

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

Welcome back to school, everyone, especially our 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 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 of 2027. 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 is celebrated and where you get to create many life-long memories. We are excited to share this important year with you.

School events and activities are already well underway. MJ Lafferty, Ty Hamilton, and Tomiko Robson along with many students organized our assembly recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 29. This event had our students proudly speaking Willideh Yati throughout the assembly. Our Outdoor Soccer teams competed in Hay River at the Annual Elks Tournament. Our Senior and Junior Girls came out in First Place, while our boys team received the silver medals. Volleyball is already underway. Our teams are preparing for the Lawrie Hobart Tournament in Ft. Smith October 15 - 18 and Spike It 2025 here in Yellowknife October 29 - November 1. Our Arts Department is working hard on the upcoming performance of Little Mermaid Jr in November. Grad and Student Council are underway and many other clubs have started!

Thank you to the parents who attended Open House Night on September 17th. If you were unable to attend please feel free to stop by and visit the school or check our website for a list of staff email addresses. See inside for a list of other ways you can stay connected to Sir John

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is made up of parents whose child(ren) attends SJF. The purpose of the PAC is to provide opportunity for communication between parents and school administration. Any and all parents are welcome to be involved with this committee. Staff members and students are also welcome to attend the meetings. Our next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, October 15th. If you are interested in joining the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) attend our meeting. If you have any questions about the SJF PAC please email sjf@yk1.nt.ca.



Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

October 9

X-Country Running Championship

October 12

Thanksgiving Day (no school)

October 15

PAC Meeting

October 17-19

Lawrie Hobart Volleyball Tournament

October 23

Professoinal Development Day
(no school for students)

October 29-November 1

Spike It! Volleyball Tournament

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OPEN HOUSE

WELCOME



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!

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page [HERE!](#)



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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.

