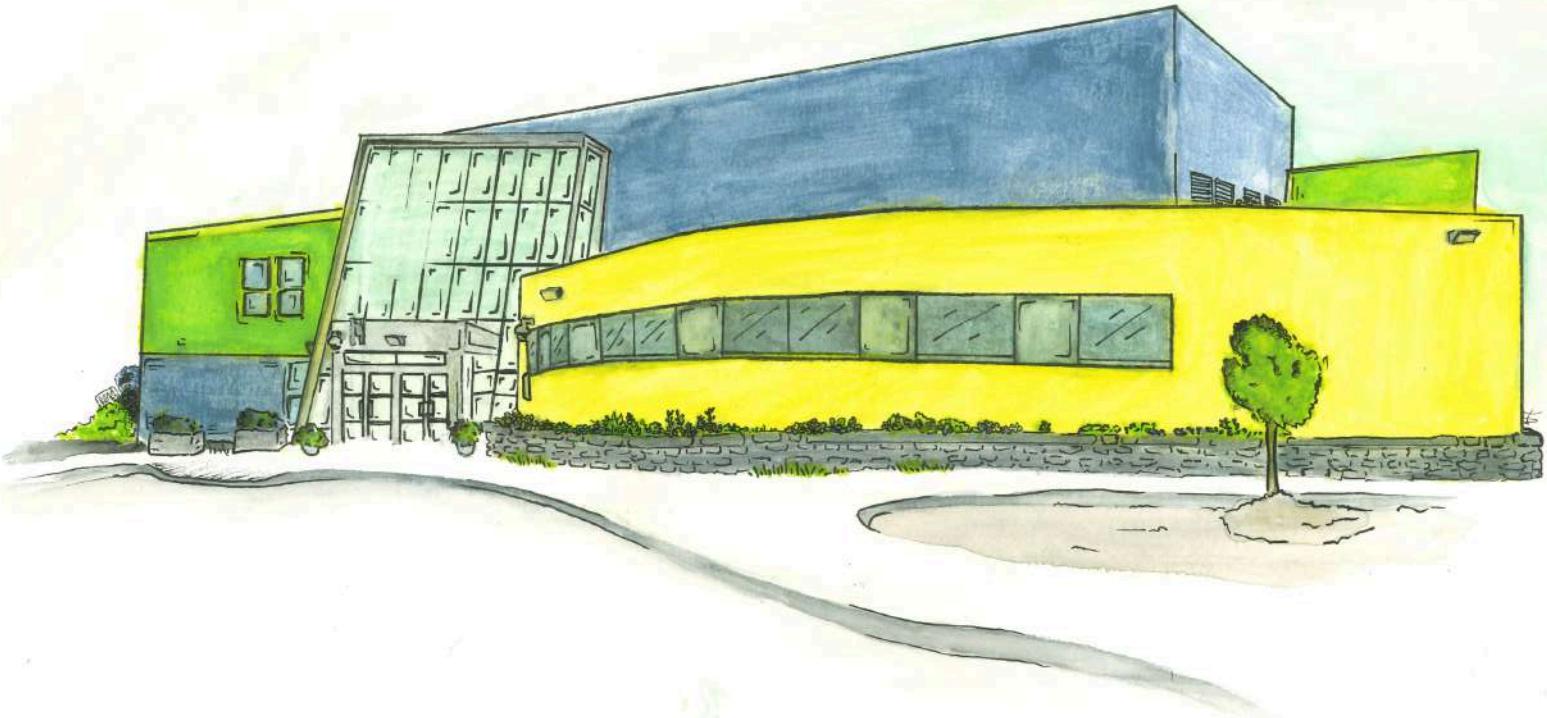


École Sir John Franklin High School

Class of 2025



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- Kiran Ray
- Kathlyne Langlois
- Hayden
- Jonathan Dalton
- Chelsey Bartlett
- Stephanie K
- Taylor
- Jordan
- Hayley Koskin
- Leah Hall
- Asher Hutton
- Nestor
- Gray
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- Victorina Hamilton
- Ali
- Ellen Ray
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- Harley Chorostkowski
- Grace Yson
- Andrea Mc



Principal's Message

Good afternoon graduates, families, staff, and honoured guests.

Today, we come together to recognize a moment that is filled with pride, emotion, and a deep sense of accomplishment—the graduation of the Sir John Franklin High School Class of 2025. SJF opened its doors back in 1958 and today we celebrate the 66th graduating class of SJF.

Many thoughts rush to my mind when I look out at this graduating class:

Some of you are a part of attending SJF as grade eight students - only two of those groups of students exist - Grad 2025 and 2026. You are a part of a unique group of students.

These students joined SJF for that extra year as *Itłò* was being built. Those students were excited yet the parents were incredibly nervous for their little one to be in high school...some parents more nervous than others (not saying anyone's name or anything - right Janet and Keri-Lynn) ...but look at them now. It went by in a flash.

When you do remember high school in the years to come.....memorable moments that you shared together...things like:

- Challenge Cup sweep two years in a row
- "Grease" drama production in your final year
- Art shows and musical production at the NACC
- Raising awareness about Mental Health with MAGMA
- Trips to Ft. Smith for volleyball, Hay River for outdoor soccer, track & field, debate club events in Saskatoon, or choir in Edmonton
- Just hanging out in the school; foyer at lunch - intramurals in the gym - being with your favourite people in your favourite place in Sir John

In addition, the moment you put the time in when it counted most:

- Emailing Mr. Kirkham late at night with a question
- Getting extra help in math with Ms. Schlosser over lunch
- Asking Mr. Curran - Mr. Hagen - Ms. Robson for an extension for an ELA essay
- Scheduling extra language support with Madame Sonia or MJ
- Attending band and choir practices with Ms. Shantora at lunch and after school in preparation for performances

These are the moments you will remember and the stories you will tell at future reunions and gatherings.

I ask you now to stay in the present.... graduates sitting here today – you have made it. You have crossed a finish line that you have been running toward for years. However, more importantly, you have done it in a time that demanded resilience, creativity, and strength of character.

