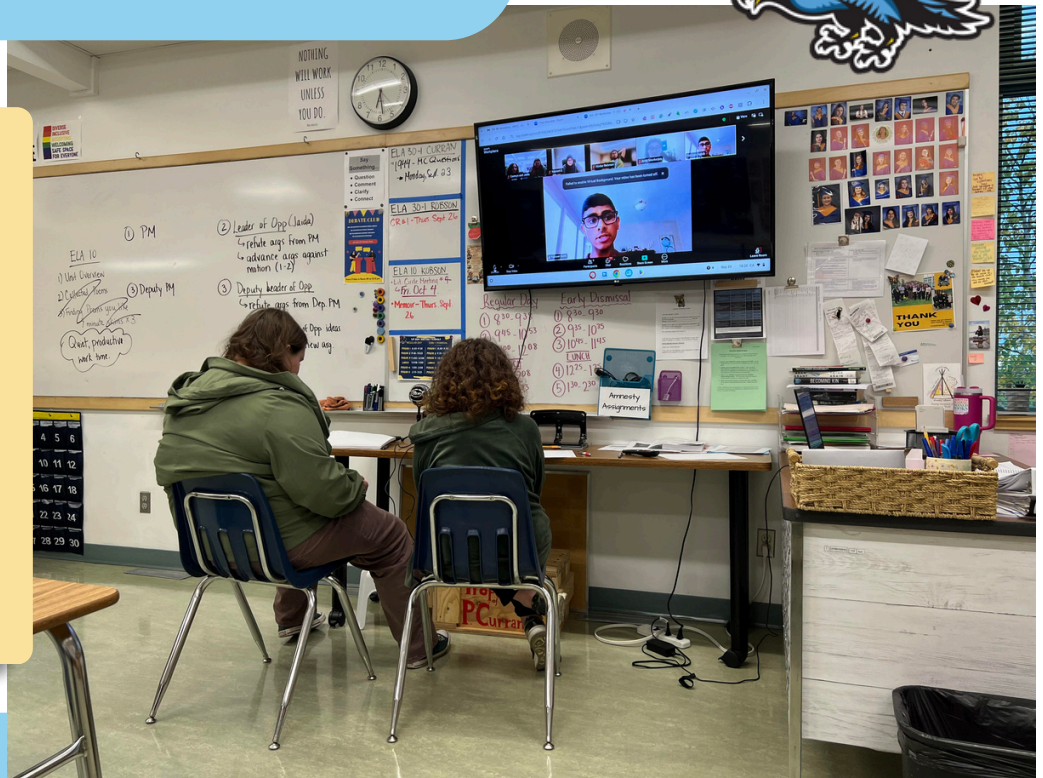


DEBATE CLUB

SJF Debate Club

members Camryn Brown and Jaida Deutschmann participated in a workshop on British Parliamentary Debate hosted by Hart House at the **University of Toronto**.

We learned a lot and had fun trying this new style!



SCIENCE



From examining tiny details under microscopes to dissecting pigs and exploring electric circuits, our science classes are always filled with hands-on experiments!





INTERVIEW with Mr. Alex Griffin by Grayson Klein

Q: Where are you from?

A: I'm from a town called Romsey in the South of England, our closest city is Southampton or Portsmouth.

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

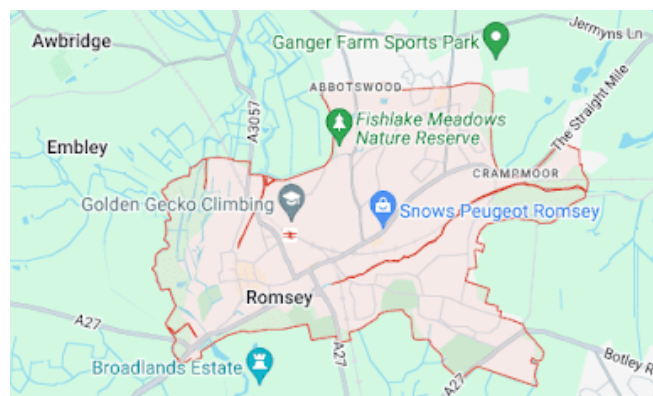
A: I miss all of the histories of the area, I miss all of the castles and the abbey's and the huge cathedrals. I miss the architecture from the medieval periods and all of the buildings being from the early centuries, everything about where I'm from is just so steeped in history.

Q: What is your favorite book and why?

A: That's a really hard one.. I really love books; could I give you my favorite author? My favorite author is an author called Dan Jones and he writes narrative histories of the middle ages and the medieval period and the way he writes, the way he explains history and narrates it is really really really enthralling. I really enjoy reading his books. He has another one coming out about King Henry V this year which I'm quite excited for.

Q: What do you like about Yellowknife?

