

JAN/FEB 2022 NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message Mr. Dean MacInnis

We are happy to welcome students back to in-person instruction on Monday, January 24th. The Office of the Chief Public Health Officer has recommended that schools in Yellowknife reopen based on a recent decrease in active cases of COVID-19 in the community.

Please remember to use the daily screening tool before students come into school (see next page for details). If students are ill, please contact our office 867-669-0773 and keep your child home until they are feeling better.

The Student Council has been very busy planning a number of events for our students. They are starting the year off with a Food and Clothing Drive with prizes for the class who donates the most! Other events include a Fine Arts Contest and Candy Grams.

The first order of Grad 2022 hoodies were handed out to students when they returned. We're looking forward to seeing them on the first GRAD HOODIE DAY!

Semester 1 report cards will be posted on PowerSchool on Friday, February 4th by 3:30pm. If you don't have a PowerSchool account, please call the school for access. Instructions on how to find report cards are inside this newsletter.

We have many clubs and activities that students can get involved in during the lunch hour. These include Gender & Sexuality Squad, Club Euclid, Tai Chi Club and many more! A list of clubs and activities can be found inside.

We are sad to announce that long-time YK1 teacher Micheline Ricard has retired. We wish her all the best! On that note, we welcome the new French teacher, Jean-Yves Drouin and we look forward to working with him at SJF!

IMPORTANT DATES

February 4

Report Cards Posted

February 24 & 25

STIP for Teachers
No School for Students

February 28

Deadline for Food
and Clothing Drive

MARCH 11

No School
(in lieu of P/S/T Interviews)

MARCH BREAK STARTS
ON MARCH 12, 2022



STAY CONNECTED

SJF Online:

Website: www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca

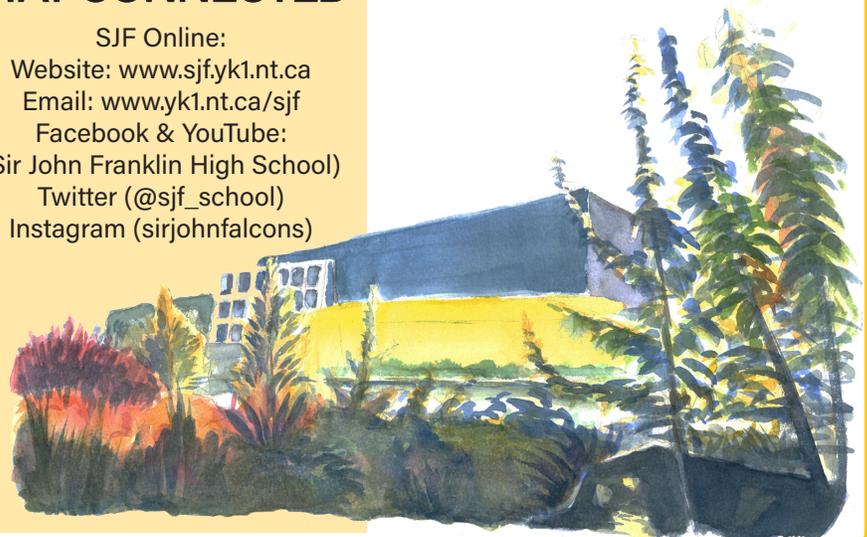
Email: www.yk1.nt.ca/sjf

Facebook & YouTube:

(Sir John Franklin High School)

Twitter (@sjf_school)

Instagram (sirjohnfalcons)



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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Daily Symptom Screening Tool for Students, School Staff and Early Childhood Care Workers

1

Initial Screening Questions

- Are you required to self-isolate due to travel from outside the NWT? Is anyone in your household required to self-isolate due to travel outside of the NWT?
- Have you had close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Have you been advised to isolate or self-isolate by ProtectNWT or a healthcare provider in the past 14 days?

If the answer is **YES** to one or all of the questions above, please stay home and contact public health for next steps.

If the answer to all questions is **NO**, move to Step 2.

2

Do you have ANY of the following symptoms?



Shortness of breath or
difficulty breathing



New or worsening
cough



Fever



Loss of sense of smell
or taste



Generally feeling
unwell



Chills



Muscle aches



Fatigue or weakness



Sore throat



Congestion or runny
nose



Headache



Diarrhea, nausea or
vomiting



Loss of appetite



Abdominal pain



Skin changes or rash

If the answer is **YES**, please stay home and move to step 3 for guidance on arranging a healthcare assessment.

