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Principal's Message

Mr. Dean MacInnis

I cannot express how great it is to see students in the hallways of Sir John. We have come to the end of our first month back and we have learned a tremendous amount about how school is functioning under these new guidelines. The measures that we have put in place are to ensure all students and staff are safe, as this remains our top priority. When we put together our returning to school plan it was without students in the building, thus we will be continuously reflecting and adjusting protocols throughout the semester.

In some classrooms, students will be able to have the proper distance without requiring a mask, but may need to wear it when interacting with staff and other students. When eating, drinking and outdoors, masks are not required. In smaller rooms and classes with more students where we are unable to have the needed distance between students, we will need those students in these situations to wear masks in class.

This year, we welcome many new staff members including Grade 8 staff and students from William McDonald Middle School. Inside, you will find a list of new staff members. We are happy to have them here and hope they have a great year!

We also say goodbye to staff members that have left our school. Rod Kennedy (retired), Melanie Durepos (moved), Colin Kennedy (moved), Jessica Havill (moved), Edna McFaull (retired), Shellie Trimble (Chief Jimmy Bruneau School) Helen Wong (UofC), Sophie Thieriault (moved), Jason Craig (RLN), and finally, Maureen Tonge. Maureen spent her entire teaching career here at Sir John teaching Art and Yoga for the last 28 years. Maureen passed away recently after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Her energy and passion will not be forgotten. She will be missed dearly.

We want all students and families to understand that we need to be safe in order to have in-person instructional time. If you have any questions or concerns please email us at sjf@yk1.nt.ca or call 867-669-0773.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 5 World Teacher Day

October 12 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL

> October 15 PAC Meeting 7-8pm

October 23 STIP Day No School for Students

SJF Online: Website: www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca Email: sjf@yk1.nt.ca Facebook (Sir John Franklin High School) Twitter (@sjf_school) Instagram (sirjohnfalcons)

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE CALENDAR ON LAST PAGE.





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October 5, 2020

Re: Passing of beloved high school teacher Maureen Tonge

To all staff, students, parents/guardians and stakeholders:

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of longtime high school teacher Maureen Tonge, who passed away earlier today. Maureen, who most recently taught Fine Arts at École Sir John Franklin High School, lost a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by family and friends.

Originally from New Brunswick, Maureen taught art, yoga, fitness, career and life management and French at the high school between 1992 and 2019. She also spearheaded the school's "Leaving a Legacy" project in which students create portraits of notable Northerners, including Indigenous leaders, educators and Sir John alumni.

Maureen had a larger than life personality that left an impression on everyone who met her. Following a devastating diagnosis, Maureen chose to live out her remaining days doing what she loved and spreading positivity. She will always be remembered for her infectious enthusiasm and zest for life.



Maureen leaves behind her husband, step children, sisters, parents and dog. We would like to extend our sincerest condolences to all of her family, friends and students. She will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,

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Ed Lippert Superintendent/ CEO Yellowknife Education District No. 1

Peaving a Leg

In 2013, Ed Lippert (former principal of SJF), approached the Senior Art Teacher, Maureen Tonge, about creating a display that would highlight the main entrance of the school. After brainstorming with other staff members, the first phase of "Leaving a Legacy" was born. Over the next few years, the SJF halls were adorned with creative and colourful portraits - all painted by our students under the watchful eye of Maureen.

The "Leaving a Legacy" project has four phases. 2013-'14: Northern Aboriginal Leaders, 2014-'15: Northern Women Educators, 2015-'16: Northern Elders & Educators, 2016'17: Falcon Alumni

Maureen's pride in this project and her students is undeniable.

"I can't imagine ever doing anything else but teaching. I think I'm doing what I was born to do." -Maureen Tonge



In celebration of Ms. Tonge's life, staff and students are encouraged to wear bright and colourful clothing on Friday, October 10th.

New Staff at Sir John

My name is **Chantal Hamel**. I am thrilled to be teaching at École Sir John Franklin High School! I hold a Bachelor of Education from the University of Prince Edward Island with a specialization in Teaching French as a second language. I also have a bachelor degree in Animation et recherche culturelles from UQAM.

This year I will be teaching Grade 8 FLA, Sciences, Social Studies, Health and Post-Intensive French. My goal is to help each student to realize their full potential. Also, I would like to share with the students the richness and diversity of the Francophone cultures.

For the past 10 years, I have lived and worked in different provinces and territories which gave me the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of the particularities of those different regions. I also volunteered often for cultural events and activities as well as with the French communities where I lived. On a personal level what puts a sparkle in my eye is travel, dance, music and now being a teacher. For the past few years, it has been in my thoughts, thinking of what activities I would like to do with the students, how I would like to make them feel safe and welcome in my classroom.

