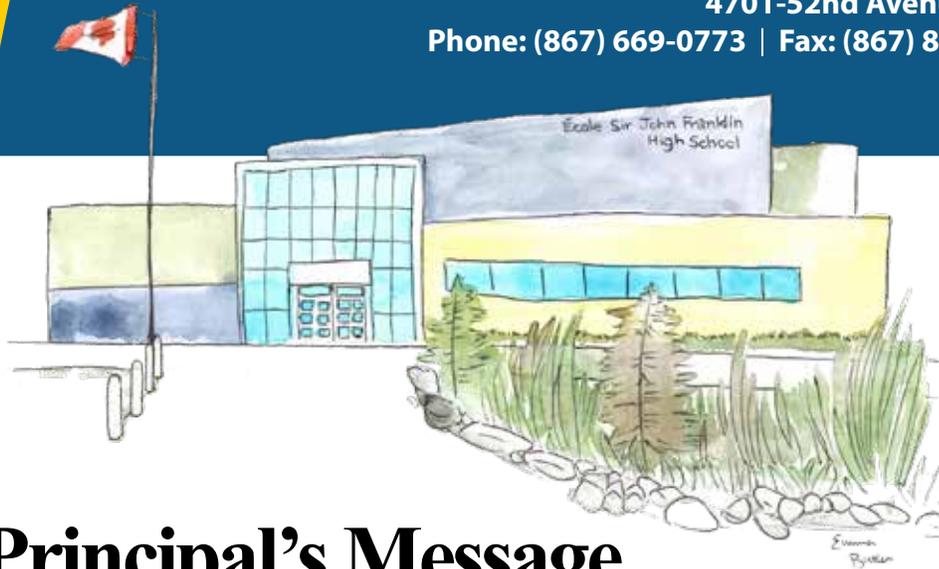


# NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Message

Mr. Dean MacInnis

I hope you've had a great first two months! We've had a busy two months already and we still have so much going on. Keep up-to-date by checking our website calendar and following us on facebook.

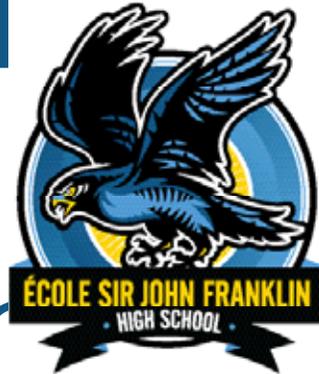
If you don't have tickets yet for the Sir John Drama production of "Disney's Frozen Jr." make sure you head to the NACC box office or visit their website at [nacnt.ca](http://nacnt.ca) right away. The show runs from November 6th - 9th. This is an all ages show and features some of Sir John's brightest young stars.

Our volleyball athletes were very successful in Fort Smith this year. They brought home three banners! 19U boys and girls both brought home a banner and so did our 15U girls team! Congratulations! Next up, is Senior Spike-It. Make sure you show up in falcon gear to cheer on our

athletes on Nov. 1-Nov. 3rd.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly will take place on Friday, November 8th at 10:45am. Some of our students who are cadets will be participating in this assembly. We will be live streaming this assembly. To watch the assembly, do a search for our YouTube channel or click the link on our website.

Report cards will be sent home with students at the end of the day on November 5th. Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will take place on November 6th and 7th from 4:00-7:00pm. For instructions on how to book an appointment with your child's teacher please visit our website at [sjf.yk1.nt.ca](http://sjf.yk1.nt.ca). If you have any questions please call the school at (867) 669-0773.



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November 1

No School for Students  
STIP Day

#### November 1-3

Spike-It Vball Tournament

#### November 5

Report Cards Sent Home

#### November 6-7

Parent-Teacher Interviews  
4:00-7:00pm

#### November 6-9

Sir John Drama Dept. presents  
"Disney's Frozen Jr."  
Tickets available at NACC

#### November 11

No School  
Remembrance Day

#### November 22

No School in Lieu of  
Parent-Teacher Interviews

#### November 29-30

Badminton Tournament  
(Yellowknife)

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE  
CALENDAR ON LAST PAGE.





## Congratulations to our Grade 9 Photo Contest winners!

1st place - Phoebe Lee (top photo)

2nd place - Laiza Koyina (left)

3rd place - Ashley Sisson-Carlson (bottom)



# Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament Champions!

Congratulations to all the volleyball players who traveled to Fort Smith to compete in the Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament. Our teams brought home three banners to add to our collection! Good luck in Spike-It!





## Northern Studies class takes part in smudging practice

Smudging is an Indigenous practice of connecting with the land, your inner self, or with others around you to improve your focus on a goal you may have. Although it was repressed until 1951 by the Indian Act, it has regained prominence in First Nations practices and beyond.



