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Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! We're off to another great start at Sir John and things are looking good for another great year at École Sir John Franklin High School!

We're excited to see lots of familiar faces in the classrooms and lots of new ones as we welcome new students and staff to our facility. We are pleased to have Mr. Dean MacInnis joining us as Assistant Principal this year, as well as Mrs. Evelyne Straker in the front office. Returning to us after a year away are Ms. Pam Schlosser in the math department and Ms. Sandy Schmaltz who is returning to Student Services as a program support teacher. Ms. Crystal Lukaniuk is also returning to us in a new position as a Guidance Counselor.

We also want to welcome new teaching staff to our school this fall. Joining us are Michelle Chenard (French Math and Science), Angela Martin (Science), Matt Sullivan (Math), Jeff Alyward (CTS), Danielle Payne (English), and Travis Stewart (CTS), Gavin Scott (EA for French).

It's only been a few short weeks since school has begun but so much has already happened! During our opening day assembly and at grade level assemblies, students were welcomed by Sir John staff and our very active student council and encouraged to participate in the many activities and opportunities available to all students. The Student Council also hosted a very popular and well attended lunch time barbeque to further welcome all of the grade nine students to our school! Thanks Student Council!

Our annual Open House was held on the evening of September 20. This year we changed the format somewhat by forgoing the beginning evening assembly and welcoming everyone to a "true" Open House allowing guests to wander the school at their leisure, peek into the many and diverse classrooms and see students at work showing off their skills and the fine facility we have here at Sir John. The new format appears to have been quite popular as parents, students and teachers enjoyed the many activities, music, displays and the fine foods that seemed to be present around every corner!

Our sports teams are also off to a fine start with our Sir John Falcons already with banners in cross country running and outdoor soccer. Well done Falcons!

It's been an exciting start to the year with lots more to come! Look for future news about our new healthy living initiative and the "Health Haven" soon to be in operation at Sir John. As well, check out our Aboriginal Culture learning facilities and programs. If you would like to be a part of the parent advisory team, our PAC meets the third Tuesday of every month at 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome. Come and check it out your thoughts and ideas are needed and welcome.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend and enjoy the last few days of fall! Be sure to check out Sir John news and daily announcements on our website at www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca.

Ed Lippert
 Principal



October Important Dates:

- October 7: NWT Cross Country Run
- October 14/15: Fun Volleyball Tournament
- October 18: PAC meeting noon at ESJF
- October 21: SIP day am classes only
- October 25: Report Cards sent home
- October 27: P/S/T interviews, 7-9 pm at ESJF drop in
- October 28: P/S/T interviews, 8:30am – 4pm by appointment

Principal: Mr. Ed Lippert

Assistant Principals: Mr. Al McDonald and Mr. Dean MacInnis



Music News

Introduction

Coming back to school is a great time to start getting involved in the musical options available to all students at ESJFHS. Our school has a rich tradition of providing excellent opportunities for people who like to sing and/or play instruments. If you're a student at SJF, please come by the music room and check these groups out. Every student will be given their own personalized binder which they get to use for the entire year. There are 3 music groups that are available to join: Concert Band, Choir and Jazz Band.

Concert Band

All students who enjoy playing concert band instruments are encouraged to give this group a shot. Come try out if you play or want to learn any of the following: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Bass Guitar, Piano, Drums and other Percussion. This group meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 to 5pm. Instruments are available if you need to borrow one.

Choir

If you like to sing, this group is worth a try. If you're shy, bring a friend. If you have a boyfriend, bring him along. We sing a variety of songs, and you're always welcome to make requests. No experience required. The choir meets every Monday from 3:45 to 5pm.

Jazz Band

If you've been playing an instrument for 2 years or more, jazz band is a good place to challenge yourself with other experienced students. Preferred jazz band instruments are saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass guitar, guitar, piano and drums. If you play a different instrument than these, come out and we'll find a place for you in the band. The jazz band meets every Wednesday from 3:45 to 5pm. Instruments are available if you need to borrow one.

