ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr.Dean MacInnis

I trust the first two months of this school year have been an exciting journey for you all. We already embarked on a bustling start to the academic calendar and there is plenty more in store.

Our volleyball athletes and coaches have had a triumphant run this season in Fort Smith in the Lawrie Hobart Tournament and Senior Spike It here in Yellowknife this year. It was amazing to see over 170 Falcons participating in our volleyball program. Congratulations to all!

November is one of our busiest months of the year. To ensure you stay informed about upcoming events, please refer to our website calendar or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th starting at 10:45am in our gymnasium.

PowerSchool access for parents and students is shut down while teachers work on progress reports. The Report Cards will be available at the end of the day November 9th. If you are having any issues with downloading or seeing the report card, please contact our front office. If you have any questions about your student's progress, please reach out to the teachers or guidance counselor team anytime.

For those who have not yet secured their tickets to the SJF Drama production of "The Little Mermaid Jr."; I urge you to promptly visit the NACC Box Office or www.naccnt.ca. We are thrilled to announce four shows scheduled for November 19th – 21st at the Northern Arts & Cultural Centre (NACC).

The 42nd Annual Wade Hamer Challenge Cup will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 1pm at the Ed Jeske Arena. The Falcons Pep Rally will start at 11:55am.



We will be hosting a Grad 2026 Student-Parent information meeting on Tuesday, November 24th at 7pm in our gym. We will be discussing graduation requirements, graduation ceremonies, important dates and deadlines.

Our annual SJF Winter Music Concert is set for Wednesday, December 2nd, 7pm at NACC.

Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORANT DATES

October 29 - November 1
Spike It! Volleyball Tournament

November 4
Take Your Kids To Work Day (Grade 9s)

November 9
Parent-Teacher Interviews

November 11
Remembrance Day (no school)

November 18
Challenge Cup

November 19-21
Little Mermaid Jr.

November 27
Parent-Teacher Interviews

December 2
Winter Fantasy Concert

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NWT CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!



Congratulations to our SJF Falcons on an outstanding performance at the X-Country Running Championships!

SJF captured the **Overall Aggregate Banner** after finishing 1st place in all FIVE categories we entered!

A special congratulations to Ms. Julian and Mr. Hamilton, who also took 1st place in their respective adult divisions!











LAWRIE HOBART MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!

Huge congratulations to our volleyball teams on their fantastic results at the **Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament** in Fort Smith!

Senior Girls - CHAMPIONS!
Senior Boys - CHAMPIONS!
Junior Girls - CHAMPIONS!
Junior Boys - BRONZE!

Your hard work and dedication paid off! Way to go, Falcons!









SPIKE IT! PEP RALLY

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!

The action began with an epic **Students vs. Staff Game** packed with BIG energy!













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SPIKE IT! VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



Congratulations, Falcons! We are so proud!

Here are the results:

- GOLD - SJF Blue Senior Girls
- SILVER - SJF White Senior Boys
- SILVER - SJF Blue Junior Girls
- SILVER - SJF Black Junior Boys
- SILVER - SJF Blue Junior Boys

For more photos, visit our Flickr Page HERE!

In total, 19 teams and 170 athletes proudly represented SJF!

What an amazing turnout, such an impressive effort from everyone!









SPIKE IT! VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

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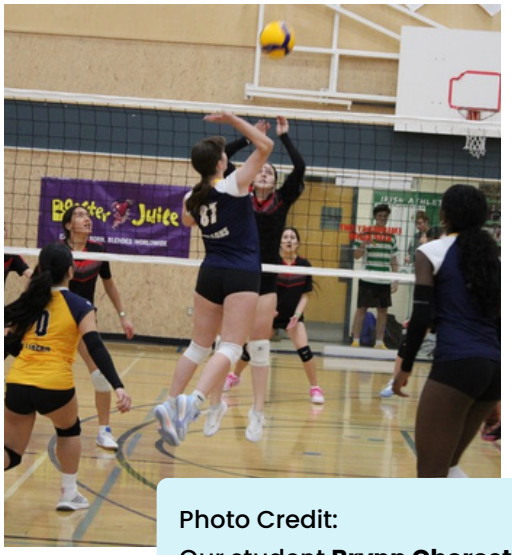




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Our student **Brynn Chorostkowski**





LITERARY STUDIES



Ms. Robson's Literary Studies 11 class spent a foggy morning at **Rotary Park**, harvesting observations and sensory images in preparation for writing their own descriptive texts in the style of Tomson Highway's essay ***"What a Certain Visionary Once Said."***

This is a part of their inquiry into the questions: How can we read the land as a text? How can literature connect us to the land?