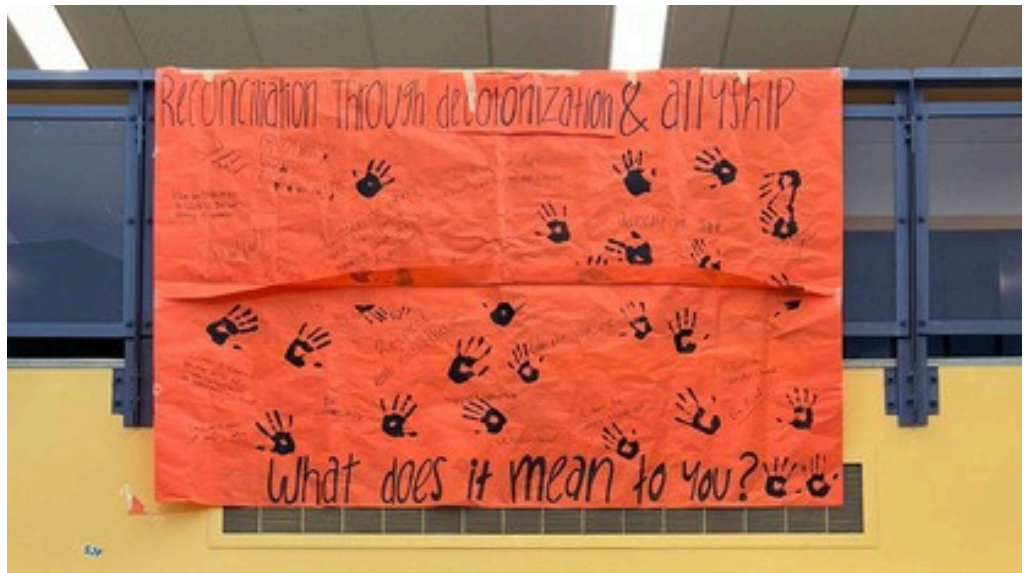
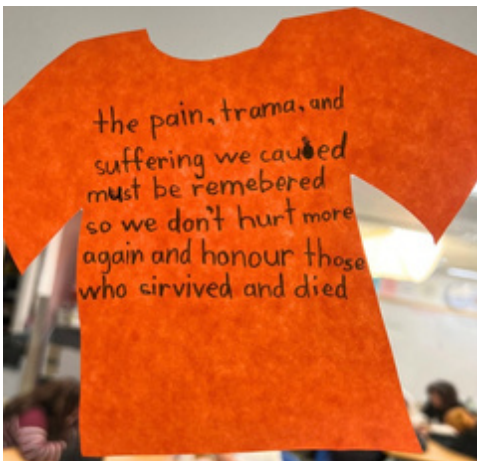
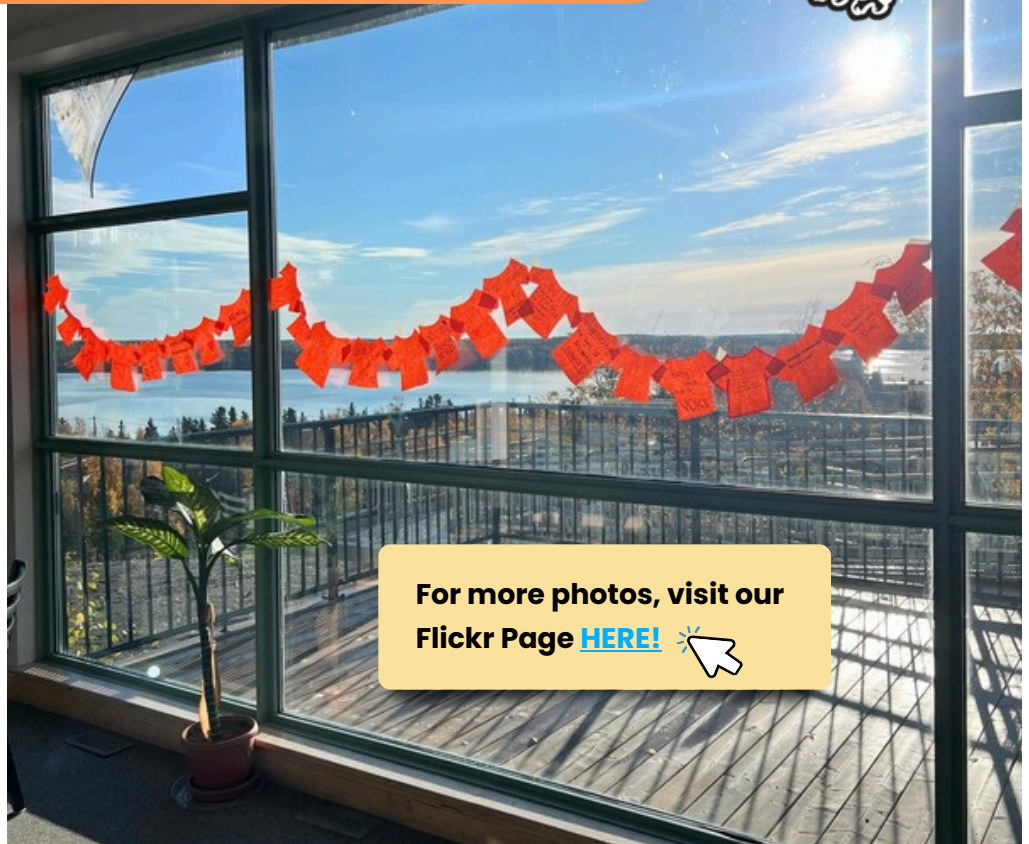
A heartfelt thank you to our guest speaker Paul Andrew, and the YKDFN Drummers for leading a powerful drum circle with almost 700 participants! Together, we reflected on healing, unity, and the resilience of Indigenous peoples.





TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

In preparation for Truth and Reconciliation Day, students have been engaging in class activities and creating collaborative artwork.



These pieces were displayed throughout the school and shared during our Truth and Reconciliation Assembly. Together, we reflected, learned, and honoured the ongoing journey of truth and reconciliation.





SJF CLUB FAIR



To kick off the school year, the SJF Club Fair gave students an opportunity to explore a wide variety of clubs, learn more about what they have to offer, and sign up for activities and groups that caught their interest.

What a fun and interactive way to get involved and explore new opportunities at SJF!



