

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Mr. Dean MacInnis

Can you believe that we're halfway through Semester 1 already. Students will receive their report cards on November 16th. Please encourage your child to check with their teacher to make sure they've handed in all assignments and completed all test. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on November 18 & 19th from 4-7pm. Emails explaining how to book your parent/teacher meeting will be sent to parents in the coming days.

During the week of November 2-5th, we presented awards to students from the 2019-2020 school year. We continue to be proud of our students and are happy to recognize our students for all the hard work they've done. Pictures of the award winners will be posted to our Flickr account soon. Watch for a link on Facebook.

Lunchtime intramurals have begun for our Grade 8 and Grade 9 students. Students are invited to sign up for specific days by visiting Google Classroom.

SJF graduating students got together last week for the annual Grad Pumpkin Carving contest. Even with the COVID restrictions that were applied, it was so nice to hear laughter and music in the foyer again! Thank you to the Grad Council for organizing and to all the SJF staff members who helped supervise and judge the contest.

Mr. Peters and his drama students celebrated Halloween by surprising staff and students with a "Thriller" performance in the foyer on October 30th. Most of these students are used to the large-scale NACC musicals, with all the hype and all the accolades. None of that is possible this Fall, but the kids are bringing a high level of enthusiasm and preparation to the smaller and simpler hallway performances

As always, if you have any questions, please call the school at (867) 669-0773. If you would like to contact your child's teacher directly, visit our website (www.sjf.yk1.nt.ca) and click on the staff button for our staff list.



IMPORTANT DATES

November 2-4

Awards presented to last year's Grade 9-11 students

November 6

Report Card Writing Day
No School

November 10

Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly

November 11

Remembrance Day
No School

November 12

PAC Meeting 7pm

November 16

Report Cards Go Home

November 18-19

Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 27

No School (in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews)

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE CALENDAR ON LAST PAGE.



Grade 10 Northern Studies Students Go On a Tour

NS10 students recently visited locations around Yellowknife that touched on stories from all four modules of our NS10 course: TB epidemic, racism, Giant Mine murders, Giant Mine arsenic trioxide environmental problem/disaster, residential school effects we see in our community, homelessness, the mining industry, Sir John Franklin's 1820 visit and disastrous journey to the Arctic Coast with Akaitcho as his guide.

Also, the story of Yamoria and the Giant Beavers... linking science with oral tradition that has opened doors into scientific thought over the past five years. The tour included visits to the Cemetery, PWNHS, Ragged Ass Road, Weledeh River site, Bianca Building and Capitol Movie theatre.

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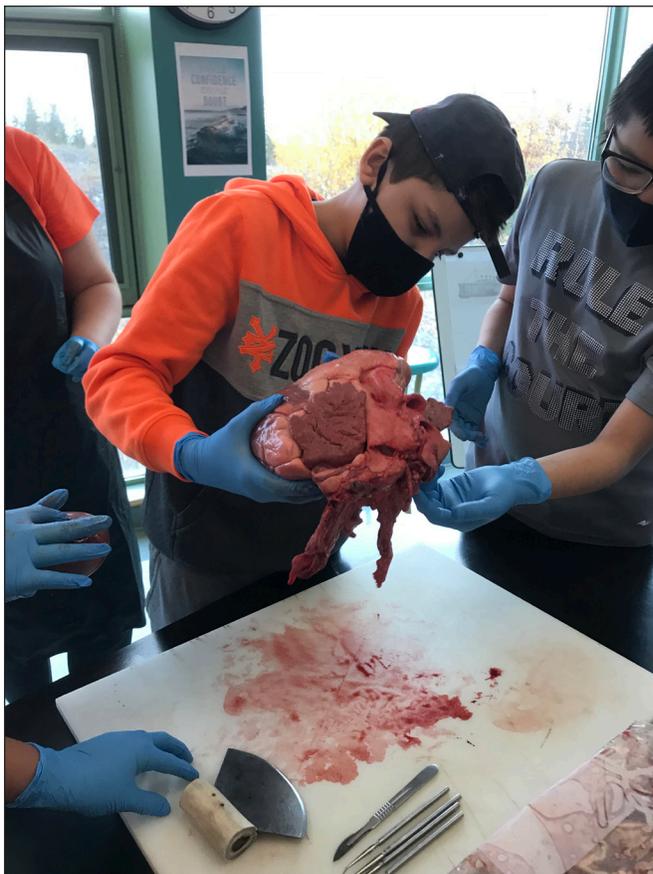
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Ms. Waugh's Grade 8 science class dissects a moose heart