If the answer is **NO**, you can attend work or school.

Science Space

Creating Opportunities through Choices in Science

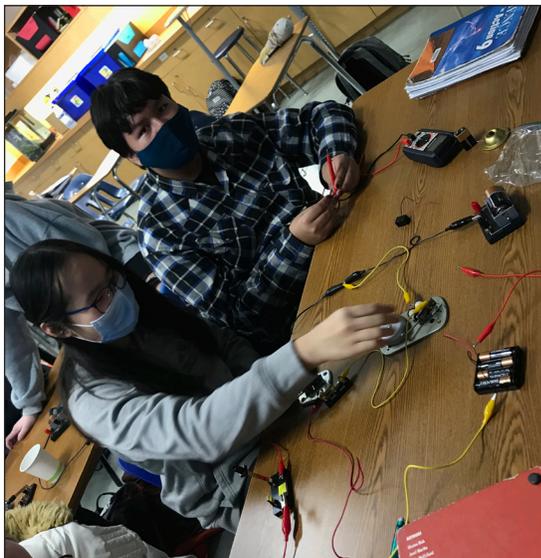
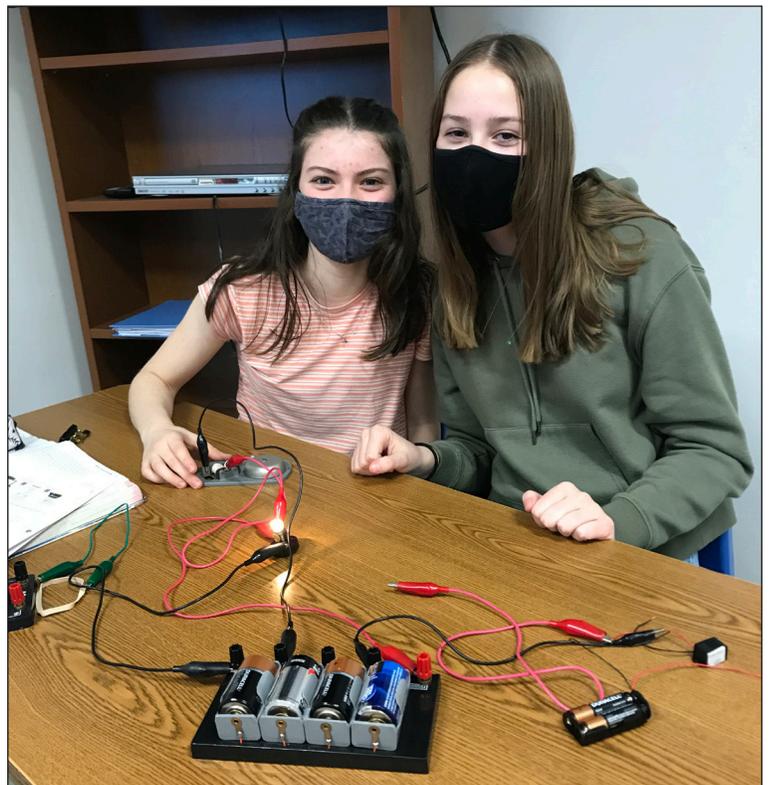
*Gwen Young,
Science Department Head*

As students move into a new semester, choices can be made on what courses they can take. Here at SJF, the Science Department offers a number of different Science Courses. Once they have completed the Science 10 level, students can branch out into the areas of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Sciences. It is encouraged that students take all the opportunities to do as many different courses as possible. This will give them more pathways and opportunities in the future as they explore possible university, college and trades programs.