CLUBS • TEAMS • GROUPS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE



MONDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Gender & Sexuality Squad (GSS)	Gym Room 22	Mr. Mac Ms. Wilson
	AFTER SCHOOL	Fitness Club Choir	Fitness Room Music Room	Mr. Mac, Ms. Waugh Ms. Shantora
TUESDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Choir Nats'eli (Sewing Club)	Gym Music Room Upper Library	Mr. Mac Ms. Shantora Ms. Lafferty, Ms. Waugh
	AFTER SCHOOL	Fitness Club	Fitness Room	Mr. Mac, Ms. Waugh
WEDNESDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Science Surfers Social Studies Club	Gym Room 28 Room 36	Mr. Mac Mr. Kirkham, Mr. Magee, Ms. Wilson Mr. Traynor
	AFTER SCHOOL	Fitness Club Concert Band	Fitness Room Music Room	Mr. Mac, Ms. Waugh Ms. Shantora
THURSDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Green Team Rock Band Sunshine Club Model United Nations	Gym Room 32 Music Room Room 29 Room 36	Mr. Mac Mr. Drouin Ms. Shantora Ms. Ryan Mr. Traynor
FRIDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Art Club Debate Club Concert Band	Gym Room 15 Room 40 Music Room	Mr. Mac Mx. Ellie Mr. Curran, Ms. Robson Ms. Shantora
	AFTER SCHOOL	Fitness Club	Fitness Room	Mr. Mac, Ms. Waugh

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ELKS SOCCER TOURNAMENT



What an incredible weekend at the **Aurora Ford Elks Soccer Tournament** in Hay River! **The Jr. and Sr. Girls both won gold and brought home the banners**
- **HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Jr. and Sr. Boys both finished 2nd place with the Jr Boys losing in a shootout. All teams played with heart and outstanding sportsmanship!



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SCIENCE

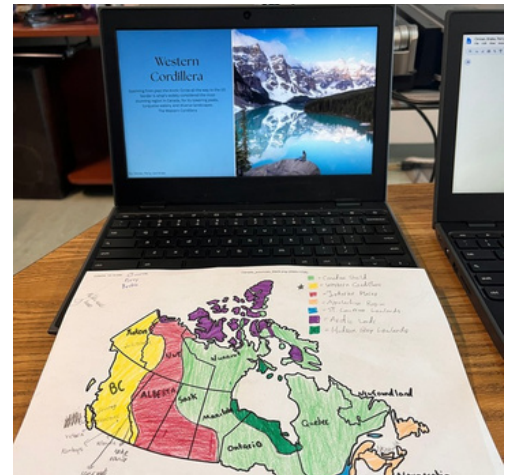
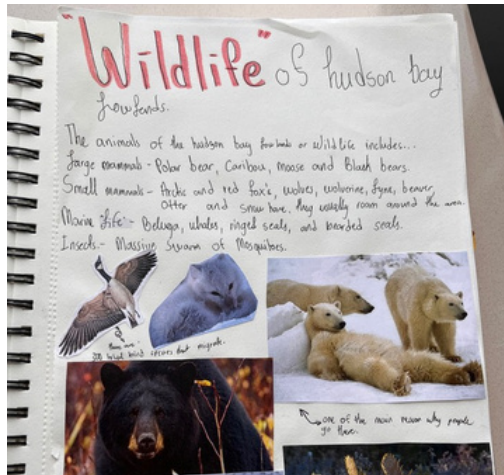
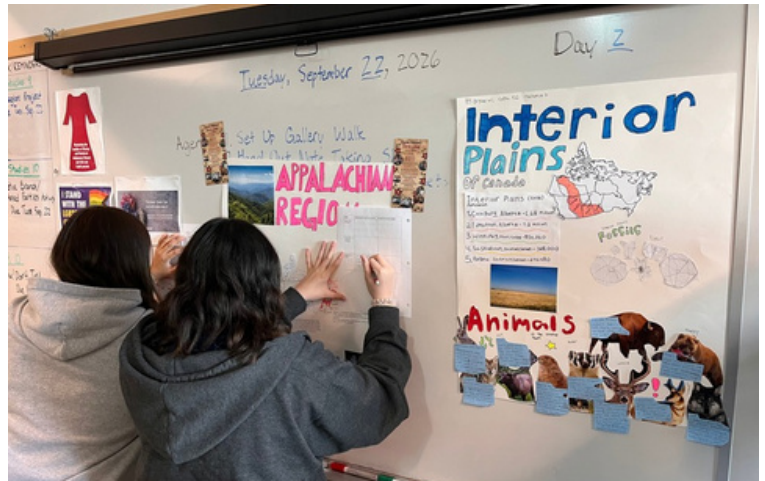
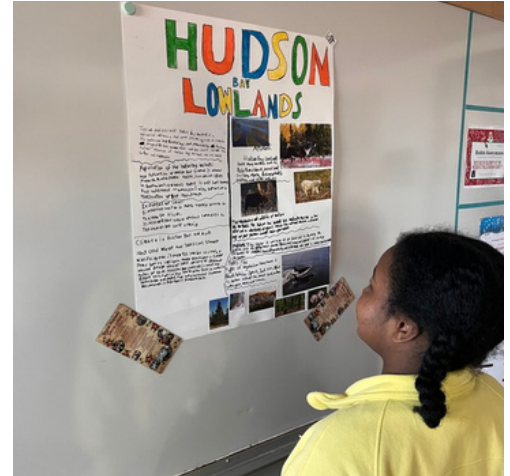
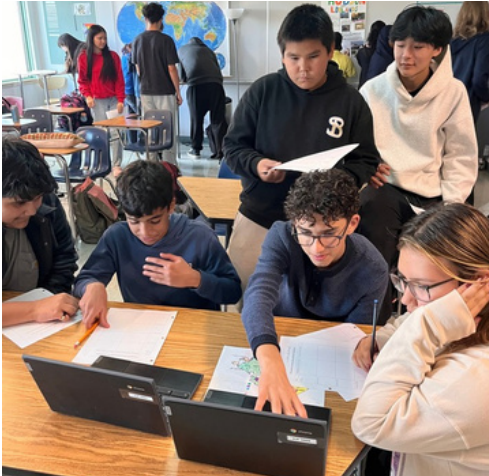
Dissecting sheep hearts in Ms. Young's Anatomy & Physiology 12 class!
Students got some hands-on experience exploring the anatomy of the heart, a fascinating learning experience for our future Grads of 2027!