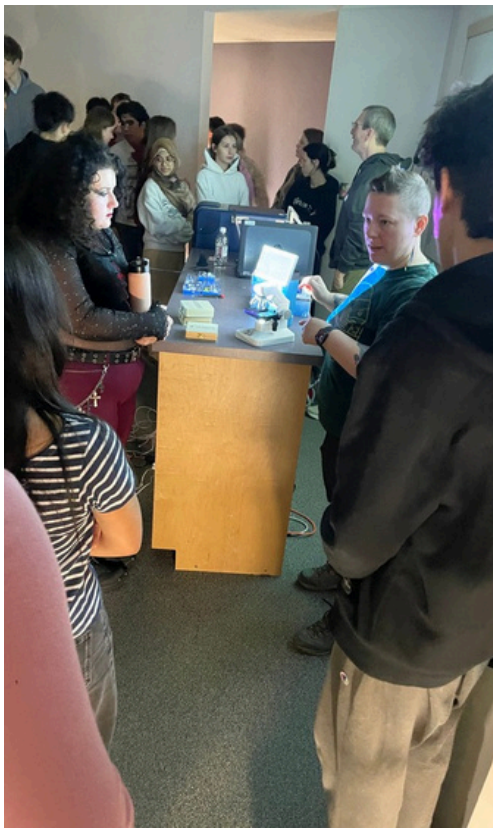
SCIENCE



Students from Ms. Young and Mr. Magee's classes had a special opportunity to explore a Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) in our Science Theatre!

Unlike a regular microscope that uses light, an SEM uses electrons to produce incredibly detailed images of objects magnified thousands of times!

Students learned how scientists use this technology to examine tiny details that can't be seen with the naked eye, and even had a chance to see the microscope in action!







A huge thank you to Guylaine Ross and Sarah Lord from the **GNWT's Water Management and Stewardship Division**, and Adam Bergren from the **National Research Council Canada,** for sharing their time, expertise, and technology with our students!



ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the **SJF Green Team, Social Studies Club,** and **Debate Club** for hosting a very successful and well-attended All Candidates Forum!

Students from all three clubs worked together to organize the event, giving candidates in the upcoming Yellowknife Municipal Election an opportunity to respond to thoughtful questions developed by our students.

One of the council candidates shared some wonderful feedback following the event:

"Students' questions were genuinely thoughtful . . . they asked about the issues that will shape the Yellowknife they will inherit, and they asked them with a seriousness that many adult forums don't manage."

A huge thank you to all the students and staff who worked hard to make this event possible, to the candidates who participated, and to everyone in the community who came out to attend!

We are so proud of our Falcons!

DRAMA

The Little Mermaid Jr. hits the stage Nov 19-21!

Here are some behind-the-scenes shots of our rehearsals. Our talented cast and crew have been hard at work bringing this magical production to life, and how can you not love the hand-painted billboards by Mr. Peters?











DRAMA

Get your tickets HERE!

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DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

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Disney

THE LITTLE MERMAID JR



NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

Showtimes:

Thursday, Nov. 19 — 7:00 PM
Friday, Nov. 20 — 7:00 PM
Saturday, Nov. 21 — 1:00 PM & 4:00 PM

TICKETS $20 ADMISSION

Tickets available at the NACC Box Office
or visit www.naccnt.ca

MUSIC

SJF students had the opportunity to work with guest artists from **Morningside Music Bridge** and NWT fiddler Wesley Hardisty! Amanda and Sophie were taught a new fiddle tune by Wesley alongside MMB classical violinist Anna.