As you step forward into your next chapter – whether that be post-secondary studies, trades, work, or travel – I want to leave you with four themes that reflect what I have seen in you during your time at Sir John and what I hope you will carry forward.

First - Perseverance

If this journey has taught you anything, it's that life doesn't always go according to plan. There are late nights, hard losses, and moments where quitting seems easier than continuing. However, the truth is this: showing up matters. Time and again, you've walked through these doors and faced whatever the day held. Whether it was recovering from a tough test, navigating personal challenges, or bouncing back from disappointment, you stood strong. That perseverance has built something in you that no grade or certificate can measure – grit.

Keep showing up, even when it's hard. Especially when it is hard. That is where character is built. That is where the real growth begins.

Second - Be Driven

This world does not need more people going through the motions. It needs people who care, who push, who strive. I have seen that drive in many of you – in the classroom, on the court or rink, on stage, in your art, your activism, and your leadership.

Whatever goal you set, chase it with purpose. Push yourself a little further than what feels comfortable. Take risks. Be bold. Remember that effort is not just about ambition – it is about passion. Pursue what excites you; what moves you, what you are curious about. You do not need to know all the answers right now. But keep moving in the direction of something that matters to you.

Third - Embrace a Growth Mindset

You are not a finished product. None of us are. The world will ask you to adapt, to learn, to keep evolving. That is a gift.

Be willing to develop new skills, seek out feedback, and stay open to change. Do not fear failure—it's often your greatest teacher. Growth doesn't mean you weren't good enough before; it means you believe in your potential to be even more. And that belief—that mindset—can carry you through every challenge, every detour, and every unexpected opportunity.

Be curious. Be teachable. And keep learning—always.

Finally - Be Compassionate

It's easy to think success is only about pushing forward. But in truth, how you treat others along the way is just as important as how far you go. Kindness is strength. Empathy is courage.

As you go out into the world, carry compassion with you. Stand up for others. Listen well. Offer a hand when someone stumbles. Our world is facing complex challenges, and what it needs most are people who lead not just with their heads, but with their hearts.

Be the person who makes someone else feel seen, valued, and understood.

Graduates, you are leaving Sir John as more than students; you are leaders in your own lives. You carry stories of perseverance, passion, growth, and kindness. I hope you take pride in what you have accomplished and remain excited for what lies ahead.

Let your values guide you. Let your dreams pull you. And let your character—your true north—shine through in all you do.

On behalf of all of us at Ecole Sir John Franklin High School, congratulations, Class of 2025. We are so proud of you.

Thank you – Mahsi Cho – Merci



Thank you,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean MacInnis".

Dean MacInnis

Principal
École Sir John Franklin High School

June 2025

Congratulations to the Class of 2025

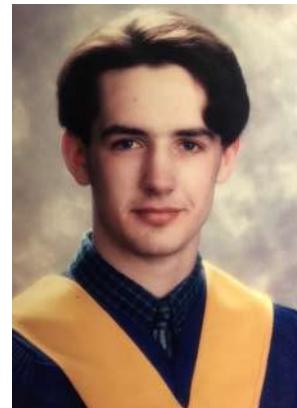
from the staff of École Sir John Franklin High School



Dean MacInnis
Principal
Class of '88



Angela Martin
Asst. Principal
Class of '06



Peter Curran
Asst. Principal
Class of '94



Kristen Au Johnston
Class of '01



Shona Barbour



Kodi Bauldry
Class of '09



Dominique Bennett



Dale Bouchard



Cora Brancato
Class of '12



Aidan Cartwright
Class of '04



Crystal Catholique



Lindsay Chiasson



Colleen Cornett



Brent Currie



Janice Daly



Nathan Doering



Shaun Doherty



Jean-Yves Drouin



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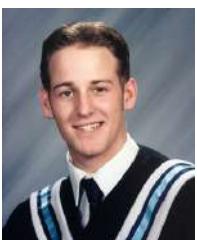
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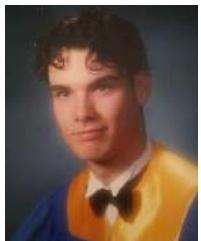
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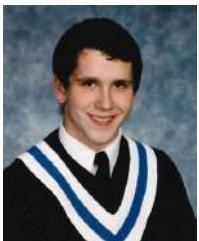
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Jeremy Kielstra
Class of '98