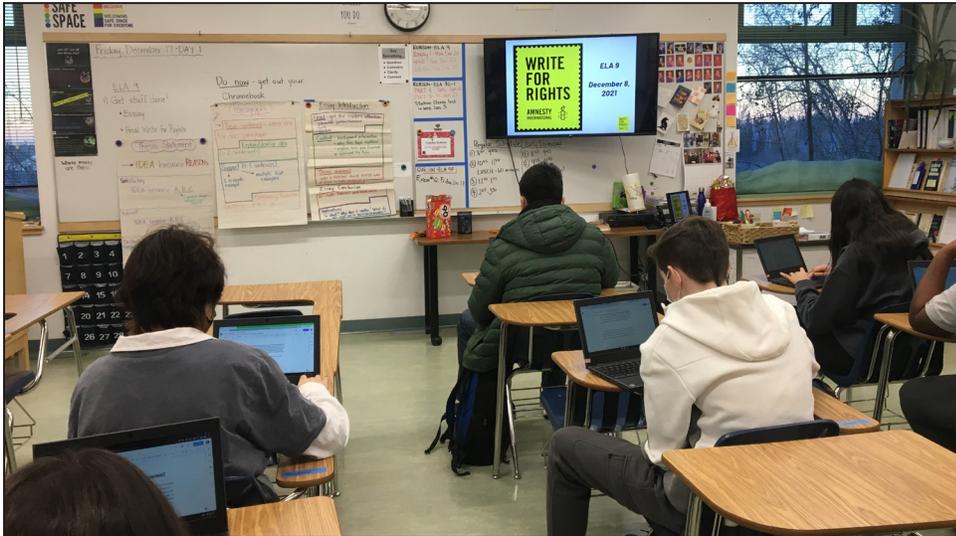
Our Science Department teachers have a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the courses, programs and future Science careers. Please reach out to them for more information. The SJF Student Services Department can guide the students with their Science choices in their school schedules.

Science can lead to amazing opportunities and careers... So maybe it is time to join a new Science class!

Science 9 Electricity Lab



International Human Rights Day



For International Human Rights Day, Ms Robson's ELA 9 class participated in Amnesty International's Write for Rights day. Students wrote letters in support of individuals and organizations from around the world, urging government leaders to defend human rights.

Mr. Kooymans' Social Studies 10-1 class also participated in Write for Rights Day. Their class decided to put all of their efforts as a class behind one specific case. They chose Imoleayo Michael of Nigeria. They figured if each student wrote to the same government that it might have a better chance of making a difference than if they wrote to a number of different governments. Students were responsible for each composing an email to the Attorney General of the Federation and Minister of Justice in Nigeria, and then posting their support for Imoleayo Michael on social media using the hashtag #FreelmoleAyo.



The Student Council has met twice and are very excited to be planning activities for the students of Sir John.

The 2021-2022 Council Members are:

- Gr. 8 - Anna Curran & Leah McShane
- Gr. 9 - Annabella Churchill & Cyrus Walton
- Gr. 10 - Dakota Robinson
- Gr. 11 - Teresa Martin, Fadzai Maziriri

Teacher Supervisors:
Hanna Griffin, Shannon Traynor,
Jacqueline Arthur, Susan Shantora

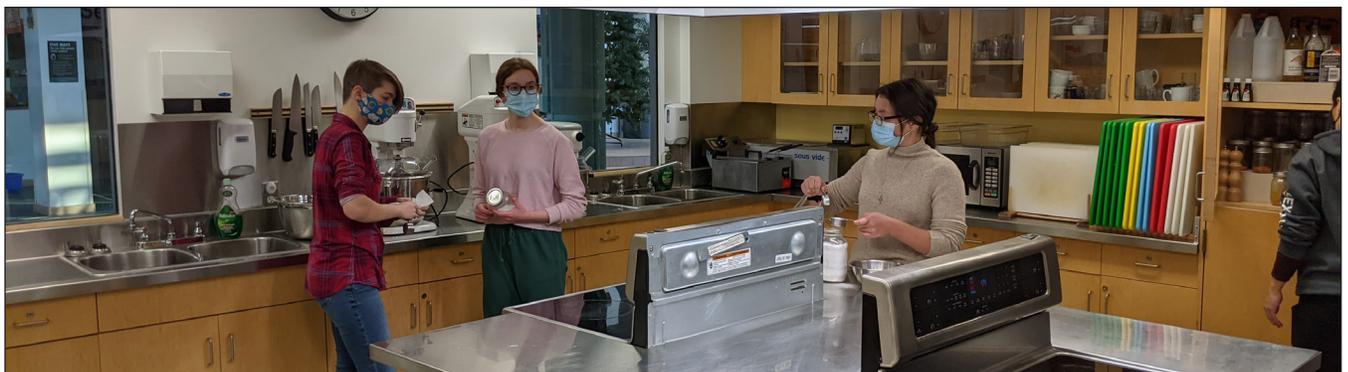
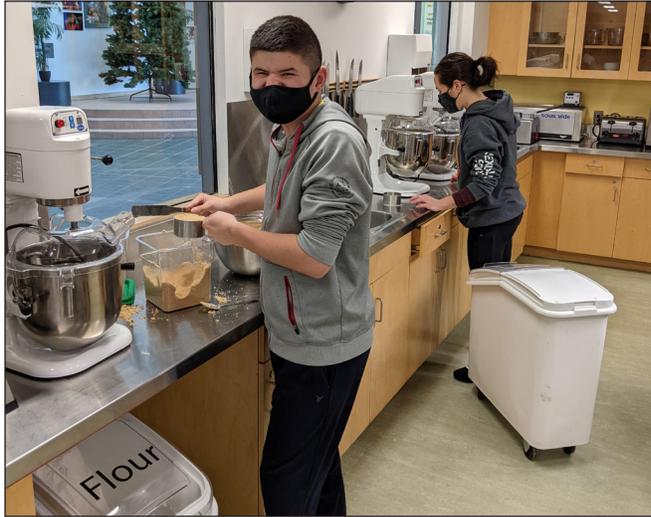
The Green Team bakes cookies to raise funds!

