

ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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Students, Parents, Guardians of SJF,

The entire staff of École Sir John Franklin High School welcomes you to an exciting 2020-2021 school year and hope that your family is safe and healthy! If you are new to the SJF school community, we extend a hearty welcome and best wishes for a productive and happy school year. For those families who are returning, we look forward to the energy you bring to SJF. First, let me start by extending our gratitude for all the work parents and teachers have done to keep our students learning and safe! Parental support in these challenging times signifies the strength of the partnership between home and school.

Many components for SJF will be new and different. Having grade eight students in our building will be one of them. We have five homeroom classes for 90 grade eight students. These classes are located in the hallway just above the main foyer area. For other adjustments and changes please read the other documents attached to this message.

We recognize that this year's return to school will be different for our students, families, and staff. The realities of the COVID-19 pandemic have made it essential for measures to be put in place to make sure that we are doing all that we can to ensure student and staff well-being, as this remains our top priority. We have been diligently working on a re-entry strategy to minimize risk and help keep everyone as safe as possible. Please review the Safety Measures on the following page.

We look forward to welcoming the students back to school on Monday, August 31st. If you have any questions or concerns please email us at sjf@yk1.nt.ca or call (867) 669-0773. We are all looking forward to getting the year started.

Sincerely,

Dean MacInnis
Principal

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Safety Measures

- **Masks/Face Coverings:** Masks are required for all staff and students. Exceptions to this requirement would be when students and staff are eating or drinking.
- **Handwashing & Sanitizing:** All staff and students will sanitize/wash hands upon entering building, as they enter and exit classrooms, after using shared equipment, before eating and after using washroom facilities.
- **Signage:** There will be directional signage throughout the building, reminding students and staff to wash hands often, maintain physical distance of 2 metres, and to wear masks.
- **Stay home if they feel ill:**
 - Screening for illness before leaving home each day,
 - All students and staff who access the school must self-screen for symptoms using the COVID-19 Daily Screening Questionnaire before arrival.
 - If students or staff members exhibit symptoms of illness, they should stay home and not attend school.
- **Showing Signs of Illness While at School:** If someone develops symptoms while at school they will be moved to a private room while attended to by a staff member wearing appropriate personal protective equipment. A family member must come pick up the student.
- **Cleaning Protocols:** The school will ensure that regular sanitization takes place, approved disinfectants are used, high-touch surfaces are sanitized frequently and thoroughly.
- **Visitors to SJF:** We request that all visitors call before arriving to book an appointment.

The safety of all school community members will be our top priority.