I am looking forward to meeting all the students, the parents and the guardians!

Je m'appelle Chantal Hamel. Je suis très contente d'être enseignante à l'école Sir John Franklin High School. J'ai un baccalauréat en éducation de l'université de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard avec une spécialisation en enseignement du français langue seconde. J'ai aussi un baccalauréat en Animation et recherche culturelles de l'UQÀM.

C'est mon honneur d'enseigner le français, les sciences humaines, les sciences naturelles, la santé et le programme de français post-intensif (PIF) à la 8e année. Mon objectif est d'aider chaque étudiant à réaliser son plein potentiel. Aussi, je souhaite partager avec les étudiants la richesse et la diversité des cultures francophones.

Dans les 10 dernières années, j'ai habité et travaillé dans différentes provinces et territoires. Cela m'a permis de mieux connaître les particularités de ces différentes régions. Je fais souvent du bénévolat pour les événements et les activités culturels ainsi que pour les communautés francophones où

j'ai habité. Les voyages, ainsi que la danse et la musique sont des choses qui font pétiller mes yeux dans ma vie personnelle. Depuis que j'ai pris la décision de changer de carrière et de devenir enseignante, j'ai souvent réfléchi aux activités que j'aimerais faire avec mes étudiants et comment je veux que ma classe soit un environnement sécuritaire et accueillant.

J'ai bien hâte de rencontrer les élèves, les parents et les gardiens !



My name is **Lynn Lalonde** and I was raised in Fort Smith, N.W.T., and completed high school at PWK High School in Fort Smith. After graduating from the U of A with a B.Ed. in 1986, I taught for two years in Fort Norman, N.W.T. (Tulita), Grades 2,3 & 4, and two years in Fort McPherson, N.W.T. (Tetl'it Zheh), Grades 5-9.

I moved to Yellowknife and started teaching at Ecole William McDonald Middle School in 1990. I've taken maternity leave and other leaves totaling 4 years to be at home with my two daughters. Cynthia and Jennifer are both attending university in Edmonton. Other than teaching one year of at J.H.Sissons (1999/2000) my teaching career in Yellowknife has been at Ecole William McDonald Middle School.

This is my first year with the Sir John teaching team. This is my 31st year at Yellowknife Education District #1, and my 35th year in the teaching profession. My philosophy of education is simple, "Kids don't care what you know until they know that you care."

New Staff at Sir John



Tania Hercun is excited to join the Sir John Franklin team this year. She will be working as an educational assistant at the Route 51 Learning Institute supporting students with their independent learning courses. Tania comes from the engineering field, and she loves to ski and paddle in her spare time. Hello! My name is **Nikita Morozov** and I teach Career and Technology studies. Originally, I am from Russia but moved to Canada when I was 10 years old. I've taught in BC for 4 years primarily teaching woodworking and robotics. My partner and I decided to move up to Yellowknife because we wanted to live in a place that has a stronger sense of community. I am looking forward to the school year and my first real winter since I was 10 years old.



To get in touch with teachers or SJF staff, please visit our website and click 'Our Staff'.

Here you will find a complete list of staff members including a link to email each of them.



New Staff continued... Ben Grimes Nicole Lawlor Mariah O'Connor-Mossman Gavin Scott Robyn Scott Shannon Traynor

Hi, I am **Mitch Grady**. I am originally from Summerside, PEI. I have BA in Sociology and Business as well as a Bachelor of Education degree from The University of Prince Edward Island.

Outside of school, I enjoy playing hockey, baseball, and soccer. I also love fishing and hunting as well as many other outdoor activities with my family here in the North.

This year I am teaching Industrial Arts, Grade 8PIFB Math, Science, Social Studies, ELA, and Health. I also spend a lot of my free time volunteering and coaching our school sports teams.

I am really looking forward to this upcoming school year, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

New Staff at Sir John

Oh hi, I didn't see you there. My name is **Robin Kooymans** and I'm a new full-time teacher at SJF, teaching English and Social Studies. I moved to Yellowknife from PEI two years ago, although I am originally from Markham, Ontario, and I have loved my time here.

I'm happy to tell you that I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Media, Information, and Tehnoculture at the University of Western Ontario and received my Bachelor of Education from UPEI. I also love to play soccer, watch hockey, listen to music and podcasts, and reminisce on days of old. Thanks for stopping by!





Howdy! I'm **Alycia Wilson**, and I am a new Math and Science teacher at SJF. I moved to Yellowknife from Calgary, Alberta where I earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and then a Bachelor of Education from the University of Calgary.