The Grade 10–12 Band class was treated to a private concert at NACC, followed by a workshop on improvisation. During Period 5, about 250 SJF students enjoyed a concert by the ensemble members and had time for a conversation with students Scarlett and Kira afterwards.

A big thank you to all the guest artists for sharing their music and knowledge with our students!









MUSIC







What a sweet musical treat! Ms. Shantora and her Band Class surprised us with a special lobby concert

École Sir John Franklin High School

presents

Winter Fantasy

Featuring:

Concert Choir, Concert Band
and Senior Band Class



ADMISSION
By Donation

NORTHERN ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

Wednesday, Dec. 2 | 7 PM | NACC

BE A NURSING STUDENT

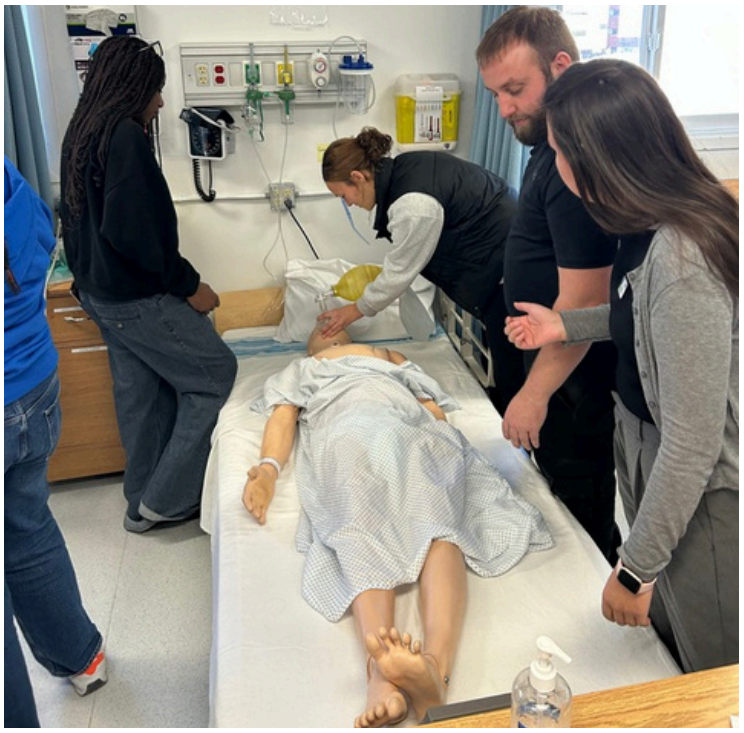
Five students from École Sir John Franklin High School: Kailee Wentland, Noa Jackson-Grau, Avery Westgard, Tendesai Mufandaedza, and Ernest Cabrera, participated in this exciting event at Aurora College on October 20-21!

The event gave Grade 11 and 12 students an opportunity to experience life as nursing students through hands-on activities, skills labs, simulations, and exploring nursing education and career pathways.

A big thank you to **Aurora College** for organizing this wonderful opportunity!







NEW!

CAREER LIFE EXPLORATION

What's Changing?

Submit your hours HERE!

BEFORE	NEW!
25	30
Community Service Hours	Career Life Exploration Hours
• Start in **Grade 9**	• Start in **Grade 10**
• Continue to **Grade 12**	• Part of **CLE 10 & CLC 12**
• **Volunteering** only	• At least **15 volunteer hours**
• Earn 1 credit	• Other hours from ***eligible career-life experiences**
• Submit using **paper forms**	• Submit using a **Google Form**

*More Ways to Earn Your Hours!

Employment • Service Learning • Entrepreneurship • Fieldwork
Passion Projects • Post-Secondary Events • And More!

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PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

The Grads had a blast at this year's annual Pumpkin Carving event. Prizes were awarded for the top pumpkins in the categories of "Scariest," "Funniest," and "Most Creative" carvings. Thank you to the Grad Council for organising a fun time for all!



Funniest Pumpkin: Edward Boucher (selected by Mr. Curran)



L-R: Aaden Tait & Seiya McEachern , Edward Boucher, Janescy Brown



Scariest Pumpkin: Aaden Tait & Seiya McEachern (selected by Mr. Traynor)



Most Creative Pumpkin: Janescy Brown (selected by Mr. Kooymans)

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST



Here are more highlights from our Annual Grad Pumpkin Carving Contest! So many creative and spooky designs from our talented grads!