Mark Kilbride
Class of '99



Stephen Kirkham
Class of '01



Dan Knox



Robin Kooymans
Class of '05



MJ Lafferty



Marie-Line Lamarche



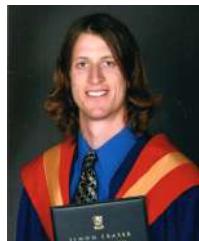
Carrie Lauder
Class of '93



Sonia Longchamps
Class of '94



Spencer Lyman



Sean Magee
Class of '03



Wendy Malkin



Millie Marsh



Denine McDonald



Bridget McLeod



Nikita Morozov



Lea O'Keefe



Stephen Offredi



Sharon Oldford



Steve Payne



Landon Peters



Isabelle Robidas



Tomiko Robson
Class of '96



Jerome Rondeau



Alison Ryan



Pam Schlosser



Robyn Scott



Susan Shantora



Logan Shupe
Class of '18



Greg Skauge



Craig Smith



Evelyne Straker
Class of '95



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Class of '00



Brianna Tremblay
Class of '10



Gillian Waugh
Class of '10



Alycia Wilson
Class of '06



Gwen Young

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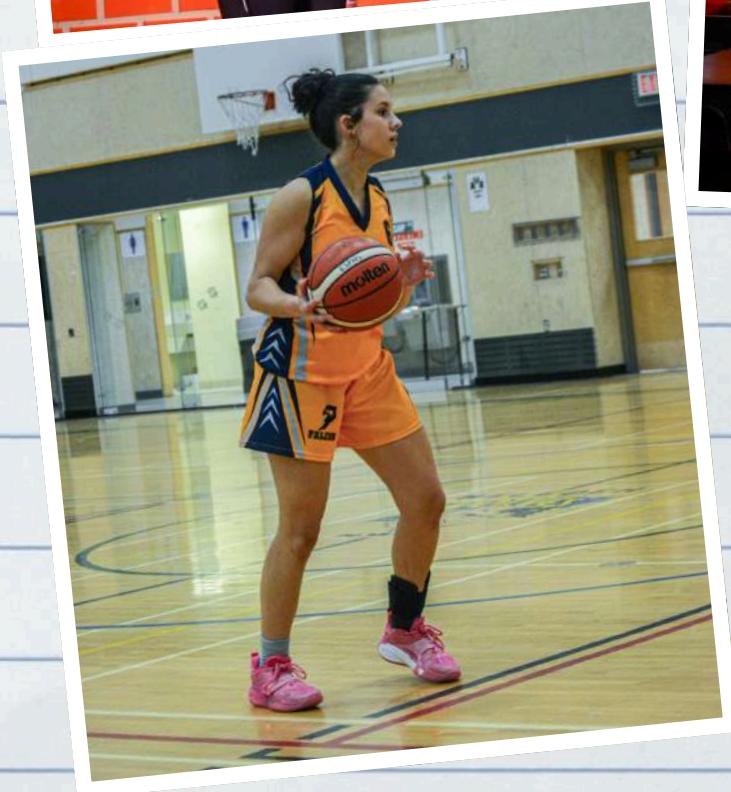
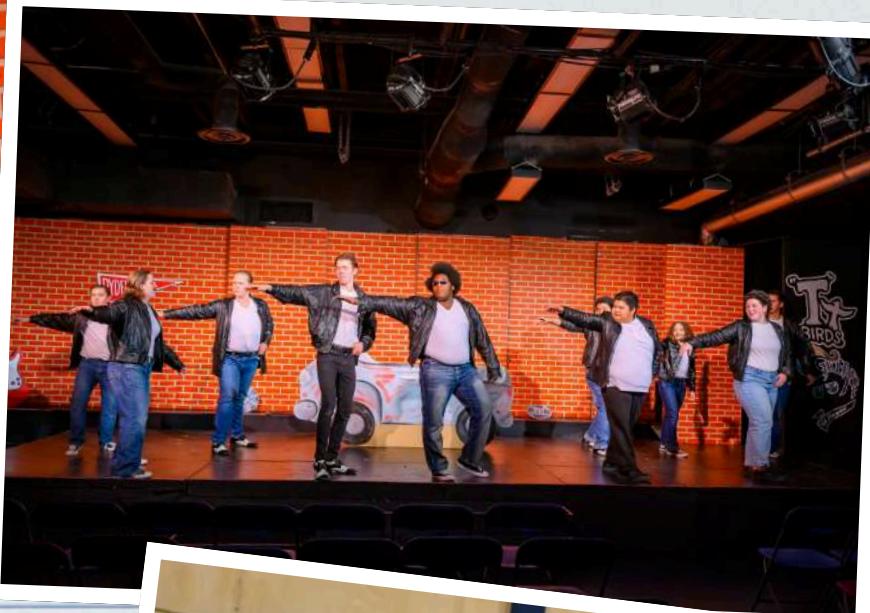
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



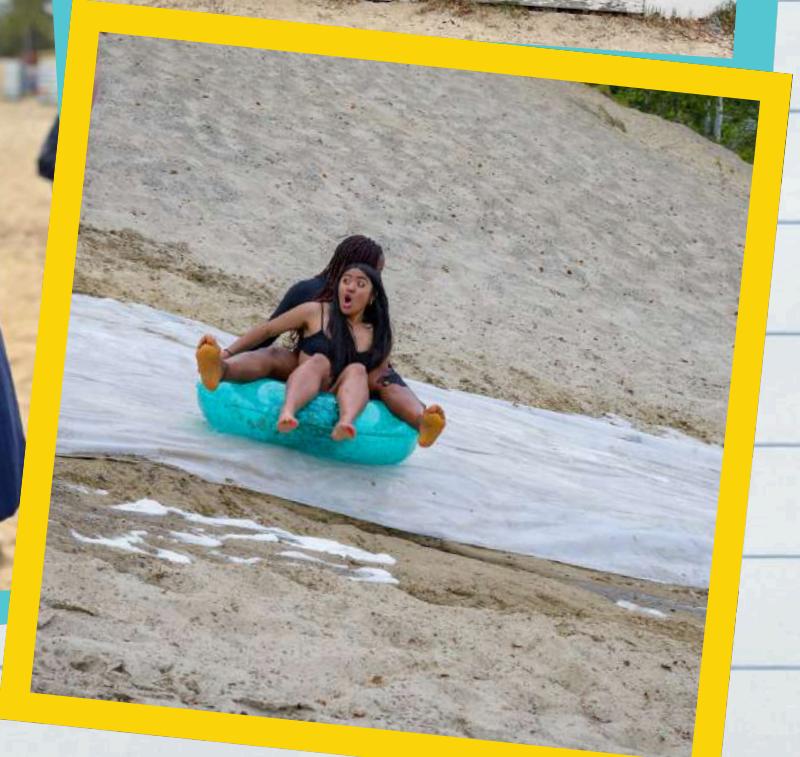






INDIGENOUS HONOUR CEREMONY









Class of 2025



Khaled Al Hajj

"I didn't come this far to come this far and not be happy." - Kim K



Ebrahim Ali

There are no facts, only interpretations.



Sara Anderson

Follow the plan, not the mood.



Yasmine Angeles

May this journey lead us starward.



April Ansetti



Hendrix Balmer



Rhiannon Balmer

You only live once, so take hold of the chance. Don't end up like others, the same song and dance.



Chelsey Bartlett

If it won't bother you in 5 years, don't let it bother you for 5 mintues.



Bianca Bates

Yes, Mama!



Penelope Berrub

At least I didn't peak in high school.



Alessio Bertolini

High school is the best.