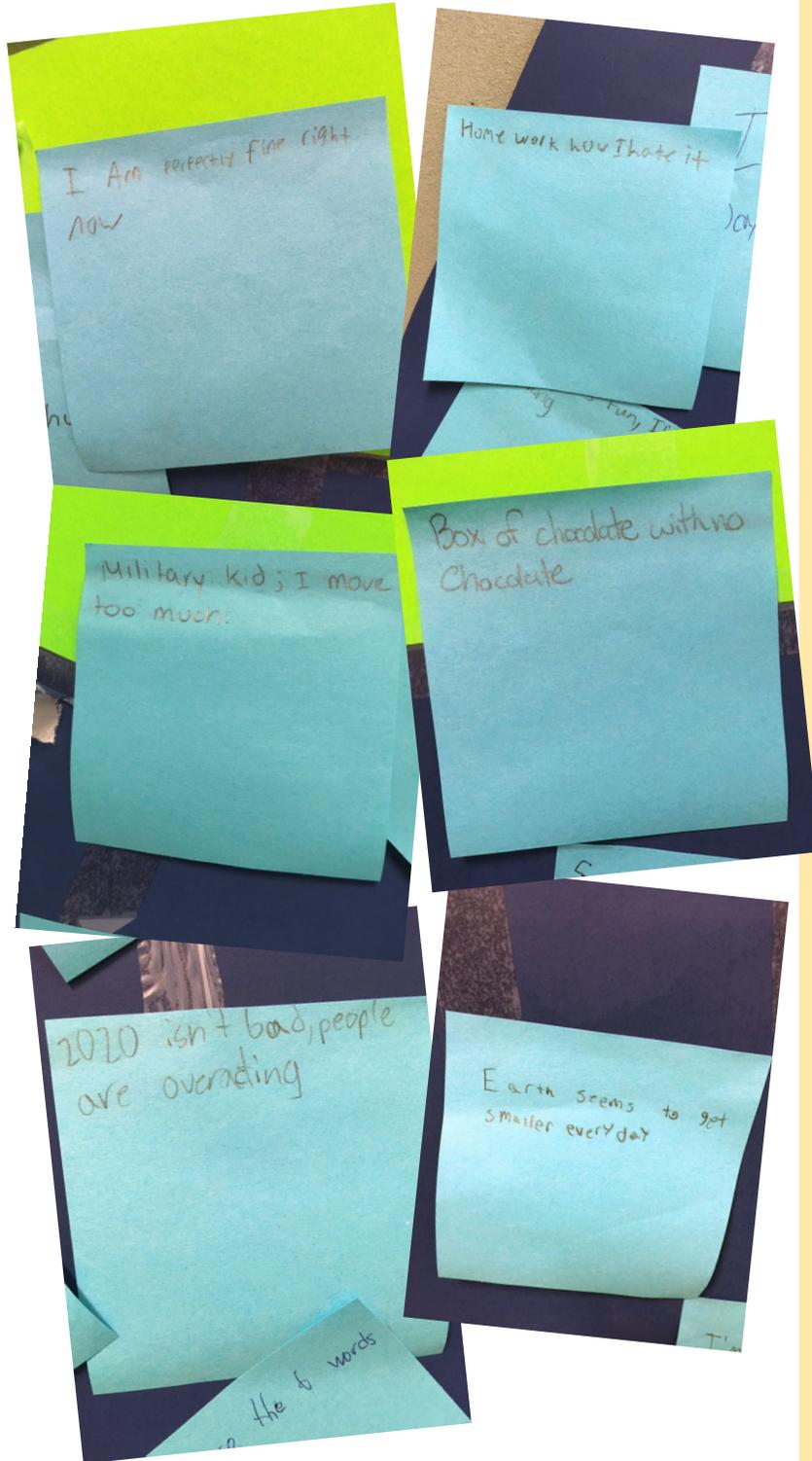
Ms. Waugh's grade 8 students experienced a moose heart dissection where science met culture! Students not only observed the dissection but were given a hands-on approach to learning. Donning rubber gloves students were able to get in and feel how all the parts of the heart are connected as they learned about pumps, valves, anatomy and how the circulatory system works.

