

# École Sir John Franklin

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## April Newsletter

### Principal's Message for

### April 2011

Considering it was a short month, March was full of interesting events and presentations.

The first-ever Puru trip left for South America in mid-March and returned with stories that speak to the exciting and unique culture and geography of this country. Everyone agreed that the experience was not only interesting, but well worth the work in getting there.

Our Dene Kede Winter camps gave our Grade nines a day of Aboriginal culture. Each year, every Grade 9 student has the opportunity to share in cultural activities on-the-land with elders who demonstrate skills that are part of the Dene way of life. All grade 9's attend and it is a week that is educational and a great deal of fun.

Kim Potrais, one of our teachers assisted students at Sir John to help in raising funds to build a new animal

shelter in Yellowknife. She and her students continue demonstrating their love of animals through their dog walking group that works with the SPCA to give exercise to dogs who are needing to get outside. Recently Kim applied for and received funding from the "Imagine Action" campaign to assist with costs associated with this club that is presently active in our school. Thanks to Kim and her group of students who demonstrate their commitment to animals by taking on this task.

Greg Hanna is a student new to our school and has already shown his extensive and vast array of talents in a number of ways since his arrival. A seasoned debater and national participant in debating competitions before coming to Sir John, Greg recently took part in and received second place standing in the national debating competition held in Hay River. A big congratu-

lations to Greg for this showing. If you listen to CJCD Radio you may have heard DJ Greg as he hosts one of their programs. His love of language is displayed in both these passions and we wish him all the best in these endeavours.

As the 2011-12 school year begins taking shape, the Grade 8 to 9 parent meeting, held on March 2, provided a good deal of information for the parents and Grade 8 students who will enter Sir John next fall. We look forward to having them here and will host them in a tour of the school later on in the spring.

A whole-school assembly was the venue for the showing of a MADD (Mothers Against Drinking and Driving) film that graphically depicted the horrific effects that drinking and driving has on families and relationships. Students viewed "Shattered" after which the presenter told her own story.

It was a moving and truthful look at the need for all our students to think about and act responsibly where impaired driving may be of concern

As a final note, the Sir John Franklin production of "Grease" will run from Wednesday, April 13 through to Saturday, April 16. The show will be taking place at the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre with a start time of 7:00pm. Tickets are available for \$20.00 each at the NACC box office. We know that Mr. Peters and his cast of students will once again provide top-notch entertainment with this performance. It is something you don't want to miss.

Have a pleasant Easter weekend and enjoy the sunny spring weather.



## IMPORTANT GRAD INFORMATION

Deadline to submit grad bios is April 15th.

Also, the Valedictorian Applications will be available from Mrs. Roach Monday, April 18th. Deadline for these submission will be Monday May 2nd at 3:30pm.

**Absolutely NO late entries will be considered for either of these!!**



**Help fundraise for the Yellowknife Food bank and join the ESJF Famine 2011.**

Students who participate in the famine will fundraise money and find sponsors! Students will then spend the night at the high school where they will participate in fun games and activities while fasting for 31 hours.

If a student is not physically capable of fasting for 31 hours, he or she can still participate in a modified fast. See Mrs. Stewart for details.



Ecole Sir John Franklin Drama Department  
Proudly Presents

# Grease



Directed by Landon Peters

Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

At the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre

April 12-16, 2011 @ 7pm

April 16, 2pm Matinee

Tickets \$20

Tickets available online and at the NACC box office



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## Music Department Update - Mr. Purchase

Music students are busy preparing for their feeder school and spring concert performances in May. The spring concert will feature performances by the 3 academic music classes, as well as the 4 extra curricular ensembles at the school. The concerts are on May 17th and 18th in the NACC. Tickets will be \$7 (\$5 plus the \$2 NACC fee).



Music students welcomed local teacher and performer Susan Shantora and piper Angela Gallant-Goodwin for lecture/workshop presentations in April. Susan worked with the grade 10-12 students plus the choir, and Angela worked with the 11/12 band class. Thank you to both of these wonderful professional musicians. Students should look forward to a visit from the Augustana Youth Choir, set to visit our school for a workshop on May 6th.

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## Grad Update - Mr. Purchase

The grad council and parent committees have been hard at work preparing fundraising opportunities to make this year's grad event a smashing success. You may have come across a grad student who is selling raffle tickets, thank you for your support. The fundraising committee will be hosting a silent auction during the Spring Drama Production of "Grease" taking place next week from the 12th to the 16th. Come enjoy the fantastic show and place your bid on some excellent products and services donated by the grads, families, and friends.

March was a short but fun month, featuring a grad movie night and a very successful grad auction which raised over \$1000 for the grad weekend. Grad students are reminded that they need to pay their grad fees soon, and submit bios for the yearbook and for Mrs.

Roach. Information on seating at the grad event will be made available soon so stay tuned!

Grad parents who wish to receive email messages about updates regarding the grad weekend should email Scott Purchase ([scott.purchase@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:scott.purchase@yk1.nt.ca)) and join the parent committee email list.

## SJF Science Department – Time to Go GREEN!!    Ms. Young

Spring has arrived in Yellowknife and the SJF Science Department is ready to go **GREEN**. Students will soon be starting planting and labs in our in house Greenhouse, so watch for flowers, fruit, and vegetables departing from Rooms 25 and 26.



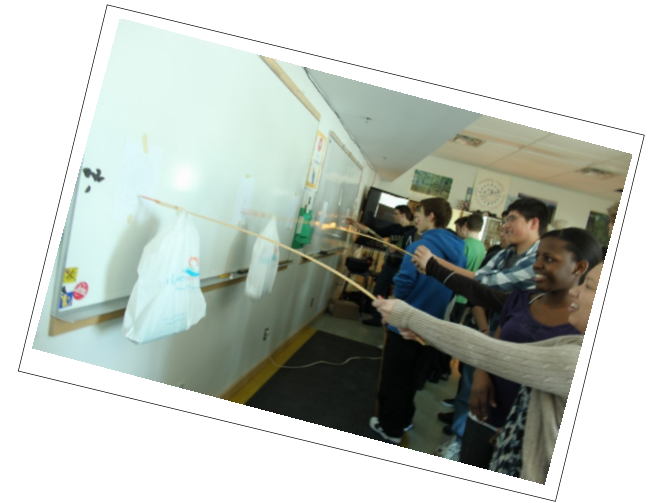
### The Greenhouse Club



The Greenhouse Club that was launched last year will resume its activities this April. We plan on growing cat grass, fine herbs and tomatoes again this year to raise money for the NWT SPCA. Members of the club will also be able to grow their own plants and get an early start on their home garden.

Anyone interested in joining the club please attend a meeting: Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at lunch time in Room 23.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>High School Fun Soccer Tournament</i>	9 <i>High School Fun Soccer Tournament</i>
10	11	12	13 <i>Spring Drama Production</i>	14 <i>Spring Drama Production</i>	15 <i>Spring Drama Production</i>	16 <i>Spring Drama Production</i>
17	18	19 <i>NWT Skills Competitton</i>	20	21	22 <i>Good Friday (No School)</i>	23
24	25 <i>Easter Monday (No School)</i>	26	27	28 <i>Super Soccer</i>	29 <i>Super Soccer 31 Hour Famine</i>	30 <i>Super Soccer</i>