Nia Bottomley



Class of 2025



Lochlan Brotherston

I came, I slept, I conquered.



Saia Brown

"You don't have to be sorry for leaving and growing up" - Matilda, Harry Styles



Ace Card

The main thing in life is to know your own mind.



Keenian Cardinal-Sunshine

In you can't convince them, confuse them.



Mackenzie Chiasson

"I spent my life folded between the pages of books" - Shatter Me Series by Taherah Mafi



Raymond Chiasson

The world is yours.



Kalley Chorostkowski

Follow your heart. It knows where it's going.



Jessa Chrvala

"So long... partner"- Toy Story



Annabella Churchill

"Moo." (68% accuracy)



Adam Clinton

"To infinity and beyond!"
- Buzz Lightyear



Jeffrey Crocker

"It won't happen overnight, but if you don't start it won't happen at all."
Instagram Reels 2025



Ryan Cunningham

Some moms fear failure. My mom fears I'll eat cereal for dinner every night.



Class of 2025



Brooke Durnford

"Simply lovely."



Ofira Duru

"Let's go boyz" - (IBA)



Ella Eagle

Thank you, Beyonce.



Kevon Football



Jack Fox

"They call me big | cuz they won't stop hitting me, but when they see my resilience they stop and call me liver." - a wise man



Simon Fox

"There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen." - Vladimir Lenin



Rowan Fulford

"Sometimes I'll start a sentence and I don't even know where it's going. I just hope I find it along the way." - Michael Scott



Lacey Furniss

"This is why I cast you the way I do."
- Landon Peters



Jonathan Galvez



Quinn Gillard



Michelle Gon

If you work hard enough, you'll be able to achieve all your goals.



Hayden Gour



Class of 2025

**Nestor Grey**

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that is why it is called the present." - Master Oogway.

**Tamara Grimard**

Yippie yippie

**Abby Hall**

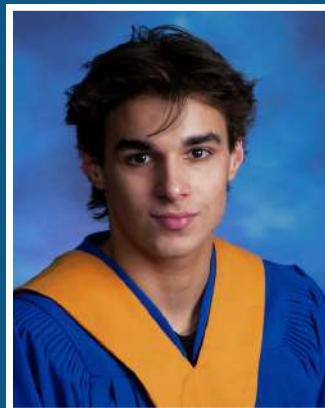
"Big like tree, smart like rock."

**Lunar Hall**

Wait for it... Aaron Burr Hamilton

**Victoria Hamilton**

Welcome to the real world, it sucks! You're gonna love it. - Monica Geller (season 1, ep1, friends)

**Ryan Harris**

Team Jeremiah

**Granit Hawthorn**

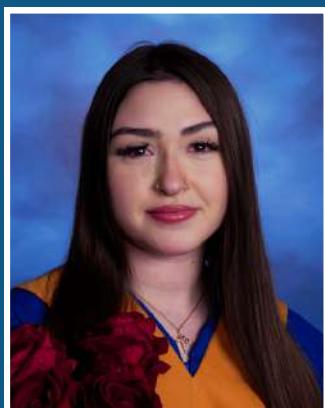
All Yellowknife really needs is a Wendy's. PLEASE PLEASE SOMEONE OPEN A WENDY'S!

**April Heaton-Vecsei**

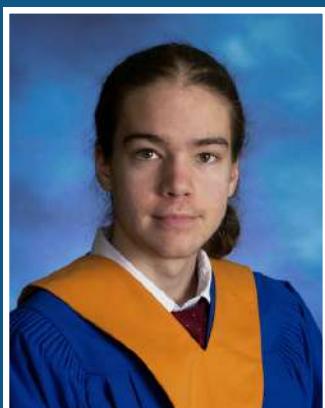
And the universe said I love you because you are love.

**Zoi Hill-Gentles**

Turn a 6 upside down; it's a 9 now.

**Leah Horn**

"You know, I've realized that i'm probably perfect and it's everyone else around me that's got issues."
- Scott Disick

**Jakob Hotson****Ashton Howard**

"Football is Life." - Dani Rojas



Class of 2025



Asher Hutton

I can't believe I did it, now I have to act like I know what I'm doing.



Inais Jackson-Grau

3% A.I. generated



Kibula Kiboigo

We outta here.



Grayson Klein

Go Leafs!



Hailey Kodzin

Deadly, greasy, and blessed.
Thank you, creator. Aho!



Mikayla Lafferty

Love you, Kirby!



Jessi Lam

"And he puzzled three hours, till his
puzzler was sore." - Dr. Seuss



Kathlyne Langlois

"Que será, será."



Madison Liske



Ting-Bai Liu



Jasper MacKinnon

Zoo-Wee Mama



Jehu Maisog

Be loyal to what matters.



Class of 2025



Anica Majok-Gordon



Jasmin Manickum



Tristan Martin-Crapeau



Kieghan McGuinness

Mind over matter.



Liam McKay



Harley McKnight



Talya Meserah-Zdyb

"Whatever happened to apple juice and cartwheels?" - Mac Miller



Lily Mobach

"I know my call despite my faults and despite my growing fears" - Mumford and Sons, "The Cave"



Nico Morin

"If I Ruled The World - 1:18"



Hayden Murray



Maisey Murray

"The tree falls the way it leans. Be careful which way you lean."
- Dr. Seuss



Lance Neyelle



Class of 2025



Morgan Noseworthy

"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin." - Tony Robbins



Ava Nystrom

I was taught that keeping quiet kept the peace, until I realized whose peace I was keeping.



Ali Omer



Saba Osman

Roll the credits.



Sheenah Pepugal

May your tears water the seeds of your dreams.



Henry Peterson

Cowabunga!



Hayden Phan

"Explore. Dream. Discover." - Minecraft End Poem



Joslyn Raddi

Yippee!!!



Kiran Ray

Education is important but riding your bike is importanter.