Students were also taught about traditional sustenance hunting and traditional tools used by northern indigenous peoples. Students were happy to have the opportunity to share how their own families live off the land. Ms. Waugh is excited for a year of hands-on learning where her class can bridge traditional knowledge and classroom curriculum.



Six Word Memoirs

Please enjoy some Six Word Memoirs, written by Ms. McLeod's ELA9 students on post-it notes! More to come in next month's newsletter...



Thank you to YK1's Sheila Stewart for visiting us and sharing her Residential School experience to our NS10 classes.



SJF student, Hannah Gillingham, presents a gift of tobacco to Sheila Stewart.



SJF student, Draiden Euverman, presents a gift of tobacco to Sheila Stewart.



SJF student, Ehxea Antoine, presents a gift of tobacco to Sheila Stewart.

October 11th is National Coming Out Day in Canada and the US, a day to celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ) members of our communities. This day was started in 1988 by Rob Eichberg and Jean O'Leary in celebration of the second March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights on October 11, 1987. In the 1980s, when many people did not know any openly LGBTQ+ people, ignorance and silence allowed homophobia to persist. Coming out was a form of activism and it was believed that when people realized they knew someone who was LGBTQ+, they would be far more likely to support equality under the law.

'Coming out', the expression used to describe the social acknowledgement of one's sexual orientation or gender identity, is a deeply personal process, and often intensely emotional. It should be noted that modern LGBTQ+ activists believe that the idea of "coming out" reinforces a view that heterosexuality is the norm. "Coming out" implicitly announces — to LGBTQ individuals, allies and enemies — that queer people are aberrant. There has additionally been growing acknowledgement that for many members of our Queer community, this places undue pressure on folks who are not in a safe country or circumstances to 'come out'.

But coming out is not a safe option for all Canadians. According to Statistics Canada, hate crimes targeting sexual orientation accounted for 64% of all hate crimes in 2018, and crimes against this population were more likely to be violent than non-violent.

The situation is just as dire in Canadian schools. Egale Canada's Every Class in Every School: The first national climate survey on homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia in Canadian schools, notes that "two thirds of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, two-spirited, queer and questioning students felt unsafe at school" where "51% of LGBTQ students have been verbally harassed about their sexual orientation and 21% have been physically harassed or assaulted about their sexual orientation." These numbers were even higher for trans youth, 74% of whom faced verbal harassment, and 37% of whom were physically harassed or assaulted about their gender.

All this, combined with the risks of being abandoned by one's family and community, rejected by religious groups, and, in over 70 countries worldwide, having one's rights curtailed and identity criminalized by the state, means that coming out is simply not possible for many LGBTQ individuals. Clearly work remains to be done.

National Coming Out Day serves as an excellent opportunity for all Canadians, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, to acknowledge everyone's role in making our communities safer and more welcoming for LGBTQ individuals.

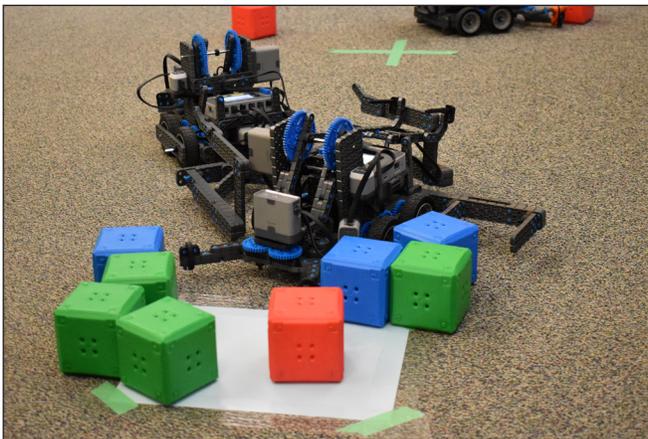
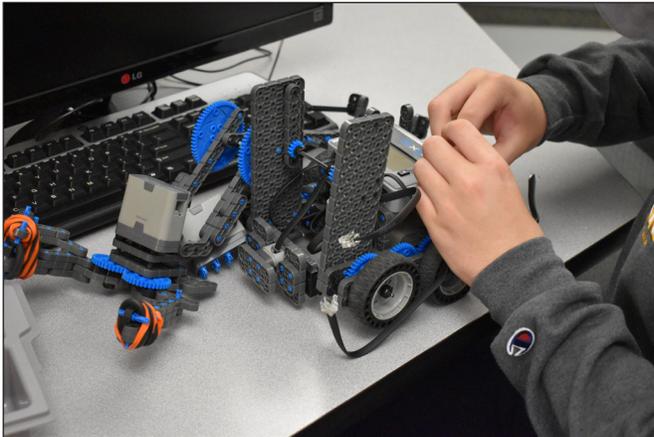
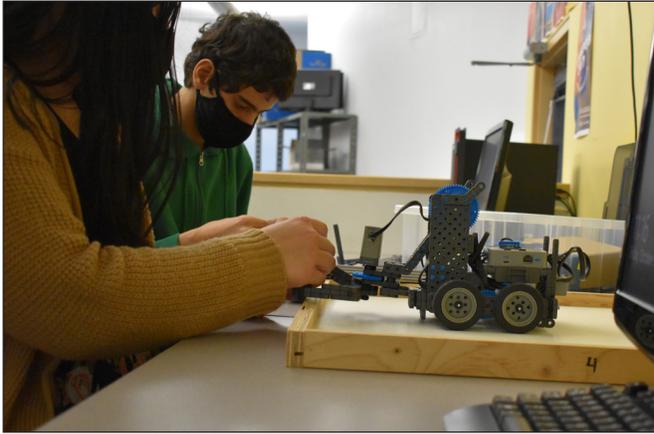
SJF's Gender & Sexuality Squad stands in support of all LGBTQ2S+ Canadians, regardless of how "out" they are. We ask that all Canadians support those among their family, friends, and communities, who are coming out today, and all those who do so repeatedly with every new acquaintance.