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FREE! ONLINE BOOKS!

Sora Online Library: available to YK1 staff and students.
Sora is an online library of books where you can access free eBooks and audio books.
YK1 currently has access to Alberta Public School K-12 Shared Digital Collection.
Follow the instructions below on how to get started.
You must be signed in to your YK1 Google account.

Getting started with Sora



With Sora, you can get free eBooks and audiobooks from your school.

1

Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

2

In Sora, find your school (or enter your school's setup code), then sign in.

3

Browse the **Explore** tab and borrow a book. Your book will open so you can start reading right away.

4

Close the book and go to your **Shelf** to see all your books (including assignments).
From there, you can:

- Tap **Open Book** or **Open Audiobook** to read or listen to the book.
- Tap **Options** to renew or return the book, get to your notes and highlights, and more.

Holiday Door Winners!



Thank you to all who participated and all the judges!

Please enjoy these pictures of other SJF holiday-themed doors (more on next page).



ÉCOLE SIR JOHN FRANKLIN





Student Spotlight

Rosalyn French

Rosie is friendly and kind and always willing to help others. She is a bright, hard-working student and a welcome addition to our Sir John Family.

Quelle formidable étudiante! Posée, humble, calme, généreuse, souriante, et si travailleuse! Rosie est une exceptionnelle ambassadrice pour notre école!



Staff Spotlight

Micheline Ricard

Micheline is the heart and soul of the French department at Sir John. On January 27th, 2022, she will celebrate her 25th anniversary with YK1. Sadly, Micheline will be leaving us at the end of Semester 1 to return to Quebec to enjoy her retirement. Micheline shares a special bond with each and every student and takes great pride in seeing them walk across the stage at graduation to receive their French diploma.

Micheline, you will leave a huge hole in our Sir John family. Your students, and your colleagues, will miss you immensely. We wish you all the best Micheline!!

Student Services Roles

Student Support & Communications Liaison

The role of the Student Support & Communications Liaison is to assist in daily operations of the Student Services Department. They assist students with booking Academic Counsellor appointments, printing documents (validation statements, schedules, report cards) and managing students' cumulative files. They coordinate presentations and workshops from outside organizations such as universities and colleges. They deliver communications to students and parents as well as create monthly newsletters and update the school website and social media accounts.

Academic Counsellor

The role of an Academic Counsellor is to support students in their academic pathways and courses through advising, scheduling, and planning. The Academic Counsellors follow students throughout their high school years to ensure that they are set up to successfully complete high school graduation requirements in order to receive their high school diploma and also have the courses they need to apply for their desired Post Secondary programs. They assist students in applying for apprenticeships, College, University, travel programs, specialized programs, student financial assistance, etc.

The Academic Counsellors are the first point of contact for student needs and help facilitate the students' needs whether it be advising in

reference to academics, housing, food support, personal counseling and beyond. All students are assigned an Academic Counsellor who is paired up with a Program Support Teacher.

Program Support Teacher

Program Support Teachers take a strength based approach to supporting teachers and students. They are experienced and knowledgeable teachers who provide direct collaborative support to classroom teachers as they develop instructional strategies to meet the needs of students. Specifically, the PSTs focus on developing and supporting the implementation of instructional strategies; problem-solving; coaching; mentoring; co-teaching; modelling promising practices, engaging in activities that directly support classroom teachers, and providing direct support to students.

Child and Youth Care Counsellors (CYCCs)

CYCCs offer mental health counselling sessions to youth and their families. They are graduate-level counsellors trained to work with various mental health concerns and behavioural difficulties that may come along with such concerns. They recognize the importance of identifying and fostering resiliency in youth and work from a trauma-informed lens. The CYCCs can provide guidance for navigating other mental health services in the territories or other support services that may best support the well being of the youth. The CYCCs also offer parent consultations as needed. During the school year, they will be based primarily in the school, but in order to align with the needs of youth and families, services can be offered by the community based CYCC at the GogaCho Building.