Ella Reynolds

"Face me to the West, so I can watch the setting sun and remember all the fine times we had that way." — Arthur Morgan, *Red Dead Redemption 2*



Georgia Ridgely

"I know none of this will matter in the long run." - Fiona Apple



Chizuko Robson-Hamilton



Class of 2025



Michael Rogers



Jayden Sayine

Trippin' on love.



Jairah Silverio

The world needs your heart more than your grades.



Dakoyta Simmons

Never early. Y'all can keep your worms.



Leora Simms



Megan Smallwood

"Growing up a little at a time then all at once" - Lorde



Maura Smith



Nahze Spurrell

"Too weird to live, too rare to die!"—
Hunter S. Thompson



Jake Steinwand

Team Jeremiah



Millie Strachan-Legere

I will be known.



Jordin Stroeder

Head Over Boots 0:44 - Jon Pardi



Rylie Strowbridge

Watch a sunrise at least once a day.



Class of 2025



James Tait

Strong today, Stronger tomorrow.



KaMan Suri Tam

I put the 'pro' in procrastination



Ava Thompson

"You, sir, have just met you're destiny."
- Thatmartinkid



Devlin Thompson

"We're living in a material world and
I'm a material girl." - Madonna



William Thompson



Rex Turner

It's all Chim's fault!



Cyrus Walton

You can call me the Highest Occupied
Molecular Orbital, I don't mind!



Deacon Wedawin-Edjericon



Alice Winkler

"I can't tell you where I'm going, but I
can promise it won't be boring" - David
Bowie



Kalen Woodland



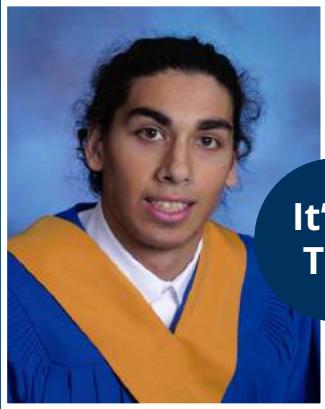
Icy Xiong

As the protagonist of your own story,
it's up to you to overcome and forge
ahead.

Voted Most Likely



Ofira Duru
Most likely to become a professional athlete



Jack Fox
Most likely to be late for graduation



Rylie Strowbridge
Most likely to be late for graduation



Lily Mobach
Most likely to end up on Broadway



Simon Fox
Most likely to become a politician



Jeffrey Crocker
Most likely to accidentally commit tax fraud



Cyrus Walton
Most likely to join a cult



Jack Fox
Most likely to be named "Canada's Worst Driver"



Icy Xiong
Most likely to still get ID'd at 30



Jayden Sayine
Most likely to win the lottery and lose the ticket



Victoria Hamilton
Most Likely to have 30 cats



Abby Hall
Most likely to use 2025 slang in 2050

It's a Tie!

Voted Most Likely



Nestor Grey

Most likely to be on a reality TV show



Penelope Berrub

Most likely to become mayor of Yellowknife



Kathlyne Langlois

Most likely to travel the world



Henry Peterson

Most likely to sleep through an earthquake



Yasmine Angeles

Most likely to win an Olympic medal



Lily Mobach

Most likely to write a best selling novel



Alice Winkler

Most likely to create a non-profit organization



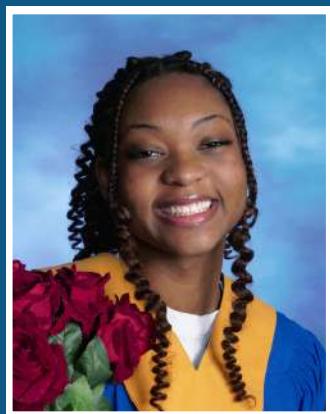
Annabella Churchill

Most likely to work for NASA



Ryan Cunningham

Most likely to come back to SJF as a teacher



Zoi Hill-Gentles

Most likely to be caught sleeping in class



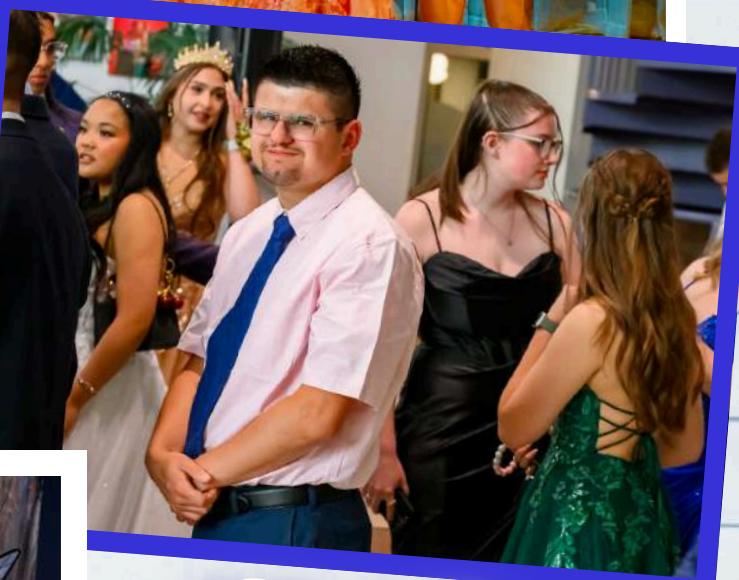
Nestor Grey

Most likely to be a comedian



Ava Nystrom

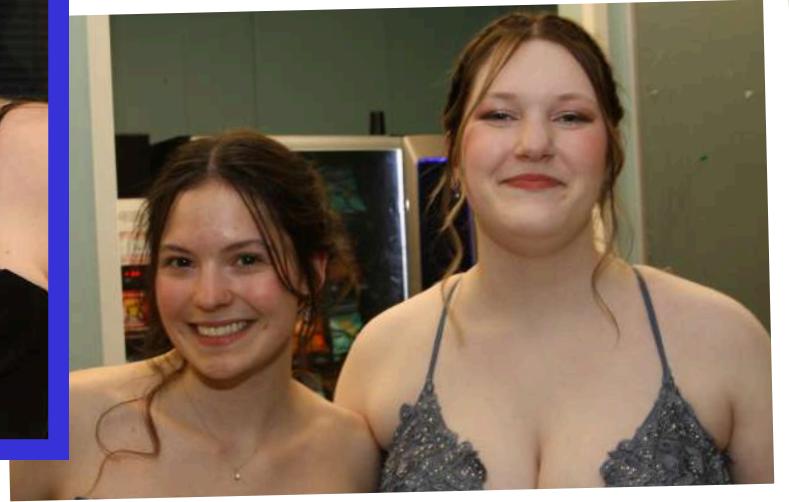
Most likely to use emojis in every text



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Thank You Teachers!



by Adam Clinton and Ofira Duru

Good evening, friends, family and teachers, my name is Adam Clinton and for the next 30 minutes I will be telling you all about our wonderful teachers!