October is LGBT History month. Other important dates of note in October are:

October 14 International Pronouns Day
October 15 Sprit Day (Anti-Bullying Day)
October 20-26 Asexual Awareness Week
October 26 Intersex Awareness Day

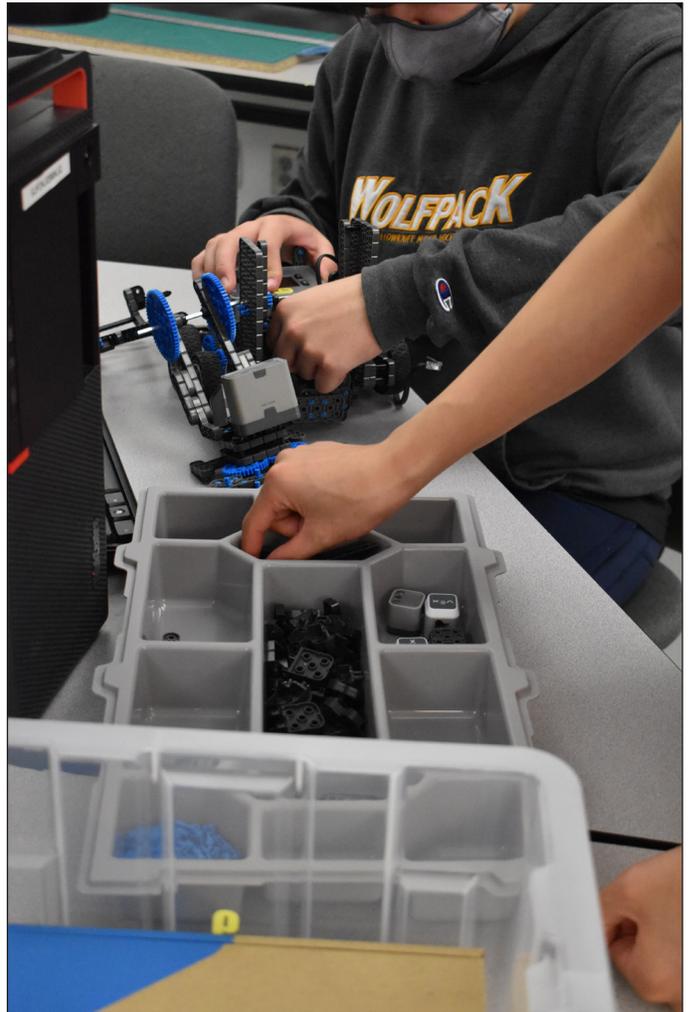
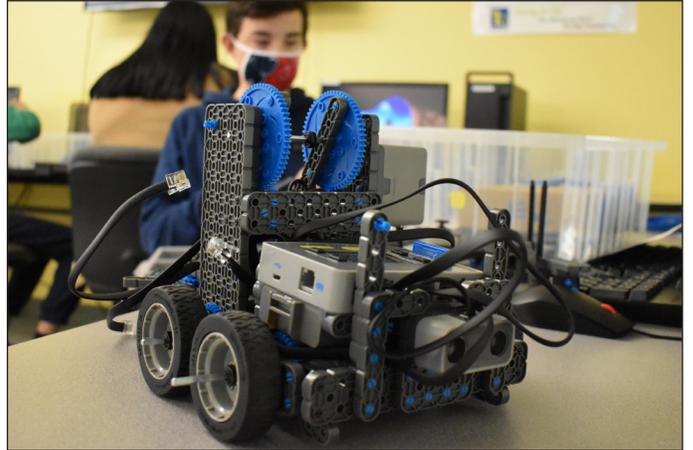
Sources: Egale Canada (egale.ca), Queer Events (queerevents.ca), Statistics Canada





