

DECEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Mr. Dean MacInnis

Time flies, and here we are in December. Although it's a brief month, our agenda is brimming with tasks to prepare for the upcoming winter break and January 2026 exams. Mark your calendars – the break spans from December 20th to January 4th providing a well-deserved holiday. To make the most of this break, it's crucial for students to ensure they are up-to-date in all their classes, setting the stage for a focused preparation leading up to the final assessments in January. Keep an eye out for the final assessment schedule, which will be posted later this month. The last day of first semester's regular classes is slated for Friday, January 16th.

Let's take a moment to applaud Mr. Peters and the exceptional cast and crew of "Frozen Jr." for delivering a captivating performance in late November. We also witnessed the SJF Winter Concerts, showcasing the remarkable musical talents within our school community conducted by Ms. Shantora.

Hats off to our hockey players who showcased their skills and determination at the 41st Annual Wade Hamer Challenge Cup on November 19th. The Falcon Girls secured the championship, keeping the coveted cup home. Our boys played an incredible back and forth game where we lost in overtime. Congratulations to our dedicated athletes and coaches – we couldn't be prouder!

For any concerns or questions, the SJF staff is here for you. Reach out via email or call the school at 669-0773 to arrange a meeting or discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Parents who missed the grad meeting on November 25th or didn't receive the subsequent email are encouraged to contact the school. Email addresses can be found on our website <https://www.yk1.nt.ca/sjf/staff-list>

As we bid farewell to the current semester, mark your calendars for the commencement of Semester 2 classes on Wednesday, January 28th, 2026.

Wishing you a rejuvenating holiday season filled with joy. Enjoy the break and have a Happy New Year!



Yours sincerely,
Dean MacInnis

IMPORTANT DATES

December 3

"Star Light, Star Bright"
Winter Concert

December 13-14

Badminton Tournament

December 19

Winter Assembly & Luncheon

December 20 – January 4

Winter Break

January 5

Back to School

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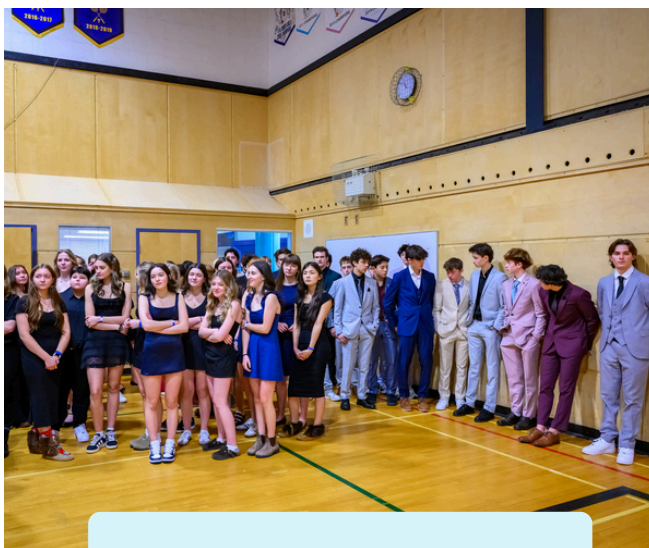


REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY





CHALLENGE CUP PEP RALLY



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CHALLENGE CUP

The **Wade Hamer Challenge Cup 2024** was Wednesday, November 19th at the Ed Jeske Arena. Here are the results:

Girls Game : SJF 6 – SP 2 – A stellar performance, led by a hat trick from Sedee Walden!

Boys Game : SJF 6 – SP 7 (OT) – An absolute nail-biter! The boys fought hard right to the last second in overtime.

