

Tuesday, September 14th, 2021

Dear Parents and Students of SJF,

Public Health Order - School Closures September 14 - September 24, 2021

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. We realize that you may have many questions. We recognize the need to support learning opportunities for all of our students. On Monday, Sept. 13th it was announced that schools in our community would be closed until after September 24th. We know that these are very uncertain times, but we are committed to doing everything in our power to make sure your child's education is not compromised.

We appreciate everyone's diligence and commitment to the health, wellness and safety of our students, staff and families. We have done everything we can to remain safe here at SJF with student and staff being eligible for vaccinations, mask wearing in all spaces, front facing seating plans in classrooms, and very little transitioning time in the run of the day. This is a disruption, but we will persevere. We want to thank everyone for maintaining a high level of safety by screening your child(ren) each day, and continuously reminding them of the importance of these safety measures.

As noted in the letter you received last night, we are following up to provide additional details on remote learning for your child(ren). Staff of SJF are working today (Tuesday, Sept. 14th) and tomorrow (Wednesday, Sept. 15th) on the specific details of those learning plans, including identifying technology needs and ensuring necessary resources are available to support students' learning at home. Plans may vary across age groups and schools, and will be mindful of developmentally appropriate expectations and tasks.

By Wednesday afternoon, your child's teacher will reach out to you with additional details about your child's schedule, instructions for how to connect to online learning (where appropriate), how to access "offline learning" materials, and information on accessing any resources or technology needed to support remote learning.

Closing the schools is an extraordinary measure taken to protect our community. This is not a vacation from school, and aside from doing your job as a student, you have an important job to do as a community member. Please make sure you are following all public health measures and do your best to



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keep our community safe. The better we are at being safe, the sooner we can get back to school in-person.

I want to thank staff, students and families for their patience and understanding. Please follow the guidelines of the CPHO. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at dean.macinnis@yk1.nt.ca.

Stay healthy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dean MacInnis", is placed over a light grey grid background.

Dean MacInnis
Principal