Robotics at Sir John

Innovation and Robotics bring students to the fast evolving world of technology. Students learn about the fundamentals of robotics systems, basic robotics functions, sensor devices, control systems, and remote/autonomous systems. Here are Grade 9 students creating 'robots' and making them move!



TRADES & TECHNOLOGY



SCHOLARSHIP

OPPORTUNITIES



Skills Canada
Northwest Territories



\$1,500 EACH!

Skills Canada NWT is pleased to offer \$1,500 scholarships for students pursuing an education in trades, technology, or an apprenticeship.

This year, Skills Canada NWT is also proud to offer the Dustin Pidborochynski Memorial Scholarship which is awarded to a student who demonstrates a passion for welding. Applicants must be registered as a welding apprentice in the Northwest Territories.

Scholarship recipients will be announced during National Skilled Trades & Technology Week in November 2020.

For more information and to apply, please visit
skillscanadanwt.org

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Graduating Student Checklist

OCTOBER to DECEMBER

- On October 23rd, SJF Guidance Counsellors will be hosting two zoom meetings with Grade 12 students to discuss graduation (one in the morning and one in the afternoon so students don't have to miss class!). A link for this zoom meeting will be emailed to students. A parent meeting will follow on October 28th. More details to come.
- A representative from Student Financial Assistance will either attend the student meetings or the parent meeting. More details to come. For more information on the SJF application process, please visit their website: www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca.
- Due to COVID-19, representatives from universities WILL NOT be visiting our school this year for presentations. Please visit university websites for more information on how you can attend an online session with recruiting staff.
- Review your validation statement and share with your parents. For an up-to-date validation statement, please request one from your counsellor. See next page for contact information.
- Make sure that you are meeting graduation requirements (see next page).
- If you need help reviewing your validation statement, please email your Guidance Counsellor.
- Apply to post-secondary (should apply to at least three schools).
- Apply for housing.
- Start working towards completing your community service hours (25 hrs). If you need help coming up with ideas for COMM hours, please email your Guidance Counsellor.
- Apply for your official transcript to be sent to schools. Visit www.nwtstudents.ca for more info.
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

DECEMBER AND JANUARY

- Look into scholarships, funding, student financial assistance and budgeting.
- Study for exams!
- Adjust second semester timetable if needed.
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- If travelling during March Break, try and visit a post-secondary campus. (Due to COVID-19, make sure you check with the university about travel restrictions)
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!
- Register for your first year courses as soon as they are available.

APRIL

- Meet with your counsellor and arrange for your mid-semester marks to be forwarded to the schools to which you have applied.
- Community Service hours should be completed by April 1st, 2020.
- Register for your first year courses as soon as they are available.
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

MAY

- Expect to receive notification from post-secondary schools.
- Register for your first year courses as soon as they are available.
- Apply for Student Financial Assistance www.nwtsfa.gov.nt.ca. Check deadlines.
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

JUNE

- Study for exams.
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!

SUMMER

- Make sure that your final transcript is sent to post-secondary school before deadlines.
- Make sure that you have registered in your first year courses and paid your tuition.
- Check your email regularly!
Respond to all deadlines!
Login to all university portals and check to-do lists!