SOCIAL STUDIES

In Mr. Kooyman's **Social Studies 9** class, we participated in a **"Gallery Walk"** activity for our project on the Physiographic Regions of Canada.





FRENCH

Les élèves de français post-intensif de 11e & 12e année ont exploré le thème des injustices en créant des collages représentant des enjeux qu'ils trouvent importants. Leurs créations ont ensuite servi de points de départ pour partager leurs idées, leurs perspectives et leurs réflexions avec leurs camarades. Une façon créative de pratiquer français tout en participant à des conversations enrichissantes

In Grade 11/12 Post-Intensive French, students explored the theme of injustices by creating collages that represented issues they felt were important. Their collages then became discussion points for sharing ideas, perspectives, and reflections with their classmates. A creative way to practice French while engaging in meaningful conversations.





FOOD STUDIES

A sweet learning experience for Ms. Frost's Grade 11-12 Food Studies class!

Yassine, co-owner of North Chocolate, visited our school to share his knowledge and experience with chocolate, including where it comes from, how it's made, the differences between dark, milk and white chocolate, ingredients like cocoa beans, cocoa powder and cocoa butter, and the process of tempering chocolate.

Students even got to taste some chocolate along the way!



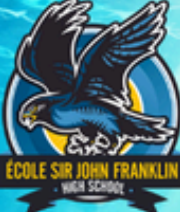


DRAMA



Stay tuned for more details!!!

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DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:



Disney
THE LITTLE MERMAID



NORTHERN
ARTS &
CULTURAL
CENTRE

Coming Soon

November 19–21, 2026





LIBRARY

Welcome to the École Sir John Franklin High School Library!

The library is more than just a place to find books - it's a space designed for you to read, relax and connect.

Here is what you will find when you stop by:

- Free books to take home and keep.
- A wide range of books to sign out - from fantasy to biographies and everything in between.
- Board games for a fun break with friends.
- Comfortable seating that makes it easy to settle in with a good story.
- A peaceful, bright environment, filled with plants and good vibes - perfect for studying, unwinding and spending time with friends.
- Chromebooks to work on and access to printing.

Library Hours:

Open on weekdays from 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM
Open during lunch

Library Guidelines and Expectations to keep the library welcoming for everyone:

- Clean up after yourself - leave the space as you found it.
- Put things back where you found them, whether it's a chair, a book, or a board game piece.
- Respect others - use quiet voices and be mindful of the shared space.
- Use the space responsibly so everyone can enjoy it.

Come by to discover something new, take a break, or just enjoy the calm. The library is here for you to enjoy!

Mrs. Straker
Librarian





Stay tuned for more details!!!

The FALCON FOCUS Room

PUT THE PHONE AWAY
PUT YOUR FOCUS FIRST

where students can study in a phone-free zone

Come join us in a comfortable space where students looking to take a break from cell phones can focus on schoolwork, reading, or quiet activities!



COMING SOON!





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!





NEW GRADUATION 2027 REQUIREMENTS



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

A minimum of 80 credits is required for NWT graduation.

For more information, please contact your SJF Academic Counsellor.





