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Principal's Message

This past month has been a busy one for the staff and students at Sir John. The second report card of the semester has gone home and the parent/student/teacher interviews were held last week. We have continued to showcase the many talents of our students throughout the month in a variety of venues from the art displays and music concerts at our fine arts night, the fabulous production of "The Lion King" which took place in NACC in front of sold out crowds, the evening coffee house, Remembrance Day assembly and pep rallies, Spike It!, and the annual Challenge Cup to name just a few. And the fun doesn't stop there. Over the next couple of weeks before Christmas expect to hear news from the Hay River Hockey Tournament, the High School Badminton Championships, the annual Christmas Concert and our annual Christmas luncheon and assembly! Check out our website for news and updates of all of the goings-on at Sir John.

In this issue you will also find a draft version of the January final exam schedule. Please check it over carefully to ensure that there are no conflicts. We are fast approaching the end of the semester and exams so it is important for students to stay focused on their work as there is still plenty to get done! Please do not hesitate to contact the school at 669-0773 if you have any questions or concerns and remember to visit our website at www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca.

As a reminder, our last day of classes before the Christmas break is Friday, December 16 and we will be returning from the holiday on Tuesday, January 3rd. Have a wonderful and relaxing Christmas holiday, enjoy the food, family and festivities of the season and Happy New Year to all the École Sir John Franklin High School family from the staff of Sir John!

Ed Lippert, Principal



Merry Christmas

JOYEUX NOËL

Hristos se rodi

Feliz Navidad

Mele Kalikimaka



IMPORTANT DATES:

2-4: Hay River Hockey Tourney

9-10: NWT HS Badminton Tourney

12: Christmas Concert

16: Christmas Assembly

19-2: Break

24: Christmas Eve

25: Christmas Day

31: New Year's Eve

The Lion King

Director's note:

The cast of "The Lion King" wrapped up its final show Saturday night to a sold out house in NACC. Ticket sales were phenomenal for this run, and we can't thank the community of Yellowknife enough for their support in packing the houses. Special shout out goes to Janice Daly, Scott Purchase, and Rod Kennedy for their help with music, sets, and putting programs together, community members Brian Wainwright and Martin Emslander for all their hard work building and lighting the set, and of course to the kids who did such a terrific job of making these animals come to life for close to 2000 kids in the community. Their hard work and dedication made it an overwhelming success, one that we hope to carry over into the spring production. In the meantime, prepare yourself for a possible show happening in the Blackbox theatre coming this January. The Drama 20/30 class is presently going through potential scripts and a show choice will be decided in the next few days. Congratulations to the cast and crew of "The Lion King" on a job well done!

Landon Peters





Christmas Assembly

École Sir John Franklin High School will be celebrating Christmas on

Friday, December 16th.

Lunch will be provided and served in the foyer by Staff and Student Council. Delicious turkey and ham buns will be handed out along with some additional treats. The Assembly will commence at 2:00 PM and the students will enjoy listening to the band, choir and participate in singing Christmas Carols.



Christmas Concert

The ÉSJF High School Band will be performing on ***Monday, December 12th @ NACC.*** The concert will commence at 7:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased @ www.naccnt.ca. Featuring performances by the Choir, Jazz Band and Concert Band, including audience sing-a-longs. Admission is \$7. Come out and support the students and enjoy the sweet sound of Christmas.

Art 10-1 Class Project

The Art 10-1 class taught by Landon Peters created a collaborative “Ted Harrison” painting. The piece is displayed in the foyer.

Credit goes to the following Artists;

Dylan Allen, Tyrone Asombrado, Hannah Bond, Carter Brown, Shaylen Doolittle, Natisha Drygeese, Michael Hall, Zachary Hamlyn, Sarah Nesbitt, Matt Nguyen Ha, Kacie Phypers, Adeah Reitsma, Robb Cameron, Shannon Stoodley, Stephanie Thibault, Jacob Wiebe



French Immersion Trip

Saturday November 19th, Jessica and I visited the Campus Saint-Jean of the University of Alberta. The Consortium National Francophone pour la Santé organized several presentations allowing us to discover the different programs and certificates offered in French. For example Campus Saint-Jean offers a nursing degree with some classes taught in French and others taught in English. This is an excellent way for someone who learned French in high school to practice and improve their second language and can give better job opportunities in the future.

During the day we met with many specialists who all speak French, often as a second language. All of them explained how important it is to have health professional who can offer a service in French to the Canadian population. We met a radiologist, a psychologist, a speech therapist and many others. We also met many students and visited the campus' many buildings and the residence.

Le samedi 19 novembre, Jessica et moi sommes allées visiter le Campus Saint-Jean de l'Université de l'Alberta. Le Consortium National Francophone pour la Santé avait organisé plusieurs présentations par des professionnels de la santé afin que les étudiants puissent découvrir les différents programmes et certificats offerts en français. Par exemple, le Campus Saint-Jean offre un baccalauréat en science infirmière avec certains cours enseignés en français et d'autres en anglais. Un tel baccalauréat est une occasion exceptionnelle pour un élève qui a appris le français comme deuxième langue de continuer à pratiquer cette langue et même de l'améliorer pendant qu'il étudie à l'université. Maîtriser une autre langue donne un net avantage lorsqu'on se lance sur le marché du travail!

