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Principal's Message

Happy New Year to all and welcome back! I trust everyone had a happy and relaxing holiday break. The final days of December saw lots of exciting events taking place at Sir John including Christmas concerts, a Christmas luncheon for all students, and the annual Sir John Christmas assembly. One of the most important events of the assembly was the announcement and awarding of the **Minister's Awards** and **Governor General's Academic Medal**. The Minister's Awards are presented by the NWT Minister of Education, the honourable Jackson Lafferty, to the NWT student achieving the highest grade on a Departmental Exam in a school year. We were thrilled to announce that 6 Minister's awards were presented to 5 Sir John students this year – an amazing feat considering all students in the NWT are eligible to win the awards. The Sir John winners of this year's Minister's Awards are:

Ashley Mulders	English Language Arts 30-1 and Pure Mathematics 30
Michael Canam	Chemistry 30
Justin Harvey	Social Studies 30-1 (tied)
Ryan Wallace	Social Studies 30-1 (tied)
Jenson Hu	French Language Arts 30-1

These students were further recognised for their achievements by the YK1 Board of Trustees, Superintendent of Education of YK1, and were each awarded a cash prize. In addition to these awards, Michael Canam was also awarded the **Governor General's Academic Medal** for the student graduating with the highest overall academic standing in grades 11 and 12!

We at Sir John are very proud of these students and their accomplishments and we know the hard work, effort, and commitment required to attain these results. Congratulations and well done!

There is very little time left in this semester. It is very important that students use the remaining time effectively and wisely in order to attain the very best grades possible for each course. Please note inside this issue, you will find an exam schedule and a list of effective study tips. Please take some time to read over these with your children and encourage them to continue attending, pay close attention to the review materials and seek help from their teachers. Exam exemption forms can be picked up at the office. If you require more information on exemptions students can talk to their teachers or contact the office. The deadline for exemption forms to be handed in is Monday, January 16th.

Study well and try your best!

Ed Lippert, Principal

French 30 Holiday Cheer

On Monday, December 12th the students of the French 30 class went to J.H. Sissons Elementary School to lead Christmas activities with the younger students. Everyone, young and old had a wonderful time!



WEST SIDE STORY

The Sir John Franklin Drama Department proudly presents

Coming this spring to the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre. Buy your tickets early and don't miss out!



Guidance

The 2nd Semester begins on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012. We will start on Day 1. If you would like to see your Guidance Counselor to make changes to your timetable you can make your appointment directly with your Counselor at anytime or with the Office from January 23-27. Timetables will be distributed on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.



Winter wear:

We would like to remind the Students that the coldest winter months are here. Please be sure to dress warmly!

Grad Class Christmas Evening

The 2012 Graduation class enjoyed an evening of games, cookie decorating, and crafts.

They also did a great job decorating the tree in the foyer.



Photos by: Jerome Rondeau

10 Habits of Highly Effective Students - Study Tips

1. **Don't cram all your studying into one session.** Successful students typically space their work over shorter periods of time and rarely try to cram all of their studying into just one or two sessions. If you want to become a successful student then you need to learn to be consistent in your studies and to have regular, yet shorter, study periods.
2. **Plan when you are going to study.** Successful students schedule specific times throughout the week when they are going to complete their studying and then they stick with the schedule. Students who study sporadically typically do not perform as well as students who have a set study schedule.
3. **Study at the same time.** Not only is it important that you plan when you are going to study but that you also create a consistent, daily routine. When you study at the same time each day and each week you're studying will become a regular part of life. You'll be mentally and emotionally more prepared for each study session and each study session will become more productive.
4. **Each study time should have a specific goal.** Simply studying without direction is not effective. You need to know exactly what you need to accomplish during each study session. Before you start studying set a study session goal that supports your overall academic goal (*For example; Memorize 20 elements from the Periodic table*).
5. **Never procrastinate your planned study session.** It's very easy, and common, to put off your study session because of lack of interest in the subject, because you have other things you need to get done first or just because the assignment is hard. If you procrastinate your study session, your studying will become less effective. Procrastination leads to rushing through the subject matter which lessens your capacity to retain the information.
6. **Start with the most difficult subject first.** As your most difficult assignment or subject will require the most effort and mental energy you should start with it first. Once you've completed the most difficult work it will be much easier to complete the rest of your work.
7. **Always review your notes before starting an assignment.** Obviously, before you can review your notes you must first have notes. Always make sure to take good notes in class. Before you start each study session and before you start a particular assignment review your notes and make sure you understand the content.
8. **Make sure you are not disturbed while you are studying.** When you are disturbed while studying you lose your train of thought and your focus. Before you start your study session, make sure you choose a place where you won't be disturbed, away from your phone, television, etc.
9. **Use study groups effectively.** Working in groups enables you to get help from other students when you're struggling to understand a concept, complete assignments more quickly and teach others whereby helping both the other student and yourself to internalize the subject matter. However, study groups can become very ineffective if they're not structured and if group members come unprepared.
10. **Review your notes, schoolwork and other class materials over the weekend.** Successful students review what they've learned during the week over the weekend. This way they're well prepared to continue learning new concepts at the beginning of each week that build upon previous coursework and knowledge acquired the previous week.