I have worked in many professional laboratories, completed Ecological and Palaeontological fieldwork, and also worked in the energy industry. In my spare time I enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, painting with acrylics, and practicing and performing dances from the Middle East. I'm looking forward to my first winter in the north!

Hi, I'm **Gillian Waugh** and I am teaching grade 8 at at SJF. Although I am new to the staff this year I am not new to the North; I grew up in Yellowknife and I am really excited to be teaching in my old high school!

At the University of Calgary I was a student athlete - rowing and studying kinesiology and anthropology. I was a strength and conditioning coach for Paralympic athletes before returning to university and studying education. Now I enjoy staying active outdoors and exploring on the land.





My name is Melanie Parisella. This year, I will be teaching grade 8 Immersion French Language Art, Social Studies, Mathematics and Health as well as Core French at Ecole Sir John Franklin. Over the last 17 years, I have been part of the French Immersion Team at École William McDonald School as a member of our support team from 2003 to 2008, then I became a homeroom teacher for grades 6-8. Last year, I was a Social **Emotional Learning Teacher as** part of the Program Support Team.

I have a background in Special Education certification as well as a Bachelor in Education from the University of Alberta . I also taught in China for a short period of time while I was studying Globalization in 2007. One of my goals is to raise awareness regarding the difference that our generation of youth can make, to continue to build more empathy, resilience and compassion in our students.

I also started an anti-bullying movement in our school in 2014 to raise awareness with a group of students that stand up against bullying every year. Few years ago, we launched our first short video in the city and won the WeRaise Above Awards. This year, I hope we will continue to make a difference one step at a time to ensure everyone feels safe and knows that they are not alone.

My philosophy of teaching is very simple. Any child whose fundamental needs are met is able to learn. I believe that we build knowledge starting from what we already know. There are no bad children or bad learners, every child is unique and learns differently. Project-based learning allows students to learn at their grade level using their own multiple intelligences and at their own pace. I will also encourage my students to support each other and learn to work effectively in a team to further their knowledge using each other's strengths. Hello! I'm Jean-Paul Brabant and I am teaching Mathematics and Science at SJF. I grew up in the small ranch town of Merritt, British Columbia and received my Bachelor of Education in Physical **Education and Mathematics** from the University of Victoria. I am thrilled to say that I have been teaching high school Mathematics for more than a decade, 9 years of which have been in the north. I've taught in Paulatuk, Norman Wells, Hay River, and now Yellowknife! My experience has taught me that every student rises to the level of expectations and we support this idea through structure and meaningful relationships. I enjoy playing hockey, baseball, and tennis to name a few. My wife and I are very excited to be here and are looking forward to experiencing life in Yellowknife. Thanks for taking the time to learn a little about me!

Teaching is a passion. I want to make a positive difference on the future generation and I believe your child is ready for the challenge one step at a time.

Hello! I am **Hannah Griffin**. I work at ESJF as the Humanities Night School teacher, and a part-time Education Assistant (EA). I moved to Yellowknife in May 2019 from Nova Scotia. Last year, I worked at Mildred Hall School as an EA and I liked the grade eights so much I decided to follow them to high school (just kidding).

I am a teacher who specializes in teaching Secondary ELA and Social Studies, so the move from the elementary school to the high school was the most logical step for me. My hobbies include reading, hiking, yoga, creative arts, and spending time with my partner, my dogs and cat. I am happy to be part of the ESJF team! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY



Orange Shirt Day is a movement that started with Phyllis Webstad (a residential school survivor) to educate people about residential schools and fights systemic racism and bullying.

Although our staff and students weren't able to meet in the foyer for a group picture, we still showed our support by wearing orange t-shirts and discussing the movement in the classrooms.









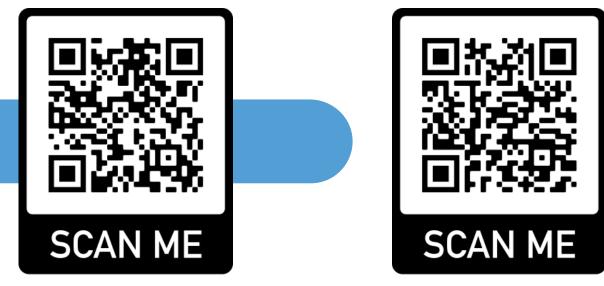
Student Council 2020-2021

We want to hear from you! Fill out the survey below to share your ideas for this year's events:

https://forms.gle/UphK2RbjQjzAXwnN9

Interested in joining this year's council? Fill out the application linked below to apply!

https://forms.gle/zUp8p6oNYe5nW13q8



Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code!