To see the full photo album, visit our **Flickr page** here!

















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HALLOWEEN AT SJF!

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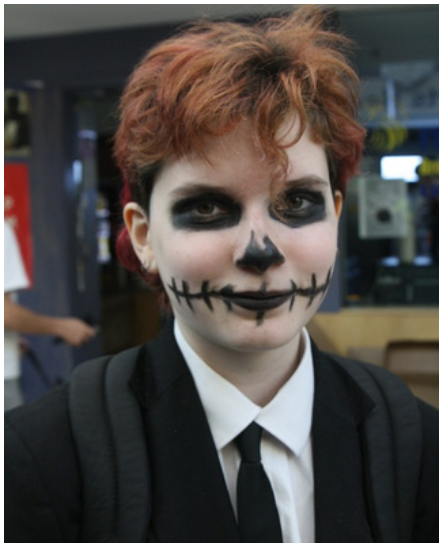
















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STUDENT SERVICES









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!





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NEW GRADUATION 2027 REQUIREMENTS



What do you need to graduate?

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) • A Language Arts 20 (5 credits) • A Language Arts 30 (5 credits)	5 5 5	• A Language Arts 10 (4 credits) • A Language Arts 11 (4 credits) • A Language Arts 12 (4 credits)	4 4 4
• Northern Studies 10 (5 credits)	5	• Northern Studies 11 (4 credits)	4
• A Social Studies 10 (5 credits) • A Social Studies 20 (5 credits)	5 5	• Social Studies 10 (4 credits) • A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits) *(NEW Northern Studies 12 included as a Social Studies 12 option)*	4 4
• A Mathematics 10 (5 credits) • A Mathematics 20 (5 credits)	5 5	• A Mathematics 10 (4 credits) • A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4 4
• A Science 10 (5 credits) • A Science 20 (5 credits)	5 5	• Science 10 (4 credits) • A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)	4 4
Required Core Courses - Subtotal	***50***	***Required Core Courses - Subtotal***	***40***
• Career & Life Management 20 (3 credits) • Career & Program Plan (1 credit) • Community Service (1 credit)	3 1 1	• Career Life Education (4 credits) • Career Life Connections (4 credits) *(includes 30 hours of community service)*	4 4
• Physical Education 10 (3 credits)	3	• Physical & Health Education 10 (4 credits)	4
• Career & Technology Studies (5 credits) *(At any level)* • A Fine Arts (3 credits) *(At any level)*	5 3	• An Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)	4
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 • FLA 30-1, 30-2 • Français 30-1, 30-2 • Mathematics 30-1, 30-2 • Social Studies 30-1, 30-2	• Chemistry 30 • Physics 30 • Biology 30	• Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment • Grade 10 Literacy Assessment • Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
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.*

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Grades 9 to 12
2026 -2027
École Sir John Franklin High School

August '26

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School Office Opens | First Day of Classes | No Classes for Students | Non-school Day

December '26

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

April '27

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June '27

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July '27

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Non-school day | No Classes for Students | Last Day of Classes | School Office Closed

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals	Gym	Mr. Mac
	AFTER SCHOOL	Fitness Club Choir	Fitness Room Music Room	Mr. Mac, Ms. Waugh Ms. Shantora
TUESDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Choir Science Surfers Student Council Nats'eli (Sewing Club)	Gym Music Room Room 28 Sutdent Leadership Room Upper Library	Mr. Mac Ms. Shantora Mr. Kirkham, Mr. Magee, Ms. Wilson Ms. Oldford, Ms. Jade Ms. Lafferty, Ms. Waugh
	AFTER SCHOOL	Fitness Club	Fitness Room	Mr. Mac, Ms. Waugh
WEDNESDAY	LUNCH	Intramurals Social Studies Club Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA)	Gym Room 36 Room 14	Mr. Mac Mr. Traynor Ms. Wilson, Mx. Ellie
	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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