Student Services Team

Shaun Doherty - Academic Counsellor
Angela Martin - Program Support Teacher

Paul MacDonald - Academic Counsellor
Denise Hurley - Program Support Teacher

Evelyne Straker - Academic Counsellor
Sharon Oldford - Program Support Teacher

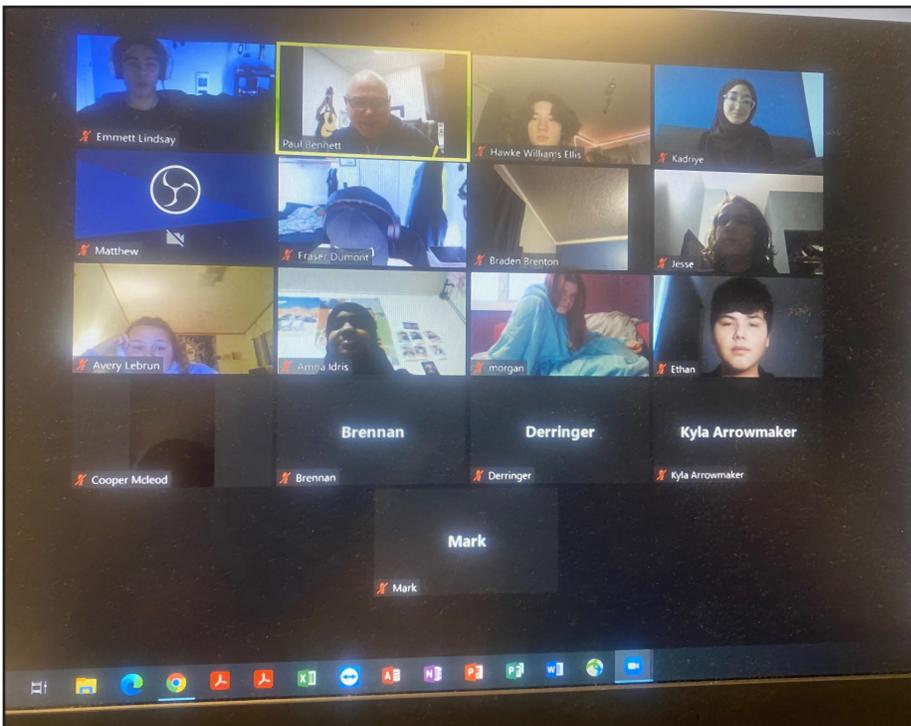
Nicole Lawlor - CYCC (Mental Health Counsellor)
Shweta Pal - CYCC (Mental Health Counsellor)

Andrea Pellerin - Student Support & Communications Liaison



SJF student Mark Lingard presents tobacco to guest speaker Patrick Scott.

Patrick Scott visited students to discuss "The Berger Inquiry" and land agreements.



Northern Studies 10 students get ready to write their

**exam
online...**

the first time in our history!

Progress Reports/Report Cards:

The Semester 1 Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal on PowerSchool on February 4th by 3:30pm for viewing. This will be on the website only, not the app. We will only be printing report cards for our grade 8 students and for any grade 9 to 12 student who requests one. If you need assistance with the PowerSchool access or you are setting up a new account, please contact us at (867) 669-0073 or email sjf@yk1.nt.ca

** If you would like a printed copy of the your child's report card, please call (867) 669-0773*

Instructions for Accessing Student Report Cards (Grade 9-12 students):

1. Log in to the PowerSchool website using your parent account: <https://yk1.ece.gov.nt.ca/public>
2. Scroll to the bottom of the opening page to the section called "Report Card to print (PDF)"
3. Beside "Period Attendance" select the "Term".
4. For January 2022 report cards, click on "S1 2021- 2022"
5. Once you have selected the correct term, click the blue "Period Attendance" button.
6. A PDF of the November report card will pop up, and you can view, print, and/or save a copy.

Acoustic Concert

General Music students performed a few songs in the foyer before the Christmas break. Their set list included Carol of the Bells, Can you Feel the Love Tonight, Jingle Bells and Silent Night. General Music students are: Malachi Morin, Matthew Bui, Tahlea Zoe, Dahwii Judas, Trevin Yakelaya, Derringer Boothe, Jared Rabesca and Ethan Laing conducted by Ms. Shantora





Congratulations
Isabelle
Boucher
on winning the 2021
Governor General's Award.
This award is presented
to a student who achieves
the highest academic
average in their
graduating year.