Adam
Ofira

Whoa whoa whoa, I am not standing up here for 30 minutes!

Ok, Ok fine we'll do the short version then, let's restart.

Good evening friends, family, and teachers....

Well, don't restart from the beginning.

Hi everyone, my name is Ofira Duru and tonight we are standing up here in front of you all to thank our wonderful teachers. Though we won't have time to thank each and every one of you individually, we are so grateful for all of the extra work you put in to ensure we get the best education possible.

For this speech, Ofira and I wanted to do something a little different. We've found a few of our favorite videos of teachers. We'll start with, Peter Curran.

I'm sure many of you remember when the Winnipeg Jets made a dramatic 2 goal comeback in game 7 against the St Louis Blues in this years playoffs. Well apparently Mr. Curran determined that this was a critical part of the ELA 30-1 curriculum, and obviously we had to postpone our Shakespeare lesson to relive Cole Perfetti's game tying goal, here's the clip. <video> . As you can tell, that proved crucial to our understanding of *King Lear*. This kind of innovative and culturally rooted teaching is what keeps Sir John ahead of the curve.

For those of us who had the honour of being in Ms. Julian's first ever Chemistry 20 class we got the opportunity to witness some of the most entertaining labs in our high school career. As you will see, the passion is obvious; the execution... a little wanting. <video> . Ms. Julian, I think the gummy bear might have been a little too big!

Now, I'll take you all to the bus ride back from Hay River after the Track meet, and, uh well, I'll just let you all watch. <video>. So yeah, that was most of the trip back. I would just like to clarify that those songs did not come off of my playlist but were specially requested by both Mr. Morozov and Mr. Kooymans.

Now that we're done the story telling, we want to give a proper thank you to the teachers who got us through high school.

To Mr. Kirkham, who always made us laugh even when we were half asleep in first period class. On behalf of everyone in the class we would like to apologize for being late every day.

Thank You Teachers!



To Ms. Schlosser, who answered our emails at 12:30 am the night before our Pre Calc 30 exam, then arrived an hour early to answer more questions. Your dedication is inspiring, and, yes, we will still be emailing you next year when we need help with our university math classes.

Poor Ms. Schlosser's never gonna get a break.

This ones in french, à Mme Sonia dont ton engagement et ton dévouement nous rendent excitée à l'idée d'apprendre, certains d'entre nous ont eu un cours de français tous les jours au cours des 4 dernières années et nous ne pourrions pas être plus heureux avec l'enseignant que nous avons eu. Même si parfois vous êtes devenu trop excité et nous avons tous fini avec un mal de tête.

Unlike my immersion friend over here, I've been in Post Intensive French for 4 years and I couldn't tell you exactly what he said, but Thanks to Mme. Hubert I know that he is appreciative of Mme. Sonia's dedication or "dedication".

To Mr Knox, who only taught a few of us, but I think we've all gone into his room on a hot day to ask for a freezy from his not so secret stash.

To Mr. Curran, who scared us straight in grade 9 and taught us more than just English in his classes.

I mean, really, I could give you a pretty solid snapshot of his life. It was impressive the number of ELA topics he could connect to: Trucking, ABBA, Thoroughbred horse racing, and growing up in Yellowknife in the 90s.

Yeah, that's true. We might have learnt enough to write a biography.

"The life of Peter Curran" ooooo OR "The Curran Chronicles"

That has a pretty good ring to it, I think I could write that biography!

Just don't give it to him to grade; who knows when you'd get it back!

Ok, Let's get back on track here.

Oh right, I kind of forgot what we were doing up here.

To our counsellors who guided us through course selection, university and scholarship applications, and just life in general, we couldn't have done this without you.

I think I actually broke a record this year for the most consecutive days and most total minutes in Mr. Doherty's office. I felt bad when I finally picked my school and realized I wouldn't be stopping by as often. I thought he might get lonely when I stopped visiting.

To our best friends in the front office, thank you, Wendy and Lindsay, for always helping us with forgotten passwords, Advil or Tylenol, and lots of smiles.

And don't forget about those killer hugs from Wendy when you're having a rough day.

Thank You Teachers!



Thank you Mr. Mac for being a representative to the Jenner family, tell Kylie and Kendall we say Hi!

To Mr. Grady, who would occasionally look the other way when we mysteriously showed up in the middle of his first period gym class... Or so I've been told, I was always in Mr Kirkham's class for the whole 70 minutes.

To Mr. Kooymans whose pre-game dance moves led us to countless victories in Hay River. As well as his uncanny ability at the country naming game, even with a 50 country head start we didn't stand a chance.

To Mr. Rondeau who stepped up and taught French Bio 30 for the first 2 months when Mme Sonia was away; we couldn't have had a class without you, and we are so thankful you took on the challenge.

To Mr. Traynor who was able to teach us English, socials, and baseball simultaneously. Though we were always somehow behind schedule you were able to finish the class with almost 3 days to spare and for that we are grateful.

I'm sorry, Mr Traynor. can play baseball?? Did you see him at the grad dodgeball game? I think he tore a shoulder and both knees in the first round.

Speaking of baseball, we can't forget the one and only Mr. Greg Skauge, the only teacher who is more likely to be seen in the hallway than his office.

