

École Sir John Franklin High School

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Principal's Message Mr. Dean MacInnis

Welcome back everyone! We are so glad to have everyone back safely. We are a couple weeks in and a new school year is upon us.

We would like to welcome to our new 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, sport, 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: The Class of 2024. 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 SJFs

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 are celebrated and where you get to create many life-long memories. We are excited to share this important year with you.

School events are already well underway. Later in October our senior volleyball teams will be participating in the Sr. Spike It tournament. Our Fine Arts department is hard at work on their fall production.. Grad and Student council are underway and many other clubs have started! We are pleased to welcome some new staff members this year. Check out the new staff section in the newsletter for more about them!

Thank you to the parents who attended Open House Night on September 28th. 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. Next meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday, October 12th. If you are interested in joining the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) please email mikipromislow@yahoo.com, newtonmgrey@hotmail.com, or Terry.Brookes@yk1.nt.ca If you have any questions, please call us at (867) 669- 0773 or email at sjf@yk1.nt.ca.

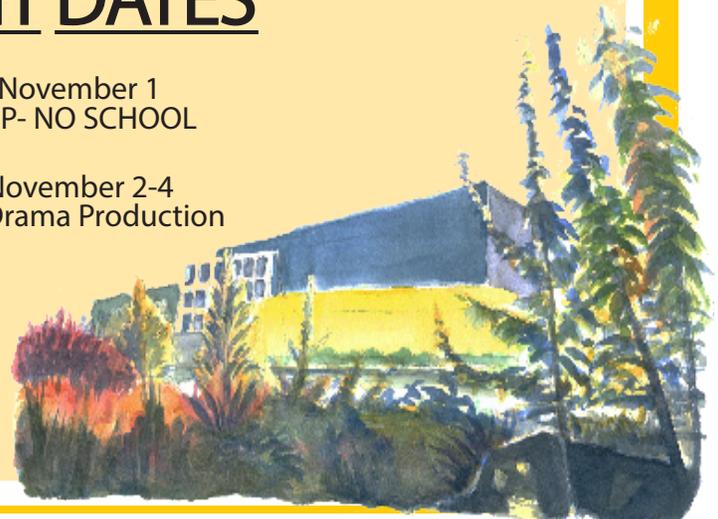
Go Falcons Go!!

IMPORTANT DATES

October 2
No School in lieu of Truth and Reconciliation Day
October 9
Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL
October 12
PAC Meeting 7pm
October 20
STIP- NO SCHOOL
October 26-29
Sr Spike It Volleyball Tournament

November 1
STIP- NO SCHOOL

November 2-4
SJF Drama Production



WELCOME TO SIR JOHN!



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Craig Smith

My name is Craig Smith and I am excited to be joining the staff at SJF this year and to be working in the NSYO program. I moved to Yellowknife in the summer of 2020 with my wife (also a teacher) and our two children. Before living in the north, I lived and taught in Nova Scotia (where I was born and raised) for 7 years, 3 of which were at a private school for students with learning differences. Before that, I taught middle school math at a Canadian school in Hong Kong for almost 12 years. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and our two dogs walking the fantastic trails around town and then sledding once the snow falls. Looking forward to this year and all the new and exciting things I'm sure it will bring!



Alexis Ruettnauer

My name is Alexis Ruettnauer and I am a CYC working with SJF this year. I grew up in Yellowknife and now live here with my partner and our 1 year old daughter. My educational background is in Counselling Psychology specializing in School and Youth Counselling, and I worked previously as a CYC at St Joseph School for two years. I am very excited to meet you all, and to be able to work with the students here at SJF!

Are you interested in joining the **Parent Advisory Committee?**

The PAC has met once since school started in September but it's not too late to join! Please email mikipromislow@yahoo.com, newtonmgrey@hotmail.com, or Terry.Brookes@yk1.nt.ca if you would like more information. To read minutes from previous meetings,



Career and Education Advisor

Stop By To Meet

CEAs work with Grade 9-12 students to help you prepare for what's next after high school.

They can connect you with people who are doing work that interests you and opportunities you can do while you're still in school!

CEAs can also help you:

- Fill out applications for part-time jobs, post-secondary, scholarships, awards and Student Financial Assistance
- Write a résumé and cover letter
- Find experiences you can participate in while still in school, such as Schools North Apprenticeship Program (SNAP)

You can find CEAs during these times/dates:

Ecole Sir John Franklin High School

Wednesdays and Thursdays- Health Haven Room

Stop by or send me a text or email:

shona_barbour@gov.nt.ca or 867-446-6387





Science fall 2023!

Biology 30 students in Ms Young's class doing their first lab on the Nervous System - Reflex and Reaction Rates Lab.





Truth and Reconciliation Day

SJF recognized this important day with a school assembly on Friday, September 29th and also by asking everyone to wear an orange shirt. This year's theme is "Honouring Survivors".



Get involved at SJF!



Boys Hockey

Mr. Curran

Girls Hockey

Mr. Killbride

Volleyball

Mr. Eastcott

Retro Video Games

Mr. Cartwright

Social Studies Club

Mr. Traynor

Green Team

Ms. Robson

Debate Club

Mr. Curran

Gender Sexuality Squad

Ms. Wilson

MAGMA

Ms. Ryan and Mr Kooymans

Drama

Mr. Peters

Band & Choir

Ms. Shantora

Student Council

Ms. Shantora

Grad Council

Ms. Martin

Fitness Room

Mr. Eastcott

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See anything you like?

Check in with the teachers listed above to learn more!



REGULAR DAY

PERIOD 1 8:30-9:40

PERIOD 2 9:45-10:55

PERIOD 3 11:05-12:15

LUNCH 12:15-1:05

PERIOD 4 1:05-2:15

PERIOD 5 2:20-3:30

EARLY DISMISSAL

(Thursdays)

PERIOD 1 8:30-9:30

PERIOD 2 9:35-10:35

PERIOD 3 10:45-11:45

LUNCH 11:45-12:25

PERIOD 4 12:25-1:25

PERIOD 5 1:30-2:30





How parents can solve a concern at school

Contact and book an appointment with the teacher involved.

Talk privately with the teacher. Many concerns should be resolved at this point.

To resolve the concern further, arrange to meet with a Guidance Counsellor or Program Support Teacher.

If problem is not solved, arrange to meet principal or assistant principal.

Is new information available to solve concerns?

YES

No

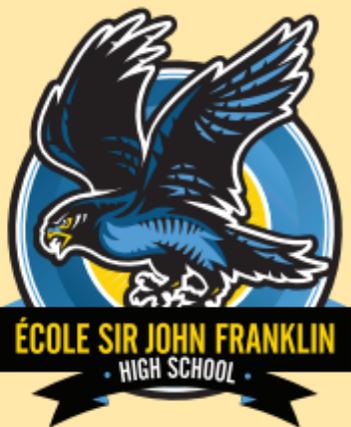
Principal or assistant principal will meet with the teacher.

Meeting will be held with all parties if necessary to resolve the problem.

If resolution is not reached, contact the Superintendent.

Meet or talk privately with the Superintendent.

Superintendent will confer with principal or assistant principal and parent.





WANT MORE INFO?



SCAN ME

SCAN OUR QR CODE AND FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

SJF Online:
Website: www.yk1.nt.ca/sjf
Email: sjf@yk1.nt.ca
Facebook & YouTube:
(Sir John Franklin High School)

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