New YK1 Websites

Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) recently launched new websites for the district, all YK1 schools, K'alemi Dene School and Kaw Tay Whee School. The school district also launched a new mobile application, which can be downloaded from your phone's App Store by searching "YK1". We encourage families to bookmark the following new websites:

- YK1 District (www.yk1.nt.ca)
- École J.H. Sissons (www.yk1.nt.ca/jhs)
- N.J. Macpherson School (www.yk1.nt.ca/njm)
- Mildred Hall School (www.yk1.nt.ca/mhs)
- Range Lake North School (www.yk1.nt.ca/rln)
- École William McDonald Middle School (www.yk1.nt.ca/wms)

**•École Sir John Franklin High School
(www.yk1.nt.ca/sjf)**

- K'alemi Dene School (www.yk1.nt.ca/kds)
- Kaw Tay Whee School (www.yk1.nt.ca/ktw)

Check YK1 websites regularly to stay on top of the latest news and events!

Scan QR Code for SJF Website



New YK1 Mobile Application

To download YK1's new mobile application, visit your phone's "App Store" and search for "YK1".

Initiate the download when you see YK1's name and logo. Once the download is complete, click the site or sites you want to subscribe to (you can subscribe to as few or as many as you'd like). We recommend subscribing to the district site since all

YK1 information will always be pushed from this site.

Enable notifications for the application so that information is automatically sent to your mobile once it's published on our websites.

Student Council

has been busy planning in person and online events for this month. We are running the following:

1. WINTER CLOTHING/FOOD DRIVE

- runs all month
- the class with the most points wins a pizza party
- Council members will pick up items on Fridays and then points will be calculated for your class. Items have been assigned point values. The Foodbank would prefer a monetary donation so we are asking for gift cards from the grocery stores or Walmart.
- a final points tally will be made at the end of the month and winners will be announced

2. FINE ARTS CONTEST

- runs until Friday Feb. 25
- students are encouraged to submit a film, song or art piece for judging
- maximum time is 5 minutes per submission
- prizes awarded in each category
- the theme is Community

3. CANDY GRAMS

- to be sold in the foyer at lunch hour by Council Members
- \$2 each
- deadline is Friday Feb. 11
- handed out on Feb. 14

4. MATCHOMATICS

- students fill in a form that is accessed through the Student Council Instagram page
- free for anyone who participates
- a friendly, funny & frivolous printout of possible matches, birthday trivia and horoscope will be available for pick up/delivered on Feb. 14

DONATIONS GO TO SALVATION ARMY, YK FOOD BANK AND YK1 SCHOOLS

CANNED FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

ITEMS TO BRING:
grocery gift cards,
non-perishable food,
winter clothing,
toiletries

PRIZES TO BE WON

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

money for points

SNOW PANTS JACKETS SNOWBOOTS

10 points each

SOCKS MITTS GLOVES SCARFS TOILETRIES

5 points each

CANNED FOOD AND OTHER

2 point each

Are you looking for something to do during lunch hour?

Monday

- *GSS 11:35-12:25 Room 22 (Kirstin Prescott)
- Tai Chi 11:45-12:25 Fitness Room (Andrea Pellerin)

Tuesday

- *MAGMA 11:35-12:25 Science Theatre (Denise Hurley)
- Band Club 11:35 -12:15 Music Room (Susan Shantora)

Wednesday

- Debate Club 11:40-12:25 NACC
(Chantel Hamel, Peter Curran, Hannah Griffin, Tomiko Robson, Kodi Bauldry)
- Club Euclid 11:40-12:20 Room 34 (Pam Schlosser)

Thursday

- Green Team 11:20 - 11:45 Room 40
(Robin Kooymans, Angela Martin, Tomiko Robson)

Friday

- Community Choir Club 11:35 - 12:15 Music Room
(Susan Shantora)

**GSS stands for Gender Sexuality Squad*

**MAGMA stands for Magnanimous Advocates Generating Mental Health Awareness*

Intramurals are also being offered during lunch in the gym. Students are invited to check the schedule on the bulletin board outside of the gym for more information.



Valentine's Day

Candy Grams

Brought to you by Student Council

\$2



Sold in the foyer at
lunch hour until
February 11th