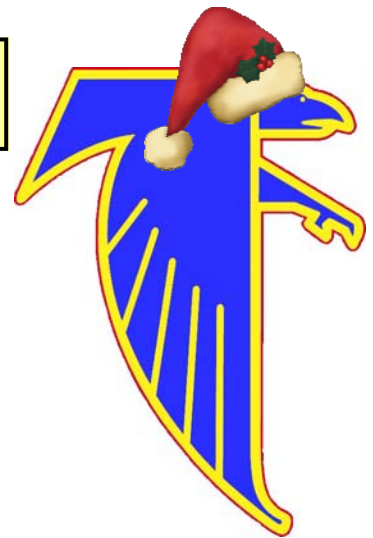
Pendant cette journée, nous avons rencontrés plusieurs spécialistes de la santé qui parlent français. Ces professionnels ont tous insisté sur l'importance de pouvoir offrir des services de santé en français à la population canadienne. Nous avons notamment rencontré un radiologue, une psychologue et une orthophoniste. Nous avons aussi rencontrés plusieurs étudiants et nous avons visité le campus et les résidences.

Kristen Irwin,

Grade 11 Immersion Student / Élève de onzième année en immersion française



Falcon News



Badminton

The school badminton season started right after the Senior Spike It Volleyball tournament in early November. Any students who would like to play some badminton are more than welcome to come out and participate. Mr. Skauge & Mr. Duru are the teacher supervisors for this school activity. Check the school sports bulletin board for the badminton scheduled times.

Basketball

The school basketball program started on Monday, Nov. 21st. Practice times are posted on the school sports bulletin board. Sir John is hoping to enter teams in the 15 & under category (m/f) as well as the 19 & under category (m/f). The Cager event will be hosted by Sir John / St Pat's February 24-26, 2012. Go Falcons Go!

Zumba Classes @ Sir John

The Sir John PE Department has been awarded funding from the Department of Health as part of the Active, Healthy Lifestyle component to offer Zumba classes to their students during the next few months. The PE Department is hoping to offer Zumba sessions to its PE, Fitness, and Yoga classes this semester as well as the beginning of the next semester. We are also hoping to offer some other Zumba classes as extracurricular activity so that other students not taking PE can enjoy this exercise experience as well.

Hockey

The boys & girls hockey teams finished their last practice of the season with a fun, mixed scrimmage at the Shorty Brown Arena on Sunday, November 20th. The climax of the school hockey program, once again, was the annual Challenge Cup. The female game saw the girls get behind early in the match only to come back to make the score 4-3 before the Irish netted the final two markers to seal it with a 6-3 victory.

The boys game was dominated by the strong play of St. Pat's. Our team gave it a valiant effort but the boys from St Pat's dominated most of the play and deserve full marks for their 8-0 victory!

Hats go off this year to the Irish for their clean sweep of the 2011 Challenge Cup event!

The final school hockey event is the annual NWT High School Hockey Championships which are held in Hay River on Dec. 2nd - 4th. Sir John is planning to enter two teams (Jr. / Sr.) in this tournament. We have a few girls registered in minor hockey who will join the boys' team for the Hay River trip.

Finally, I would like to thank the teacher coaches this year for their assistance in making the hockey practices and games an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Overall, the players were great to work with again this year!

Girls Coaches : Mr Kowalzik, Mr Kilbride, Ms. Martin

Boys Coaches: Mr Curran, Mr Kowalzik, Mr Kilbride

Until next year.... Go Falcons Go!

- Burly, SJ Hockey Coach & Coordinator



DRAFT EXAM SCHEDULE

Draft- January 2012 Exams-Draft AM ONLY

Please Note ELA 30-1/30-2 part A will be written in Computer lab 5/18/42 and classroom 34 on Jan 11

SS30-1,30-2, Part A will be written in Comp. Lab 5/18 and rm 34 on Jan 12

FLA 30-1 Part A Computer lab 5, rm. 34

Thursday, January 19	Friday, January 20	Monday, January 23	Tuesday, January 24	Wednesday, January 25	Thursday, January 26	Friday, January 27
9-12 ELA 30-1 ELA 30-2 Part B Rm 34, 40, 42	9-12 SS 30-1 SS 30-2 Part B Rm. 34	9-12 FLA 30 Part B Rm. 34	9-10:15 Bio 30 Bio 30 F Rm. 34	9-11:30 Math 30P Math 30A Rm. 34, 40	9-11:30 Chem 30 Chem 30F Rm. 34	9-11:30 Physics 30 Rm. 34
9-11:30 ENG 9 ENG 10-2 ENG 20-2 GYM	9-11:30 SS 9 SS 10-1 SS 10-2 SS 20-1 SS 20-2 GYM	9-11:30 Science 9, 9F Science 10 Science 10F GYM	9-11:30 Math 9 Math 9F			
9-11 ISP HUM 9 Rm. 12	9-11 ISP Math/Sci 9 Rm 12					

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1-3:30 ENG 10-1 ENG 20-1 French 9EN French 9 GYM	1-3:30 FLA 9 FLA 10 FLA 20 French 20 French 30 GYM	1-3:30 BIO 20 Math 10C Math 10CF GYM	1-3:30 Math 10-3 Math 20-1 Math 20-1F Math 20-2 Math 20-3 GYM	1-3:30 CHEM 20 GYM	1-3:30 Physics 20 GYM
1-3 ISP Hum 10/11	1-3 ISP Math Science 9/10/11 Rm. 12, 13				