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
10, 20, and 30 LEVEL (5 credits each)
15 TOTAL CREDITS

SOCIAL STUDIES
10 and 20 LEVEL (5 credits each)
10 TOTAL CREDITS

MATHEMATICS
10 and 20 LEVEL (5 credits each)
10 TOTAL CREDITS

SCIENCE
10 and 20 LEVEL (5 credits each)
10 TOTAL CREDITS

CALM 20
3 TOTAL CREDITS

COMMUNITY SERVICE
25 hours
1 TOTAL CREDIT

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
10 LEVEL
3 TOTAL CREDITS

NORTHERN STUDIES 10
5 TOTAL CREDITS

**CAREER & TECHNOLOGY
STUDIES**
AT ANY LEVEL
5 TOTAL CREDITS

FINE ARTS
AT ANY LEVEL
3 TOTAL CREDITS

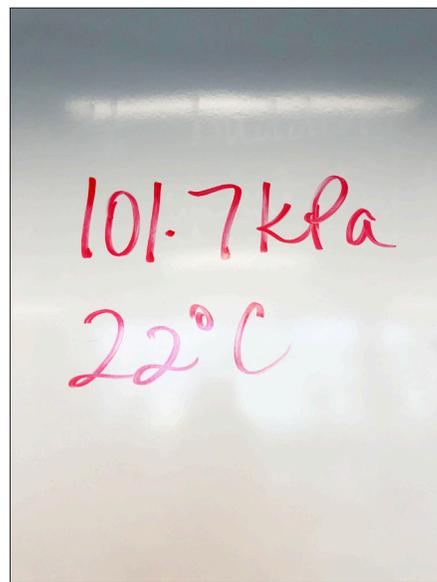
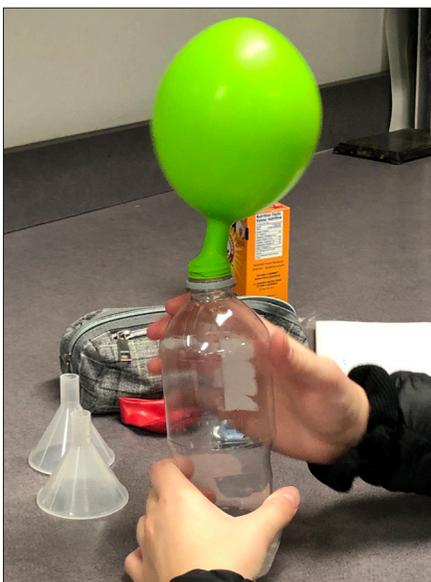
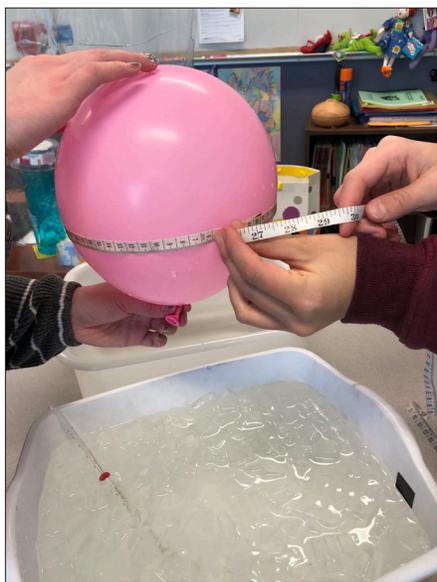


Additional grade 12 credits:

- A minimum of 100 credits
- 10 additional grade 12(30) level credits

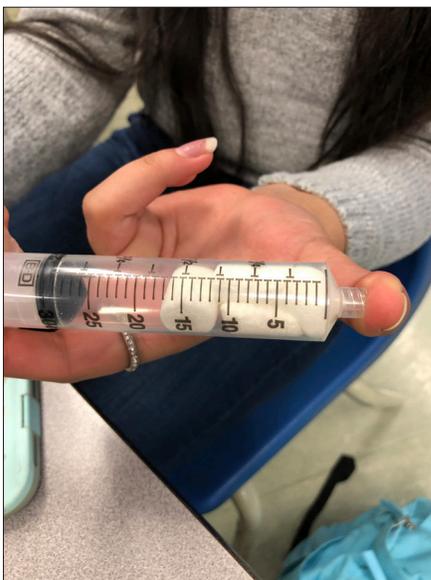
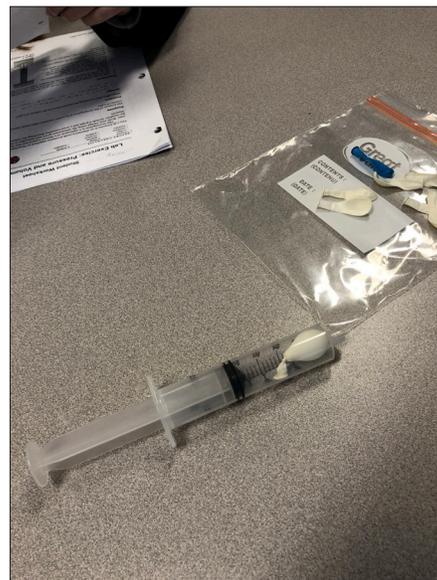
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Invent-a-Lab