Major Concerts

The first concert is scheduled for Monday November 7th and will feature performances from all 3 groups. The second concert is scheduled for Monday December 12th, and will include a tribute to the kids television show "Sesame Street" and some holiday classics for the audience to sing along to.

The third concert is scheduled for Tuesday February 14th and will feature a local guest band playing on stage with our school's concert band (more details to follow).

The final concert is scheduled for Wednesday May 16th and will feature performances from all 3 groups.

Other Concerts

The bands and choir often are invited to participate in school assemblies and other events. Community organizations can "hire" the groups to play at local events. The organizers of these events often provide a small donation to the music department as payment. If you or someone you know is interested in supporting performance opportunities for students in these groups, please contact Scott Purchase at 669-0773, ext. 257 or scott.purchase@yk1.nt.ca.

Thanks and hope to see you at our events!

- Mr. Scott Purchase

**The Sir John Franklin Drama Department
Proudly Presents...**

The Lion King
Music and Lyrics by Elton John and Tim Rice, Book by Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi
Directed by Landon Feters

Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 - Saturday November 12th, 2011, 7pm
Matinee on Saturday November 12th, 2011 at 2pm

At the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre \$10 plus NACC service charge

Grad Parent Meeting



There will be a Grad Parent Meeting this Month. When and where is yet to be determined. Please keep an eye on the website for an update.

Student Attendance & Parent Assist

Sir John offers a service to parents that allows you to keep track of your child's attendance through Parent Assist. Parent Assist is a feature that is connected to our website. To have access you must call the Main Office where you will be provided with your own log-in and password. If this is something you are interested in or have questions regarding please contact us at (867) 669-0773 or sjf@yk1.nt.ca.

New Staff

Featured here are two new faces in the Science Department



Angela Martin

Where are you from? Elmira, Ontario (A small town near Kitchener-Waterloo)

What classes are you teaching? Chemistry 20, Biology 20, Experiential Science 20

What is your favorite thing about Science? I enjoy discovering how things are connected and why everyday actions occur.

What do you think of Sir John and Yellowknife? Sir John is a great school with amazing staff and students. Everyone has made me feel very at home here. Yellowknife is an incredible city with so much to offer. I am constantly amazed by the generosity of the people.



Michelle Chenard

Where are you from? Bathurst, New Brunswick

What classes are you teaching? Math 10C, Math 30, Chemistry 30, all in French Immersion

What is your favorite thing about Science?: Just one? I love how and why things are certain way. Science lets us discover how the world around us works. How can it not be fascinating?

What do you think of Sir John and Yellowknife? I am still very new to both Sir John and Yellowknife. So far, I am loving everything about both. Everyone is nice and helpful, and there are always new and exciting things to do. I think it will be an enjoyable year!

Senior Art Class Cyanotype Workshop

On Thursday, September 22nd, Ms. Tonge's Art 20 and Art 30 students had the opportunity to work with visiting artist, Brian Nevitt, from Britain as he led students through the fascinating process of developing "blue prints" (cyan = blue; type = print) using acetate negatives and the sun!

Thanks go to Brenda Hans from the Prince of Wales Heritage Centre who arranged for Brian Nevitt to come into the Senior class. And thanks also to Mother Nature for ensuring a bright blue sky and sunny day so students could take full advantage of this learning opportunity.



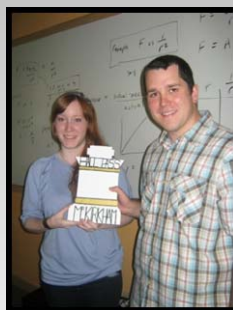
Art 30's Design New Hall Passes



Kelsey Hobbs-Pettle and Mr. Purchase



Stuart Hamre and Mme. Poitras



Nicole Nordahn and Mr. Kirkham

Over the last couple of weeks, students in Ms. Tonge's Art 30 class put their design skills to work for the benefit of 15 teachers at Sir John. Each September, the call is sent out to teachers in need of new hall passes; these passes are required to be carried by students whilst in the hallway as proof of having their teacher's permission to be in the halls.