***Being well prepared will give you the confidence going into your exam and will eliminate the anxieties that can often affect your performance.
Remember that it is easier to keep up than to catch up.***

EXAM SCHEDULE

January 2012 Exams

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

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

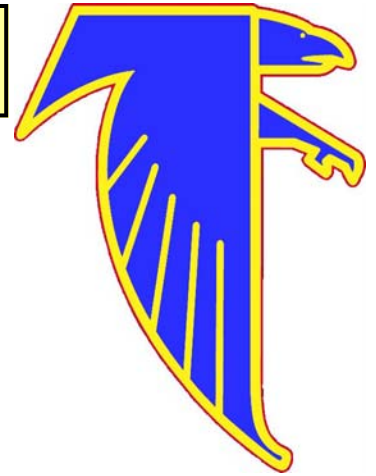
FLA 30-1 Part A Computer lab 5, rm. 34

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	9-11:30 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 Math 10-3 Math 20-1 Math 20-1F Math 20-2 Math 20-3 GYM	9-11:30 Math 9 Math 9F Bio 20 GYM			
9-11 ISP HUM 9 Rm. 12						
9-11:30 ENG F AAT Part A Rm. 33				9-10:45 ENG 9F AAT Part B Rm. 33		

PM ONLY

Thursday, January 19	Friday, January 20	Monday, January 23	Tuesday, January 24	Wednesday, January 25	Thursday, January 26
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 Math 10C Math 10CF GYM	1-3:30 Science 9, 9F Science 10 Science 10F GYM	1-3:30 CHEM 20 GYM	1-3:30 Physics 20 GYM
1-3 ISP Hum 10/11	1-3 ISP Math Science 10/11 Rm. 12, 13	1-3 ISP Math/Science 9/10 Rm. 12			

Falcon News



Arctic Winter Games 2012

Congratulations to all of the Sir John Athletes who made the Arctic Winter Games Teams, and to all who tried out. We are proud of you and your efforts. Keep up the good work and best of luck at the 2012 Arctic Winter Games!



Basketball

The basketball season is well on it's way. The teams are coming together and are starting to look good. We will have a break from practices over the holiday season and will start back on January 4th. New students are welcome to join. Keep in mind that you must participate in over 50% of the practices.

Coming up in 2012

February 3 - 5	High school Fun Basketball Tournament
February 17-18	Junior Cager Basketball Tournament
February 24-26	Senior Cager Basketball Tournament
April 26-29	Junior Super Soccer
May 2-6	Senior Super Soccer
May 26	YK Track & Field Meet
June 6-8	Hay River Track and Field Meet

IMPORTANT DATES for JANUARY:

- 3: School re-opens. Day 2
- 11: ELA 30-1 & ELA 30-2 Exam Part A
- 12: SS 30-1 & SS 30-2 Part A
- 13: FLA 30 Part A
- 19-27: Exams (Diploma, ATT, Regular)