Chem 20 performed an Invent-a-Lab for the Gas Laws unit. Students were asked to research lab designs online, and choose a setup that would demonstrate a relationship between at least two of pressure, volume, and temperature. Here are photos of some of the lab setups.



Introducing Grad Council 2021...



This year's Grad Council members are as follows:

Back row (l-r):
Mathieu Durnford
Isabelle Boucher
Krianna Strowbridge
Isabelle Corothers
Zack White
Zarif Chowdhury

Front row (l-r):
Ryann Hendrickson
Eshana Gohil
Olivia Dragon
Jenna Nystrom
Lucia Nakehko

Grad Council has been busy organizing events already. Here are some pictures from Grad Pumpkin Carving!



sjf 2020-2021 calendar of events



(Dates are subject to change. For more up-to-date information, please visit our website)

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 7 Labour Day No School
- 17 PAC Meeting 7pm

OCTOBER 2020

- 12 Thanksgiving Day No School
- 15 PAC Meeting 7pm
- 23 STIP Day No School For Students

NOVEMBER 2020

- 6 STIP Day No School For Students
- 11 Remembrance Day No School
- 12 PAC Meeting 7pm
- 16 Report Cards Sent Home
- 18 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 19 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 27 No School (in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews)

DECEMBER 2020

- 17 PAC Meeting 7pm
- 21 First Day of Winter Break

JANUARY 2021

- 4 Students Return to School
- 11 First Day of Diploma Exams
- 14 PAC Meeting 7pm
- 15 Final Day of Semester 1 Classes
- 18 First Day of Exams Gr. 9-11
- 28 First Day of Semester 2

FEBRUARY 2021

- 1 S1 Report Cards Sent Home Grad Photos
- 2 Grad Photos
- 3 Grad Photos
- 18 PAC Meeting 7pm
- 23 Waterloo Math Contest Gr. 9-11
- 25 STIP Day No School For Students
- 26 STIP Day No School For Students

MARCH 2021

- 12 No School (in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews)
- 15 First Day of March Break
- 29 Students Return to School

APRIL 2021

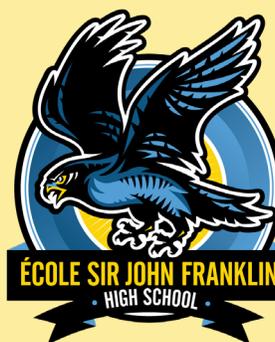
- 2 Good Friday No School
- 5 Easter Monday No School
- 9 STIP Day No School For Students
- 12 Report Cards Sent Home
- 14 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 15 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 22 PAC Meeting 7pm

MAY 2021

- 14 STIP Day No School For Students
- 24 Victoria Day No School

JUNE 2021

- 10 First Day of Diploma Exams
- 11 Last Day of Semester 2 Classes
- 12 Indigenous Honour Ceremony
- 14 First Day of Exams
- 17 PAC Meeting 7pm
- 21 Indigenous Peoples' Day No School
- 23 Last Day of Classes Grade 8 Grade 8 Report Cards Go Home
- 25 Last Day of School Grade 9-12 Grad 2021



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YK1 STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Zackary White is universally genial, has a style that is all his own, and represents SJF well in his many, many school activities, G&SS and

MAGMA being only the start. All this is on top of being an upstanding student.

**A REMINDER...
THIS IS A TIME FOR KINDNESS
AND UNDERSTANDING.**

STIGMA IS NEVER OK!

Stigma makes us all less safe by creating more fear or anger toward individuals instead of focusing on doing our part to manage the virus.

Channeling the anxiety you may feel about the pandemic into positive behaviours- like taking precautions and encouraging others to do the same - will help protect everyone.