For instance, the NHL team, Vancouver Canucks, recently practiced smudging to improve their focus and connection with their teammates. The smoldering sage that we used is known as the "woman's medicine". Ever since ancient Roman times we have known of the medicine within the sage plant.



Today, scientists in the United States are studying the medicines within the sage plant to help treat Alzheimer's disease.

# Thank you to our Northern Studies presenters



**Top left:** SJF student Dawson Craig presenting to Deneze Nakehk'o before Deneze speaks to our NS10 class on the story of "Indigenous Identity" from colonization onward (Friday, Sept. 20).

**Middle left:** Deneze presenting with the aid of his powerpoint. **Above photo:** SJF student Avery Dragon presenting the tobacco to Doreen Cleary before Doreen speaks about her story of attending the Residential School in Inuvik (Monday, Sept. 23).

**Bottom left:** Thank you to Maxine Lacorne who visited our class to speak about the "Intergenerational Impacts of Residential School Legacy & Healing on October 21 to our three NS10 classes. On the left is a picture of Georgia Pellissey presenting the tobacco gift to Maxine prior to her talk and powerpoint.

# Dr. Rene Goldman

## A Memorable Assembly

Our school has been working with the Azrieli Foundation in Montreal since the end of May to bring in a special guest speaker, Dr. Rene Goldman, 86, a Holocaust victim from World War II.

In preparation for this visit, our school received over 50 different memoir publications, courtesy of this foundation, as well as 750 copies of Dr. Goldman's own story, "A Childhood Adrift", enough copies for each student and staff member.

On Thursday, October 3rd, Dr. Goldman shared his story before the whole student body and staff.... the largest audience he has ever spoken to. You could have heard a pin drop! The raptured attention and respect our students had for this gentleman was extraordinary. Dr. Goldman was equally impressed with our student body.

In addition to this visit, Rene also took time out to speak with Ms. Robson's ELA 30-2 class, a class that was studying the Eli Weisel novel, "Night", and Mme Ricard's FLA 30-1 class. Truly, this was an assembly that students will remember for much of their lives.



**THANK YOU TO THE CANADIAN CHAMBER CHOIR** who visited our music class and led a workshop with our singers. They also performed a mini concert with three of our Sir John singers in our lobby for staff and students.



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# YK1 Student of the Week



## ALANNA PELLERIN

Alanna arrives to school early every day with her mother and is always greeting and chatting with students and staff as they move through the front office. She

is a well-spoken student and greets everyone in a welcoming way. Her infectious smile is a warm welcome to both staff and students. Thank you Alanna for helping so many of us start our days off in such a positive way.

## Student Vote

Now that the Federal Election has officially ended, we can share the results of the Student Vote with you.

At SJF, 380 students voted, of which 369 ballots were valid. Our results: Liberals won the most seats (110), followed by the Green Party (102), NDP (78), Conservatives (54) and the People's Party (25).

Across Canada, 1,181,053 student votes were cast from 7,855 schools with results from 338 federal ridings. Overall, students elected a Liberal minority government: Liberals won the most seats (110), followed by the NDP (99), Conservatives (94 seats), Green Party (28 seats) and Bloc Quebecois (9).

You can find more information, including breakdowns by province/territory, riding or school, here: <https://studentvote.ca/results/canada2019/>

# Thank you RTL and Glencoe

You may have noticed a few changes happening in our field the last couple of months. This work includes stripping out the old grass and installing a new base for synthetic turf which will be put in next summer. Thank you to RTL and Glencoe for providing in-kind donations of equipment and time.



# Inclusive Learning Opportunities in Science

Students who have the opportunity to take Biology 20 and Biology 30 will be able to explore the Human Body. Interacting during labs, allow the students to explore and discover the inner workings of the organs of the Human Body.

At Sir John, the Science Department ensures that Inclusive Learning Opportunities are created through labs and activities every day. Learning through exploring shows the students that everything is worth discovering through Science!

Students in the photos are in Ms Young's Biology 30 class and are dissecting the Sheep Brain.

Submitted by: G. Young



## YK1 Staff Spotlight

### ARBEN SULEJMANOV

Arben has worked with École Sir John Franklin High School as head custodian for the past couple years. He is a hard-working individual who would not hesitate to help when asked. Arben goes above and beyond for both staff and students. He greets everyone with a welcoming smile and conversation. When Arben is not busy creating a warm, clean and safe space at the high school, he is enjoying time with his wife and daughter. Thank you Arben for all you do for us.