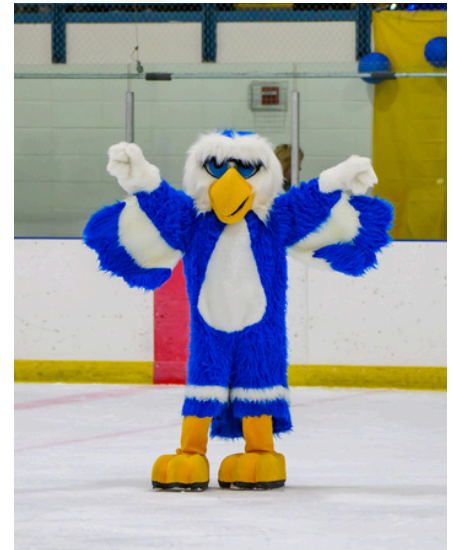
Both teams played with heart, pride, tenacity, and true Falcon spirit. We're so proud of you all!





CHALLENGE CUP

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Frozen Jr.



Running from November 19–22, and with nine shows in four days, it was a huge success!

A big thank you to our talented cast, everyone on stage and behind the scenes, and especially **Mr. Peters** for leading the way. We are so proud of each and every one of you!





Frozen Jr.

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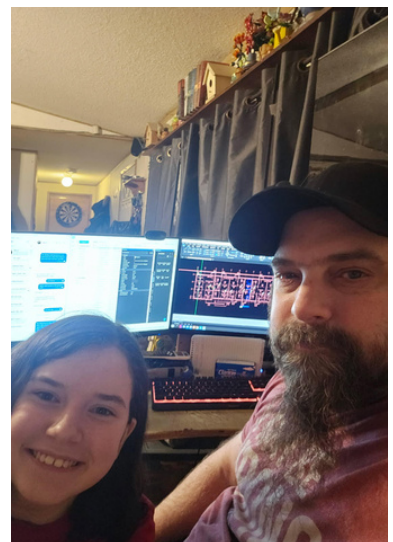
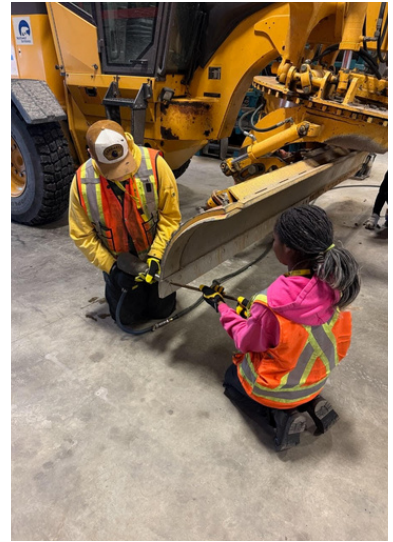
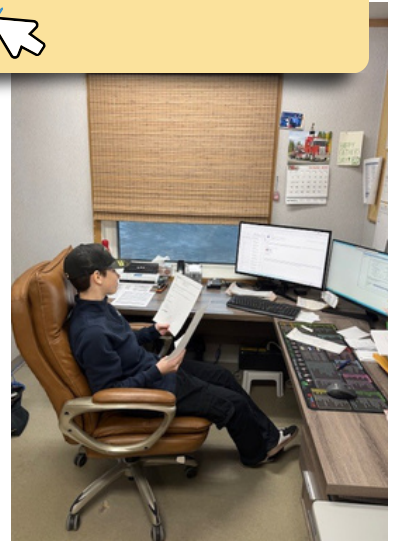
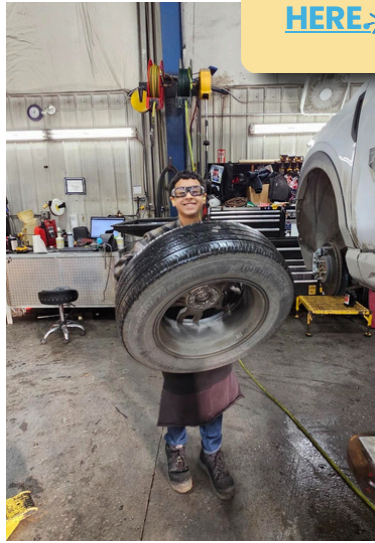




Take Our Kids to Work Day

Thank you to our Grade 9 students for participating!
The full album can be found

[HERE.](#)





SANTA CLAUS PARADE

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Huge congratulations to our amazing SJF students who braved -18°C (-24°C with windchill!) to bring festive cheer to the **Santa Claus Parade** on Nov 29!