**WE WILL GET THROUGH
COVID-19 TOGETHER!**

Let's commit to:

1 Supporting others	2 Honouring privacy
3 Being socially responsible	4 Showing gratitude

**THIS MESSAGE IS BROUGHT
TO YOU BY: SJF MAGMA**

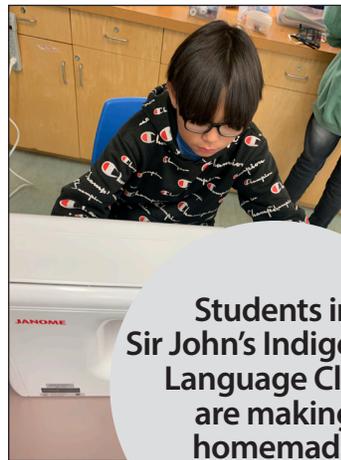
Student Council News

Kaitlyn Taylor Candy Gram Fundraiser

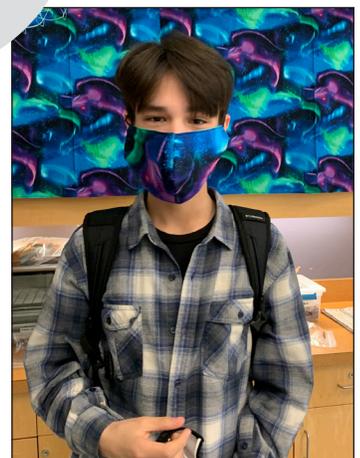
On August 30, 2020, Kaitlyn Taylor, a 19-year-old St. Pat's graduate was in a devastating car accident on Highway 3 near Behchokò. Later that same day, she was medevaced to Edmonton in critical condition with the full extent of her injuries unknown.

In an update from the beginning of October 2020, it is said that Kaitlyn and her mother will have to remain in Edmonton for at least 3-6 more months, if not longer, to continue to receive rehabilitation and treatment. Student Council believed it was important to support this local family in a time of crisis, thus we decided to run a candy gram fundraiser.

This fundraiser ended up being quite successful, with a total of \$359.05 raised to donate to the Taylor family. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser through buying a candy gram or donating; without you, this fundraiser would not have been a success.



Students in Sir John's Indigenous Language Class are making homemade masks!





Career and technology classes are going strong at SJF!

Grade 9 students are getting to try out a variety of career and technology studies at Sir John. These classes include cooking, cosmetology, carpentry, mechanics and robotics.

YK1 Staff Spotlight

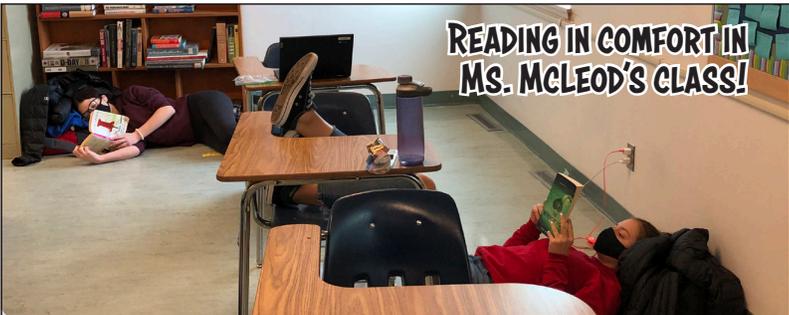
Maureen Torge

Maureen was a part of the YK1 family for 28 years, spending her entire career teaching at Sir John. Maureen taught everything from Art to CALM, from French to Yoga. She always brought such spirit into her classroom. Maureen was the founder of the “Leaving a Legacy” art project, which now holds portraits of 58 people from the North who have influenced students. Maureen’s Art students painted these portraits, which now hang above the main entrance of the High School. Maureen’s other passion was yoga. Starting about 10 years ago, she was able to bring this passion into the school, offering it as a course. When not teaching, Maureen could be found out at her cabin with her husband Robert, enjoying the great outdoors.



Thank you to Zion Naveed, a former SJF student, for painting a beautiful portrait of Maureen. This portrait will join the other “Leaving a Legacy” portraits in the front entry of the school.

NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Awards presented to last year's Grade 9-11 students				Report Card Writing Day No School for Students	
		Staff Meeting				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Virtual Remembrance Day Assembly	No School Remembrance Day	Dept. Head Meeting PAC Meeting 7pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Report Cards Handed Out		Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:00pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					No School (in lieu of Parent/Teacher Interviews)	
29	30		 <p>READING IN COMFORT IN MS. MCLEOD'S CLASS!</p>			