## Sir John Livestreaming

Sir John has been testing the waters in live streaming school events for about four years now. This year we will be streaming more than ever, and hope you will join us live on our Youtube channel.

We will be streaming some of our assemblies, including Christmas, Pep rallies, Awards, and the End of Year. The Formal Grad in June will also be streamed again. We had students families and friends, from PEI to Europe, tune in last year.

The big event certainly, will be Challenge Cup in February. This is a first for live streaming, and it should draw a lot of viewers.

Check the Sir John main web-page and the newsletters for more info.

School videos and live streamed events are viewable on the Sir John Franklin High School Youtube channel. The link to that channel is on the front page of our website. Go to our channel and subscribe to get notices of when new content shows up!

## The Annual Turkey Shoot

(hosted by the Combined Arms Club) took place on Wednesday, October 9th.

Congratulations to Colton Robertson and Tyson McPherson who both won turkey subs!



## Gahcho Kué Visit

On October 23, a group of students (Angelina Arrowmaker, Jackson Caisse, Zoe Clark and Mason Pond) toured the Gahcho Kué mine to learn about the diamond mining process and job opportunities. It was a fascinating and fun day.



**Do you have tickets for Frozen yet?**

Don't get left out in the cold! Get your tickets for Sir John's production of 'Disney's Frozen Jr' now! Head to NACC box office or website. Show runs from November 6-9th.



**INTRODUCING GRAD COUNCIL 2020: Back Row: Kaitlyn Nasogaluak Middle Row: Safiya Hashi, Kea Furniss, Hannah Nickerson, Natasha Cousineau, Jack Kotaska, Ethan Kirizopoulos, Hannah Inman Front Row: Ruby Pigott, Destiny Hobbs-Stewart, Mia MacInnis, Rae Panayi**



SJF MAGMA Members are constantly busy organizing fun events for our students to help bring awareness to mental health. This year our MAGMA members are:

**Front Row (left-right)**

Pretty Ngo, Cheyenne Haogak, Tristan Atigikyoak, Noah Sisson-Carlson, Lana Sanders

**Back Row (left-right)**

Cindy Ngo, Archer Collinson, Mrs. Hurley, Serenidy Stonechild, Jimena Maule, Katie Doucet, Riley Hans

**Please note**, several SJF MAGMA members are missing from this photo.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2020

# Regional Mental Health Summit

10:00am - 5:00pm  
Sir John Franklin High School

For youth ages 12-18

Register at:  
[bit.ly/regionalsummit2019](http://bit.ly/regionalsummit2019)

Brought to you by: Sir John Franklin High School's Jack Chapter: SJF MAGMA




**Do you want to  
BUILD a snowman?**



**École Sir John Franklin High School  
Drama Department presents**

# **Disney's Frozen Jr.**

November 6, 7, 8 at 7:00pm

November 9 at 1:00, 3:00 & 7:00pm

**\$20**

**Tickets available at Northern Arts and Cultural Centre  
box office or visit [www.naccnt.ca](http://www.naccnt.ca)**

**SJF students, Olivia Dragon and Ella Kokelj, share their favourite memories on the canoe trip this past summer. Thank you to all the organizers and chaperones who helped make this happen!**



This canoe trip has really changed me as a person. I learned more about culture, the land, and about canoe tripping. My favourite part was the full-day hike up Sunblood Mountain.  
~ Olivia Dragon

Last July, I had the amazing opportunity to paddle the Nahꞵ Dehé with the Sir John Franklin Northern Excursions Club, along with six other SJF students. Starting at Naili cho (Virginia Falls), we paddled approx 240 km down to Nahanni Butte over the course of 12 days. We got to hike up Sunblood Mountain, paddle exciting rapids and learn a lot about Indigenous culture. Huge thanks to Scott Willoughby, Paul Andrew, and Black Feather for making this trip so much fun!  
~ Ella Kokelj





# NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 No School for Students (STIP Day)	2
			<b>Sr. Spike-It Volleyball Tournament</b>			
3	4	5 Report Cards Sent Home	6 Gr. 9 Take Our Kid to Work Day	7	8 Remembrance Day Assembly	9
			<b>Sir John Drama Dept. presents "Disney's Frozen Jr."</b>			
			<b>Parent Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)</b>			
10	Remembrance Day No School	12	13 PAC Meeting 7pm SJF Boardroom	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	No School in lieu of Parent Teacher Interviews	23 Santa Claus Parade
24 MAGMA Health Summit 10am-5pm	25	26	27	28 Dept. Head Meeting 2:30 Grad Parent Meeting 7:00pm	29	30
					<b>Badminton Tournament (Yellowknife)</b>	