Our float won the **Rolland Gosselin Ho Ho Ho Award**, earning \$500 for Student Council!

A special thank you to Mr. Traynor and Mrs. Oldford for supporting our students and helping bring the float to life. We appreciate you! 🙌



ROCK YOUR MOCS

Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide Indigenous Peoples event held during the week of November 11–16, encouraging everyone to wear their moccasins to school, work, and in their communities to honour Indigenous peoples, cultures, and traditions.

We were encouraged to take a photo in their moccasins and share it on social media using the hashtag **#RockYourMocs**.

Thanks to everyone who took part and shared their photos this year!

Here's Ms. Straker proudly rocking her mocs in the Library!



Ms. Au rocking her mocs at Student Services.



We're grateful for your participation and hope to feature even more photos in next year's celebration!





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 REQUIREMENTS



What do you need to graduate?



New NWT graduation requirements for students entering Grade 10 in the 2025–2026 school year.

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





GET INVOLVED AT SJF!



Clubs/Teams	Day of the Week	Time	Location	Contact
Art Club	Friday	Lunch	Rm. 15	Mx. Ellie
Choir	Monday	3:30-4:30pm	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
	Tuesday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Club Euclid	COMING SOON!	TBA	TBA	Ms. Schlosser
Concert Band	Monday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Concert Band	Wednesday	3:30-4:30pm	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Debate Club	Friday	Lunch	Rm. 40	Mr. Curran, Ms. Robson, Ms. Griffin
Fiddle Folks	Friday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Bettger
Fitness Club	Everyday (Except Thursday)	3:45-5:00pm	Fitness Room	Mr. Skauge
Gender & Sexuality Squad	Monday	Lunch	Rm. 22	Ms. Wilson
Grad Council	Thursday	Room	Rm. 36	Mr. Traynor
Green Team	Thursday	Lunch	Rm. 32	Mr. Drouin
Intramurals	Monday to Friday	Lunch	Gym	
Knitting and Crochet	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 41	Ms. Griffin, Ms. Lafferty
Music Council	Thursday	Lunch	Music Room	Ms. Shantora
Rock Band	Thursday	2:40 -3:40	Music Room	Mr. Robson
Science Surfers	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 28	Mr. Kirkham
Social Studies Club	Wednesday	Lunch	Rm. 36	Mr. Traynor
Student Council	Tuesday	Lunch	Rm. 14	Mrs. Oldford, Ms. Martin
Sunshine Club	Thursday	Lunch	Rm. 29	Ms. Ryan
Weight Lifting	Wednesday	3:40-4:45pm	Rm. 13	Ms. Waugh





Yellowknife Education District No. 1 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR Grades 9 – 12 SJF

Important dates at a glance

School office open: Aug 14, 2025

First day of classes: Thursday August 28, 2025

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: November 12 and 13, 2025

(4-7pm) **Winter Break:** Monday Dec 22, 2025 - Friday January 2,

2026 Semester 2 start: Jan 28, 2026

Spring Break: Monday March 9, 2026 – Friday March 20, 2026

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews: April 15 and 16, 2026 (4-7pm)

Last day of classes: Wednesday June 24, 2026

Last day for school staff: June 26, 2026

Student total days: 178 Staff total days: 192

Statutory and Scheduled School Holidays

Labour Day Mon Sept 1, 2025

Truth and Reconciliation Day ... Tue Sept 30, 2025

Thanksgiving Mon Oct 13, 2025

Remembrance Day Tue Nov 11, 2025

Winter Break..... Mon Dec 22, 2025-
Fri Jan 2, 2026

Spring Break..... Mon Mar 9, 2026-
Fri Mar 20, 2026

Good Friday Fri Apr 3, 2026

Easter Monday Mon Apr 6, 2026

Victoria Day Mon May 18, 2026

National Indigenous Peoples Day.....
..... (day in recognition) Mon Jun 22, 2026

Professional Development Days*

Early dismissal on most Thursday afternoons (STIP time)