A: I love the people in Yellowknife. I love being so close to the outdoors, I love being able to live feeling so entwined with nature and how the weather affects my daily chores. I love how it's a community of people that are all here for the same reasons and there's a lot of like-mindedness in this city. It's just such a friendly, bubbly place and there's a lot to do for everybody. I really enjoy the facilities we have, I really enjoy the hiking we have, I really enjoy the paddling and canoeing and the water activities but most of all, I love winter. I love it when it's minus 40, I love it when it's snowing, I love skiing, I love everything that winter has to offer.





INTERVIEW with **Mr. Alex Griffin** by **Grayson Klein**

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Well, if it's not chocolate, it's gotta be just a really simple charcuterie. I really love different cheeses and different meats and really simple, cold foods. My favorite cheese is red leicester.



Q: What do you like about Sir John Franklin High School?

A: There's so much to love about this school. I love how everyone is so friendly. Everybody comes everyday with the willingness to learn and improve or to be a better person. I think everybody here, all of the staff are so, how do I describe it? All of the staff have their special unique ways of getting through to students and to teaching. Every one of the staff are patient with all the kids and how they teach. I think the school has vast amounts of resources that encompasses all different types of learning. The school I went to didn't have all the CTS departments and everything was so regimented and heavily streamed, and so if you don't fit in, you fall out. I love how inclusive the school is in trying to let everyone access that level of education. There's something for everybody at this school.

Q: What was your first job ever?

A: When I first moved to Canada I was just turned 15 and there was a concrete plant just a few driveways down from us and so I helped them out in a big storm and he offered me to be his weekend worker. From the age of 15 all the way through till finishing high school I spent every weekend working at a concrete plant building patio blocks and learning to drive machinery and learning to drive big trucks and I'd go on jobs with them and we'd put in septic fields and septic tanks and we had these big boom crane trucks that I learned how to use. My background is in trades and running machinery so that job started me on this path of running big machinery. I used to go in on the weekends and grease all the machines and do weekend maintenance and snow plow and all the fun stuff.

Q: What is one thing on your bucket list?

A: I'm in the process and have some hours towards getting a private license for an airplane and one of the items on my bucket list that is most important is that one day I will have that private license and I'll be able to take my wife for a flight. I think that would be really cool.





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>Lunch Hour</p> <p>Intramurals Gym</p> <p>GSS Room 22</p> <p>Rock Band Music Room</p> <p>Art Club Room 15</p>	<p>Lunch Hour</p> <p>Intramurals Gym</p> <p>Student Council Leadership Room</p> <p>Grad Council Room 29</p> <p>Chess Club Room 19</p> <p>Art Club Room 15</p>	<p>Lunch Hour</p> <p>Intramurals Gym</p> <p>Choir Music Room</p> <p>Social Studies Club & Green Team Room 36</p> <p>Club Euclid Room 34</p> <p>*Coming Soon* Knitting & Crochet Room 41 (Starts when the snow flies)</p>	<p>Lunch Hour</p> <p>Intramurals Gym</p> <p>MAGMA Room 29</p> <p>Karaoke Music Room</p> <p>Pizza Day Foyer</p>	<p>Lunch Hour</p> <p>Intramurals Gym</p> <p>Concert Band Music Room</p> <p>Debate Club Room 40 or NACC</p> <p>Retro Video Games Room 14</p>
<p>After School</p> <p>3:23-4pm Homework Hub Room 19</p> <p>3:45-5pm Fitness Club Fitness Room</p> <p>3:45-4:30pm Choir Music Room</p> <p>3:30-4:45pm Spike it Volleyball Jr. Boys Gym</p> <p>4:45-6pm Spike it Volleyball Sr. Boys Gym</p>	<p>After School</p> <p>3:23-4pm Homework Hub Room 19</p> <p>3:45-5pm Fitness Club Fitness Room</p> <p>3:30-4:45pm Spike it Volleyball Jr. Girls Gym</p> <p>4:45-6pm Spike it Volleyball Sr. Girls Gym</p>	<p>After School</p> <p>3:23-4pm Homework Hub Room 19</p> <p>3:45-5pm Fitness Club Fitness Room</p> <p>3:45-4:30pm Concert Band Music Room</p> <p>3:30-4:45pm Spike it Volleyball Jr. Boys Gym</p> <p>4:45-6pm Spike it Volleyball Sr. Boys Gym</p>	<p>After School</p> <p>2:40-3:40pm Young Parents Group Room 38</p> <p>3:00-4:15pm Boys Hockey Ed Jeske Arena</p> <p>3:45-5pm Spike it Volleyball Jr. Girls Gym</p> <p>5-6:15pm Spike it Volleyball Sr. Girls Gym</p>	<p>After School</p> <p>3:45-5pm Fitness Club 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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 Non-school day
 No Classes for Students
 Last Day of Classes
 Early Dismissal

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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*