But have you seen his office? Its a fire hazard and a Bio hazard all in one.

Thats a good point. Actually I think we have a video of his office. <video>

Always good for a story or cracking jokes, which mostly consisted of making fun of my hair. From running the wood shop to organizing every school sport, Sir John wouldn't be the same without you.

And once again to all the teachers we couldn't mention tonight, we are eternally grateful for the hard work you put in and support you gave us over the past 4 years.

Finally the class of 2025 would like to say Thank you!

Before we leave this stage tonight we would like to recognize someone very special at our school. This person is always smiling and telling stories, and she he has been decorating Sir John grads for over 20 years. She has hand painted all of the decorations on this stage and hand-twisted every one of the roses into the archway on my left. She puts in countless hours decorating for events like this, and this week is retiring after 36 years with the district. Please join me in recognizing and thanking Mrs. Daly.

Thank You,
Adam Clinton & Ofira Duru



Thank You Parents!

by Rylie Strowbridge



Good evening parents, graduating students, staff and honoured guests my name is Rylie Strowbridge and I would like to begin by thanking you all for being here to help celebrate our graduating class of 2025.

The spotlight has been on us students all night and I would like to shift our attention to the parents and families; the people who got us to this point, to walk across the stage and to graduate. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the parents on behalf of the graduates.

I would specifically like to take a moment to express my gratitude for my own parents who have been nothing but supportive of me at every turn. On days I struggled to get myself to school, they would remind me that I am capable and intelligent. They never once doubted me and that has meant more to me than I could possibly express to them. To my mom and dad, thank you. I love you and I couldn't have done it without you. And to my older sister, thank you for always being my biggest cheerleader. I couldn't have done it without you and your Bio 30 notes.

To all the parents and caregivers, we see how deeply committed you are to our success and to creating spaces in which we are valued, welcomed and celebrated. These spaces have allowed us to grow and succeed in ways we didn't know we could. Your love for us is evident in how you go above and beyond to guarantee our success. It shows through the countless nights spent helping with homework, projects, and driving us to staples when we needed poster boards last minute. Thank you for the endless amount of help with applying to post-secondary schools or jobs. Thank you for reassuring us that we will always have someone in our corner; for being someone who is there for us when we have good news, need help, advice, or simply someone to listen.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to help coach sports, run clubs, and help fill these past 4 years with as many memories as possible. You've driven us to tournaments, to shows at NACC, and worked bingos to fundraise to help us pursue our passions outside of academics.

From the students who made it without the support of their parents, we extend our thanks to every adult who stepped up to support us by offering compassion, safety, and encouragement. We wouldn't have been able to accomplish this on our own. Thank you to grandparents, older siblings, relatives, caregivers, and family friends for being our chosen family and the community we needed.

To the parents who couldn't be here today, we hold you in our hearts, full of pride to represent you here. We know you are proud of us. We carry everything you taught us into adulthood.

Each one of you have been mentors and role models preparing us for life outside this building and beyond. You have shared your experiences and your knowledge with us to ensure we are armed with all the tools necessary for this next chapter in our lives.

So on behalf of the graduating class of 2025, I again would like to say an immense and heartfelt thank you to our parents and families. You have been there through quite literally every step we've taken and we will carry the impact you've had for a very long time to come. Thank you, Merci, Mahsi Cho.

**Thank You,
Rylie Strowbridge**



Class Prophet

by Kibula Kiboigo



Hello grads of 2025, family, and friends. Over the course of the last four years this graduating class has grown tremendously. Thankfully, this includes growing out of our weird, awkward, and immature phases, and into capable and somewhat responsible high school graduates, ready to face the next stages of our lives. But we've also stayed much the same, for example, I've never been much of a fan of doing math homework, so I'd tell Mr. Kielstra my dog ate my homework when he asked about it. But if you know me, you know I've never had a dog. And even though I'm still not a fan of textbook questions, I've long since retired my dog excuse and actually do my homework. Enough about the past, though, let's think about the future through our class prophecies.

This grad would lose all their money in a self-tanner pyramid scheme at 70, our very own valedictorian, [Brooke Durnford](#).

This grad would pretend to be the Nigerian Prince selling the pyramid scheme, [Ofira Duru](#).

Would still be talking about Ube cupcakes in 2090 to their grandkids, [Megan Smallwood](#).

Would be mistaken for Bigfoot while out camping, [Devlin Thompson](#).

Most likely to go on Love Island, [Lacey Furniss](#).

We'd see this grad floating somewhere in the atmosphere either due to becoming a NASA astronaut, or because they jumped too high while doing their floor routine, [Annabella Churchill](#).

[Adam Clinton](#) would likely own a sandwich shop, complete with a section just for apples.

Most likely to be caught sleeping at work, [Zoi Hill-Gentles](#).

Would likely be caught having a 5-course meal during work, [Suri Tam](#).

This grad would probably request an Ice Capp IV drip while being treated for yet another ankle sprain, [Abby Hall](#).

These two would most likely sneak in and supply Abby with the makeshift Ice Capp drip, [Ava Thompson](#) and [Georgia Ridgely](#).

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This grad has a bright future in the bricklaying business based on his performance at Cager, [Jordin Stroeder](#).

We would most likely find these grads Dj'ing at the Raven, based on their spike it performance, our Sr. Boys Volleyball team.

[Nestor Grey](#) would most likely be found in the Guinness book of World Records. For which record? Probably the loudest most rambunctious laugh.

This grad would be an amazing NHL mascot, [Jasper MacKinnon](#).

Most likely to perform in a Broadway musical, [Lily Mobach](#).

This grad definitely increased their parents car insurance, [Jack Fox](#).

This grad would either become a politician, or a social studies teacher, or maybe both, [Simon Fox](#).

This grad could live a double life as an assassin, shoutout [Raymond Chiasson](#) for winning Grad Target.

This grad would use all her money from her dance career to buy Starbucks, [Ava Nystrom](#).

Most likely not to attend a single class in university and still graduate with honours is a tie between [Chizu Robson-Hamilton](#) and [Talya Meserah-Zdyb](#).