NEW GRADUATION 2027 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) (NEW Northern Studies 12 included as a Social Studies 12 option)	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
Required Core Courses - Subtotal	50	Required Core Courses - Subtotal	40
• Career & Life Management 20 (3 credits)	3	• Career Life Education (4 credits)	4
• Career & Program Plan (1 credit)	1	• Career Life Connections (4 credits)	4
• Community Service (1 credit)	1	(Includes 30 hours of community service)	
• Physical Education 10 (3 credits)	3	• Physical & Health Education 10 (4 credits)	4
• Career & Technology Studies (5 credits) (At any level)	5	• An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	4
• A Fine Arts (3 credits) (At any level)	3		
Additional Required Courses - Subtotal	16	Additional Required Courses - Subtotal	16
• Electives (34 credits) at any level and in any course areas. Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.	34	• Electives (24 credits) at any level and in any course areas. Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.	24
Total # of Credits Required for Graduation	100	Total # of Credits Required for Graduation	80
Level 30 Credits (15 credits) - 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.		Grade 12 credits (16 credits) - 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.	
Departmental Exams		Provincial Graduation Assessments	
• 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			
Note: A passing mark in English 30-1 or 30-2 is required to graduate (combination of exam and classroom mark).		Note: Completion of all assessments is required to graduate; however, a passing mark is not required.	





SCHOOL CALENDAR



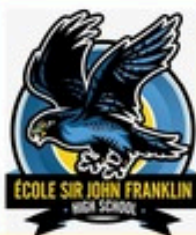
Grades 9 to 12 2026 -2027

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School Office Opens	First Day of Classes	No Classes for Students	Non-school Day
December '26	January '27	February '27	March '27
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Non-school day	Semester 2 start	No Classes for Students	Early Dismissal
April '27	May '27	June '27	July '27
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Non-school day	No Classes for Students	Last Day of Classes	School Office Closed

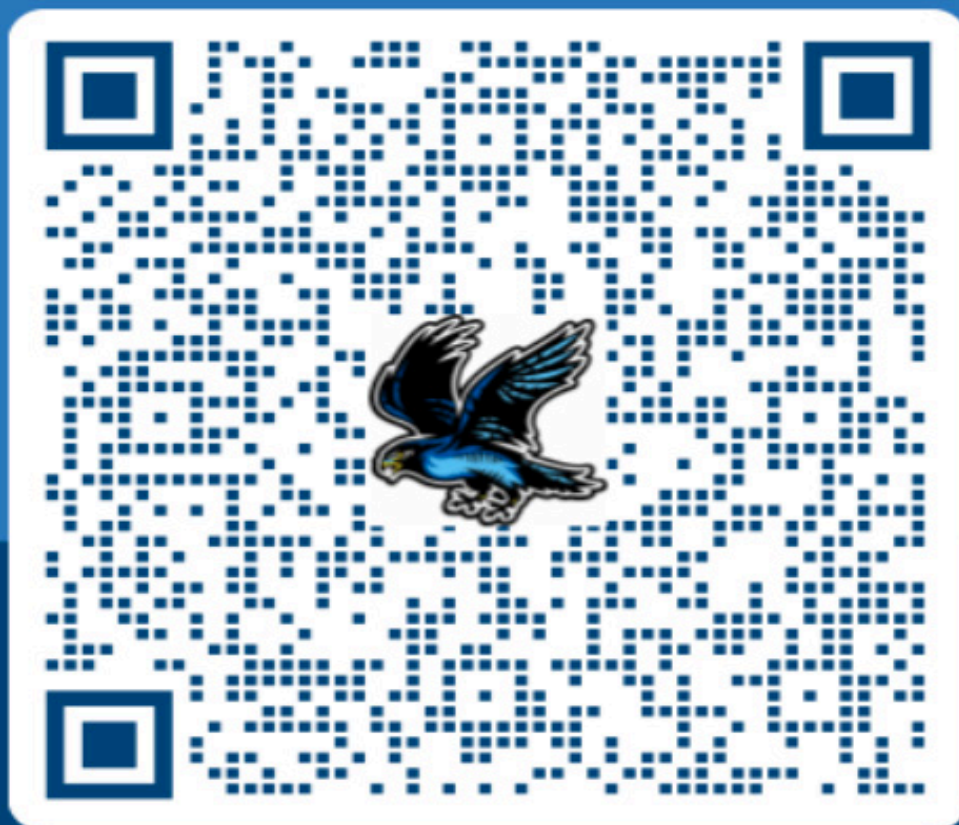
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