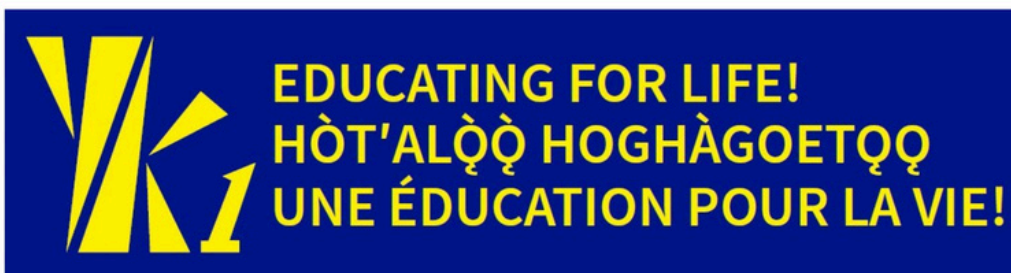
Early dismissal on Thursday afternoons, (except in August, January and June)

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)

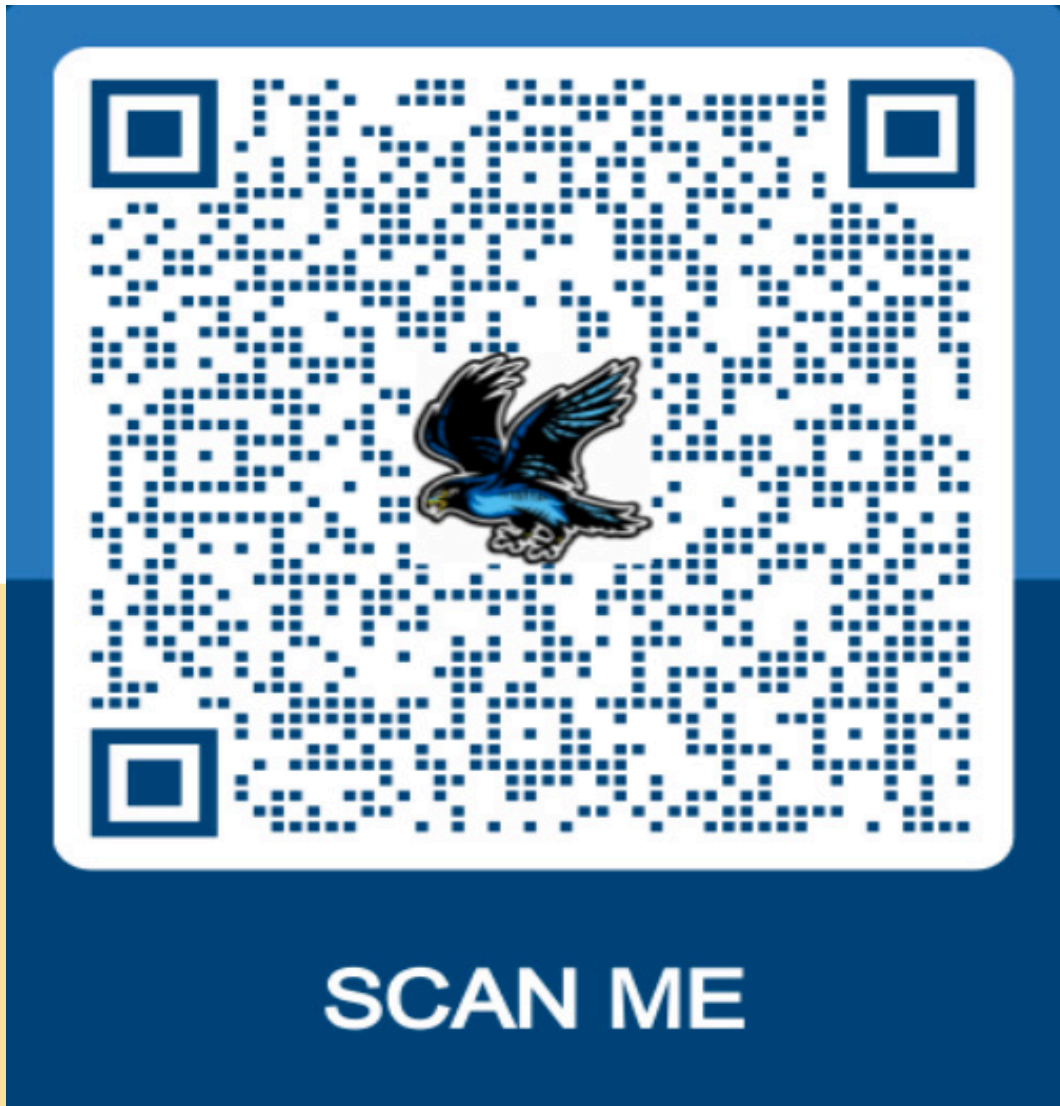
*Professional Development Days include:

- 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)





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