This grad would show up to a casual picnic with a three-tier cake, [Saba Osman](#).

Most likely to use Uber for a road trip instead of driving, [Yasmine Angeles](#).

Most likely to be hit by Yasmine's Uber, [Icy Xiong](#).

Specifics aside, the graduating class of 2025 is made up of many interesting, hard-working, and memorable individuals. Our futures are whatever we make of them, and all of the determined graduating students in this gym have a lot ahead of them. People often say that for us, life has only really just begun, but if our lives during and before high school are any indication, our actual lives will be something to look forward to.

Thank You,
Kibula Kiboigo



Valedictorian Address

by Brooke Durnford



Good afternoon graduates, faculty, family, and friends. It is an honour to speak with you this afternoon as your valedictorian, to help celebrate the accomplishments of The Sir John Franklin High School graduating class of 2025. I am so fortunate to have grown up alongside many of these wonderful people. Like you, I am both proud of what our group has accomplished and excited for the incredible lives that await each of us.

Now, before we get lost in that stary future, let's rewind for a moment, back to September 2012, our very first day of school. Do you remember that tiny version of yourself? Ducking behind the legs of parents, we set off alone to begin this long journey of education. Sure, our parents or guardians were probably crying outside the door, but we didn't notice. Those same parents packed lunches for years and pushed us to explore every opportunity for success; they coached us through broken bones, recitals, heartbreaks, long flights, longer sports games, losing our phones, losing our phones a second time, and the many, many essays we forced them to read. They taught us to be brave and friendly, and to rely on our morals. Of course, sometimes we didn't listen or made mistakes, but, I think somewhere along the way, we began to realize that maybe our parents might actually know what they are talking about. Our families have carried us through every experience and struggle we have faced, cheered the loudest at every game and competition, loved us on days we drove them crazy, and for that we are eternally grateful. Parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, we thank you. We would not be here today without the dedication, love, faith, and quiet sacrifice you selflessly demonstrated each step of the way. The values you have instilled in us are the foundation that we will continue to build our life upon.

When I was little, every night before bed, my mom would ask me to give thanks for the people that I loved. I would list cousins, aunts, uncles, friends, and even sometimes, when I was feeling extra generous and kind, my brother. And now in front of all of you today I would like to thank my family for their unwavering love and support, my friends for their endless laughter, and my brother for being the greatest teammate. It is because of people like you that we are all able to walk across this stage today. To all the moms, dads, brothers and sisters, mentors and supporters, I would like to give a heartfelt thank you on behalf of graduates of 2025. You have shaped each one of us to lead with kindness and respect. We love you and we thank you, and without you none of our success would be possible.

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But fellow graduates, let's not forget, you got yourself here too. Take a moment and acknowledge all that you have overcome and all of the times you have shown up for yourself. After you leave this venue today, I hope you continue to remember—this was your last chance to make your mom cry happy tears before you forget to call her every single day in September. But in all seriousness, I urge you to pause and be proud. Be proud of what you have completed, the deadlines you never thought you would meet, that test you were sure you failed, how you were positive you'd never make the A team, and that physics exam yesterday, because even I didn't think I would make it through that one. Be proud that you endured, and you earned this. As we step into the next stage of our lives I would like to remind every one of you that you can handle whatever comes your way, and we are all rooting for you. Whatever your next chapter will be: a career in the trades, university, college, or taking a break from your studies to work, travel, or figure out your path, know that this choice is yours, and that it is an opportunity to do something important, and that is something to be proud of. Graduates, keep chasing your dreams and keep being you—we are so excited to see where you will go.

On my very last day of middle school, I walked the halls with my best friend Ryan. He turned to me and said, "Brooke, let's write our names in every corner of these walls so that they won't have a chance to forget us". Now, while this idea definitely would have been vandalism, what I think RYAN CUNNINGHAM was trying to say was: let's leave our mark. So graduates, wherever life takes you, write your name in every corner of the life that you live; make it your own, make it bold, make it beautiful. Don't compare your story to others; the world needs to hear your voice, not mine or anyone else's. Remember that your image of the world is different from the version of the person seated next to you, and in front of you, so be respectful of those around you and encourage their light to shine. Stay humble, stay kind, and never be shy about becoming the person you have always wanted to become.

It feels like yesterday that I was counting how many years I had until grade 12. All we ever wanted to do was grow up, to become a doctor, a lawyer, or a princess. We grew up because we wanted to get to the next year and be cooler or to go on vacation in the summer. We spent so much of our time excited for the next small step or hoping something would just hurry up and be over that we forgot to remember, we were growing up. And here we are now, and for some of us, it may have just set in. That this is the real world we are about to enter, whether we are ready or not. We grew up fast. We felt it, and so did our parents. But the life ahead of us will go by that fast too; before you know it we will all be far away from each other, living different lives and making new memories. Life goes by faster than we want it to, so make it all you ever wanted. Don't wait for the perfect job, perfect house, or perfect day; know what you want and go for it. I invite all of you to look around and embrace all of the love we are surrounded by today, be grateful for it, and continue to pass it onto others. Graduates, please don't be strangers. As we leave this ceremony this afternoon, make your days count, laugh hard, love harder, make memories, and leave your mark.

Thank You,

Congratulations to the class of 2025 and goodluck!

Brooke Durnford

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Hayden Phan

Jessa Chvala

D. Thompson

Saia Brown

Leora Simms

Talya Mesrah-Zdyb

Erica L. Thompson

Morgan Roseworthy

Amaleka
Kewon

FOOTBALL

Ana

Kalon Woodland

Tristan Martin Crouseau

John Luke Munoz

Liam McKay

Ryan Cunningham

Nia Bottomley

Rylie Strawbridge

Ella Eagle

James Tait

Ryan Harris

Alhass Cisse

Jayden Saylie

Hayden Govt

Quinn Gillard

Adam

Jasper MacKinnon

Megan Smallwood

William Thompson

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Ryan Cunningham
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