This year's crop of Art 30's set a high standard that's going to be tough to follow. In meeting the criteria of the passes needing to be durable, portable, and eye-catching, many students elected to build their hall passes out of wood. And with the help of Mr. Alyward's Construction Technology class, there were some very specific forms carved, for example: Mr. McInnis's "Toronto Maple Leafs" hall pass is in fact cut into the shape of a maple leaf: Mr. Kirkham's "Chess Piece" was quite intricate as well...and his reaction to it was noted ("OMG Awesome!").

Robb Nash will be at Sir John on October 6, 2011 @ 2 PM.

Students who have permission from their Teachers are welcome to come listen to him speak.

For more information check him out at:

www.robbynash.com

Coaches Corner



Outdoor Soccer

On Sept 7th the Sir John Boys Outdoor Soccer Program held its first practice. Three weeks later & after 7 practices, 32 student athletes (2 teams) travelled by school bus to Hay River to participate in the Elks Outdoor School Soccer Tournament. The Sir John Blue Team ended up with a record of 1 win & 2 losses while the Sir John Gold Team had a record of 3 wins & 0 losses. The championship game involved the Sir John Gold team & St. Pat's. It was a great game which ended after regulation time in a tie, 2-2. A 5 minute overtime period as well as a 5 player shootout could not determine a winner. However in the sudden death shootout format, Sir John was able to score the decisive marker. Congratulations to both teams for their fine efforts on the playing field this year!

- Coach Burly

On September 23 - 25 the Outdoor Soccer Teams headed down to the Hay River Outdoor Soccer Tournament. We were happy to have such a great turn out in try-outs which resulted in having two great female teams to represent Sir John. For the Girls, SJF Gold played 3 Games in the Round Robin with 3 wins. They fought a hard battle in the finals vs. St. Pat's and came in 2nd. SJF Blue played 2 games in the Round Robin with a 1 win and 1 loss. Thanks for your hard work and dedication. Also thanks to Sandy Schmalz and Angela Martin for all of your help coaching.

- Coach Wendy

Intramurals

Intramurals, at lunch, have been going strong since the first of the school year. Students are expected to have proper gym attire as well as display good sportsmanship at all times. They are also responsible for setting up & putting away equipment. Basketball & volleyball are the choices for activities during this time.

- PE Dept.

The School Hockey Program

The SJ School Hockey Program (male & female) will hold an information session at lunch in the fitness centre on Wednesday, Sept 28th. A Schedule of practices times will be given out at that time. Students will need to pay money to assist the school hockey program in covering the fees for the ice practices. Practices will begin on Oct. 1st at one of the three arenas. The Challenge Cup will take place this year on Wednesday, Nov. 16th at the Ed Jeske Arena. The girls hockey tournament will follow on Nov. 25th - 27th while the boys will complete the school hockey program for this year by attending the annual high school hockey championships in Hay River on Dec. 2nd to the 4th. Go Falcons Go!!!

- Burly - Hockey Coordinator

Cross Country

The Sir John Franklin Cross Country Team delivered an amazing performance at the St. Joe's Cross Country Meet and represented their school with pride. Coaches Kim Poitras and Shannon Ferreira accompanied the 11 athletes who competed at the event which took place on September 21, 2011. Each participant displayed tremendous effort and team spirit throughout the competition. Here are some of the highlights from the event:

Sir John won the High School Division banner

Gold Medal winners: Eric Chalker (16-18 male), Desiree Brown (14&15 female)

Silver medal winners: Etienne Pasini (16-18 male), Gabe Klengenberg (14&15 male), Ali Flemming (14&15 female)

Bronze medal winners: Jeanne Yurris (16-18 female), Aimee Yurris (14&15 female)

The team will travel to the NWT Cross Country Championships in Behchoko on October 7, 2011 with hopes of a comparable performance!

- Coach Shannon



Sir John Franklin Cross Country Team