All SJF students have no school on the following dates:

Mon Aug 25, 2025 (STIP)
Tue Aug 26, 2025 (Culture)
Wed Aug 27, 2025 (STIP)
Mon Nov 3, 2025 (STIP)
Fri Nov 28, 2025 (P/S/T)
Tue Jan 27, 2026 (STIP)
Wed Feb 18, 2026 (PD)
Thu Feb 19, 2026 (PD)
Fri Feb 20, 2026 (PD)
Fri Mar 6, 2026 (P/S/T)
Fri Apr 10, 2026 (STIP)
Fri May 1, 2026 (Culture)
Thu June 25, 2026 (STIP)
Fri June 26, 2026 (STIP)

*Professional Development Days include:

- Strengthening Teacher Instructional Practices (STIP)
- Professional Development (PD)
- Time in lieu of evening Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (P/S/T)
- Cultural Orientation days (Culture)

Number of instructional days per month		
Aug: 2	Sep: 20	Oct: 22
Nov: 17	Dec: 15	Jan: 19
Feb: 17	Mar: 11	Apr: 19
May: 19	Jun: 17	Total: 178





SCHOOL CALENDAR



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August '25							September '25							October '25							November '25							Notes:	
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School Office Opens							First Day of Classes							No Classes for Students							Non-school Day								
December '25							January '26							February '26							March '26								
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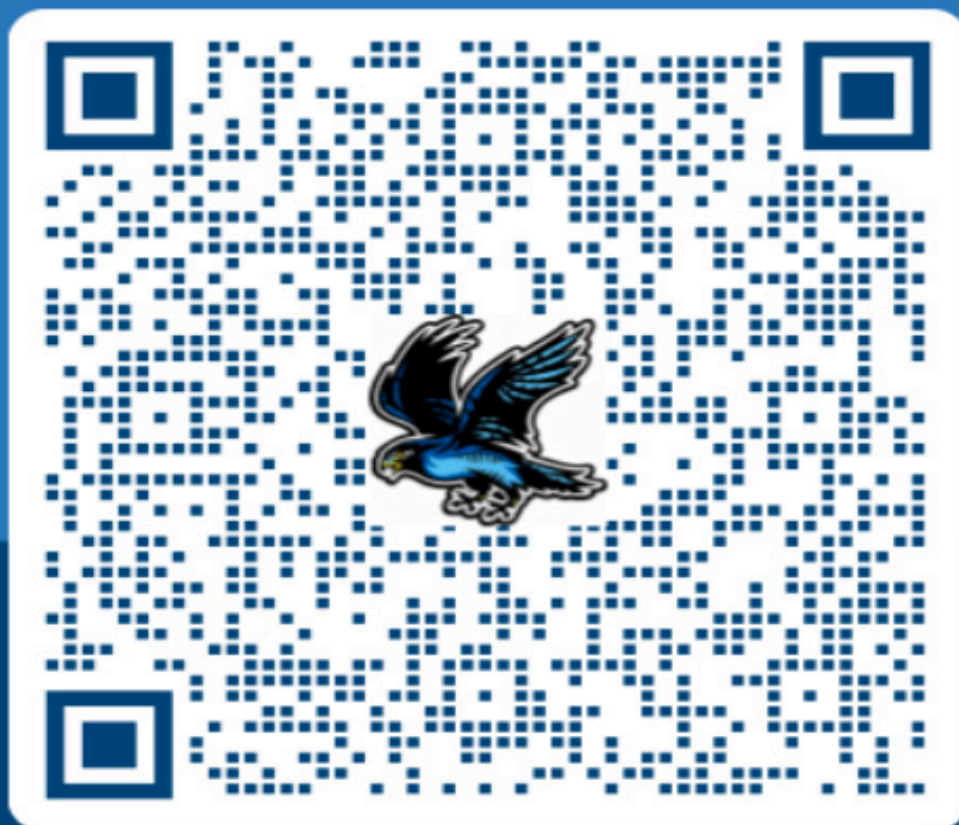
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