SJF student donates face masks

Over the summer, I wanted to try and help our community out! I applied for a grant and with the help of my uncle, who owns P&T Alterations, we made over 120 face masks. I donated most of the kits to the Avens Manor. Cabin Radio helped spread the word so that people in the community could pick up a kit at my uncle's store and the rest I gave to the school because I knew the staff needed them. It took us around two months but we finally got everything assembled and ready to go by the end of August! ~Hillary Huynh









Music News

The music department has a new addition! In early June, a gigantic box arrived in the music room. A Yamaha baby grand piano was ordered from Edmonton and shipped to the school and a crew from DC Moving unpacked the piano and set it up.

The inaugural performance was held in August. Grade 9 student Keira Clinton, who was preparing for her Royal Conservatory grade 10 piano exam performed a 40 minute recital for family and friends. Ms. Shantora is excited to be using it every day in her classes and welcomes students to come and try it out.





SJF student raises money for Black Lives Matter movement.

"I'm raising money for the BLM movement by offering commissions where 100% of the proceeds will be donated to BLM and BLM Canadian Chapter. I really want to try to make a difference and I believe this is the best way I can. DM me if you're interested or have questions! :)) Depending on demand prices may change." -Stella Smyslo

You can see her work and prices on her instagram page (@stella_drawss). She's very talented and enthusiastic, so please support her if you can!

TRADES & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP OPDORTUNITATION Skills Canada Northwest Territories

\$1,500 EACH!

Skills Canada NWT is pleased to offer \$1,500 scholarships for students pursuing an education in trades, technology, or an apprenticeship.

This year, Skills Canada NWT is also proud to offer the Dustin Pidborochynski Memorial Scholarship which is awarded to a student who demonstrates a passion for welding. Applicants must be registered as a welding apprentice in the Northwest Territories.

Scholarship recipients will be announced during National Skilled Trades & Technology Week in November 2020.

For more information and to apply, please visit skillscanadanwt.org

École Sir John Franklin High School Graduating Student Checklist

OCTOBER to DECEMBER

- On October 23rd, SJF Guidance Counsellors will be hosting two zoom meetings with Grade 12 students to discuss graduation (one in the morning and one in the afternoon so students don't have to miss class!).
 A link for this zoom meeting will be emailed to students.
 A parent meeting will follow on October 28th.
 More details to come.
- A representative from Student Financial Assistance will either attend the student meetings or the parent meeting. More details to come. For more information on the SJF application process, please visit their website: www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca.
- Due to COVID-19, representatives from universities WILL NOT be visiting our school this year for presentations. Please visit university websites for more information on how you can attend an online session with recruiting staff.
- Review your validation statement and share with your parents. For an up-to-date validation statement, please request one from your counsellor. See next page for contact information.
- Make sure that you are meeting graduation requirements (see next page).
- If you need help reviewing your validation statement, please email your Guidance Counsellor.
- Apply to post-secondary (should apply to at least three schools).
- Apply for housing.
- Start working towards completing your community service hours (25 hrs). If you need help coming up with ideas for COMM hours, please email your Guidance Counsellor.
- Apply for your official transcript to be sent to schools. Visit www.nwtstudents.ca for more info.
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

- Look into scholarships, funding, student financial assistance and budgeting.
- Study for exams!
- Adjust second semester timetable if needed.
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- If travelling during March Break, try and visit a postsecondary campus. (Due to COVID-19, make sure you check with the university about travel restrictions)
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!
- Register for your first year courses as soon as they are available.

APRIL

- Meet with your counsellor and arrange for your mid-semester marks to be forwarded to the schools to which you have applied.
- Community Service hours should be completed by April 1st, 2020.
- Register for your first year courses as soon as they are available.
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

MAY

- Expect to receive notification from post-secondary schools.
- Register for your first year courses as soon as they are available.
- Apply for Student Financial Assistance www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca. Check deadlines.
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

JUNE

- Study for exams.
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

SUMMER

- Make sure that your final transcript is sent to post-secondary school before deadlines.
- Make sure that you have registered in your first year courses and paid your tuition.
- Check your email regularly! Respond to all deadlines! Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

10, 20, and 30 LEVEL (5 credits each) **15 TOTAL CREDITS**

SOCIAL STUDIES

10 and 20 LEVEL (5 credits each) **10 TOTAL CREDITS**

MATHEMATICS

10 and 20 LEVEL (5 credits each) **10 TOTAL CREDITS**

SCIENCE

CALM 20

3 TOTAL CREDITS

10 and 20 LEVEL (5 credits each) **10 TOTAL CREDITS**



STUDIES

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

NORTHERN STUDIES 10

AT ANY LEVEL **5 TOTAL CREDITS**

3 TOTAL CREDITS

5 TOTAL CREDITS

FINE ARTS

10 LEVEL

AT ANY LEVEL **3 TOTAL CREDITS**

Additonal grade 12 credits:

- A minimum of 100 credits - 10 additional grade 12(30) level credits

COMMUNITY SERVICE 25 hours **1 TOTAL CREDIT**

École Sir John Franklin High School Guidance Counsellors

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Cleaning and disposing of non-medical masks and face coverings

Cloth masks or face coverings should be changed and cleaned if they become damp or soiled.

You can wash your cloth mask by:

- putting it directly into the washing machine, using a hot cycle, and then dry thoroughly
- washing it thoroughly by hand if a washing machine is not available, using soap and warm/hot water
- allow it to dry completely before wearing it again

Non-medical masks that cannot be washed should be disposed of properly in a lined garbage bin, and replaced as soon as they get damp, soiled or crumpled. Do not leave discarded masks in shopping carts or on the ground where other people may come into contact with them.

It is important to remember the following when using non-medical masks and face coverings: • masks with an exhalation valve do not protect others

- never share your non-medical mask or face covering with someone else
- do not handle a non-medical mask or face covering belonging to someone else
- do not allow other people to handle or touch your non-medical mask or face covering

The Gender & Sexuality Squad is on Instagram!

Follow us at sjf_gss Anyone interested in participating in Zoom meetings should email their name and best time to meet to Ms. Prescott, kirstin. prescott@yk1.nt.ca



MAGMA is Sir John's student-led Mental Health Advocacy Group! We plan fun events, and promote mental health and wellness. If you are interested in being a member, please email your name to Mrs. Hurley. Meetings will start Wednesday, September 30th through Google Meet!

Northern Studies class takes part in smudging

A couple of weeks ago, the Northern Studies 10 class did a smudge. We took advantage of the beautiful view from the top of the school and the sunny weather.

Thank you to Ms. Taylor and Mr. Bennett for organizing this event and teaching us about this practice.





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Google Classroom Training for Parents

Visit SJF facebook for more details and link to survey.

YK1 will be offering a Google Classroom training session for parents. We are teaming up with EdTech Canada to livestream a session for Parents at 7:00pm on October 8th.

This livestream will go through Google Classroom so that parents get a better understanding of what it is and how it works.

Before then, parents are invited to visit link below which is a recording of a livestream that EdTech Canada did back in the spring.

https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/WhctKJVzhRfTDhxVghGdqzdqm BmlcTsxMCltQjXfpnVhzfTcPTvLVnxPSLqSBtpKnbjpthl?projector=1

The livestream will last for one hour and require an internet connection. It is only a one way video. Parents will see the presenters but not the other way around. There will be a chat window where questions can be asked.

Staying connected to your child's school is as easy as ever!

See below for a list of ways you can stay up-to-date on what's happening at Sir John:

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The Sir John website is updated daily with announcements and school calendar. The special "NEWS" button is filled with activities and news that we are proud of. Sections on Fine Arts, Athletics and Grad highlights photos, news, team or club rosters, practice schedules, travel forms, etc. The program of studies is also available which provide an overview of high school program and NWT requirements. You will also find a list of staff members and links to their contact information, PAC news and minutes, links to Facebook, Twitter, District Website, other Yk1 schools.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is printed monthly and highlights events, activities, guest speakers, student achievement, etc. To subscribe to our newsletter, enter your email address on our website or respond to this email.

SOCIAL MEDIA

SirJohn2Go App - This app is a convenient way to check on announcements and upcoming events Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Flickr – These are updated regularly with daily announcements, photos, news flashes (CBC, Yellowknifer), important notices, etc.

POWERSCHOOL

Parents and students can stay connected by checking the parent/student portal on powerschool which will provide updated marks and attendance information. If you don't have access to PowerSchool please call the school at (867) 669-0773 to gain Access ID's and passwords.

AUTO DIALER CALLOUT SYSTEM

Messages and specific news for clubs, teams, grad, grade level announcements, etc. and daily attendance are sent out via text, email, phone (cell, work, home). If you have not received a callout from Sir John, please call the school to make sure we have your current contact information.

OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY 1	FRIDAY 2	SATURDAY 3
4	5 World Teacher Day	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 No School Thanksgiving Day	13	14	15 PAC Meeting 7-8pm	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 STIP No School for Students	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Hallowe'en