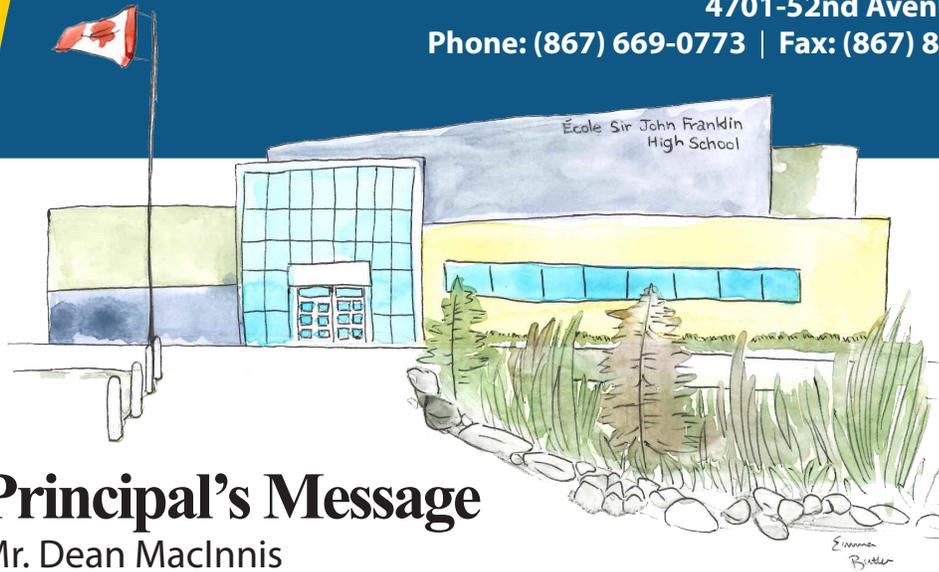


DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Message

Mr. Dean MacInnis

December is a short month but we still have a lot of work to do to prepare for the upcoming winter break and the exams happening in January.

A few weeks ago, students received their first report card of the year and virtual parent/teacher interviews were held on November 18 & 19th. If you have questions about your child's report card and were unable to make an appointment, please don't hesitate to contact the school at (867) 669-0773 to speak to a teacher.

Volleyball practices after school have ended and badminton has started. Thank you to our school and community coaches for volunteering their time and making these important gatherings available to our students.

All of our students recently received falcon 'swag'. Grade 8-11 students received Sir John t-shirts and graduating students received Sir John masks. See inside for a few pics and now we can look forward to a few spirit days in the future!

During the first week of November, we presented awards to students from the 2019-2020 school year. A slideshow showcasing our students was emailed to parents. Congratulations for all the hard work you've done!

We would like to welcome Eugene Sano, our new math teacher, and Laura Coatsworth, Child and Youth Care Counsellor, to the staff of Sir John. We hope they have a great year! We also say goodbye to our head custodian, Arben Sulejmanov, who has received a promotion and will be head custodian in charge of supervising all YK1 schools. Arben never hesitated to help when asked and always went above and beyond for both staff and students. We'll miss you Arben!

Christmas break starts on December 21 and students return to school on January 4th. Please see the list of important January dates on the right. I hope you enjoy your Christmas break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



IMPORTANT DATES

December 4

Grad 2021 Plaid Day

December 9

Grad 2021 Tree Decorating

December 16

Grad 2021 Gingerbread House Making

December 18

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

December 19

Christmas Break Begins

January 4

Students Return to School

January 14

PAC Meeting 7pm

January 15

Last Day of Semester 1 Classes

January 28

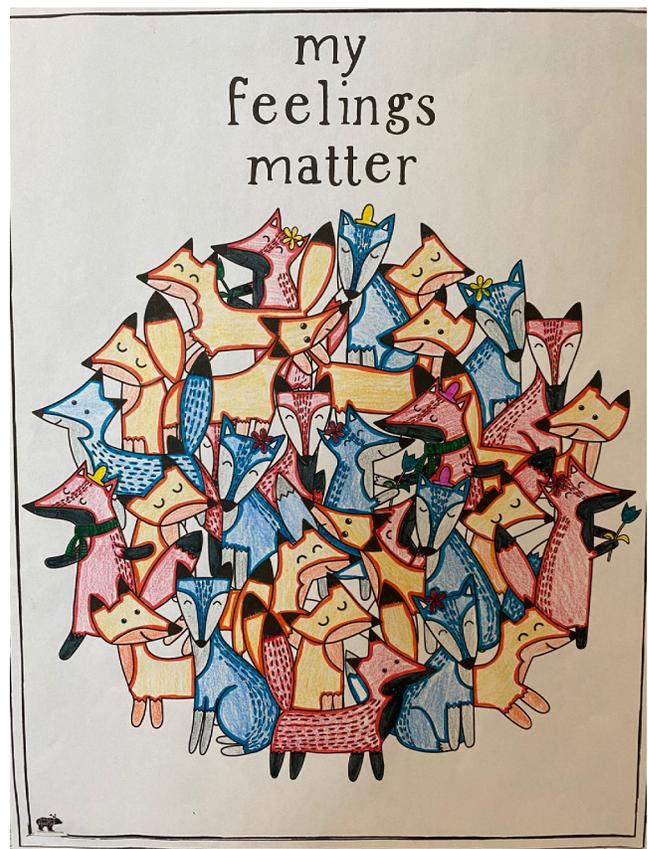
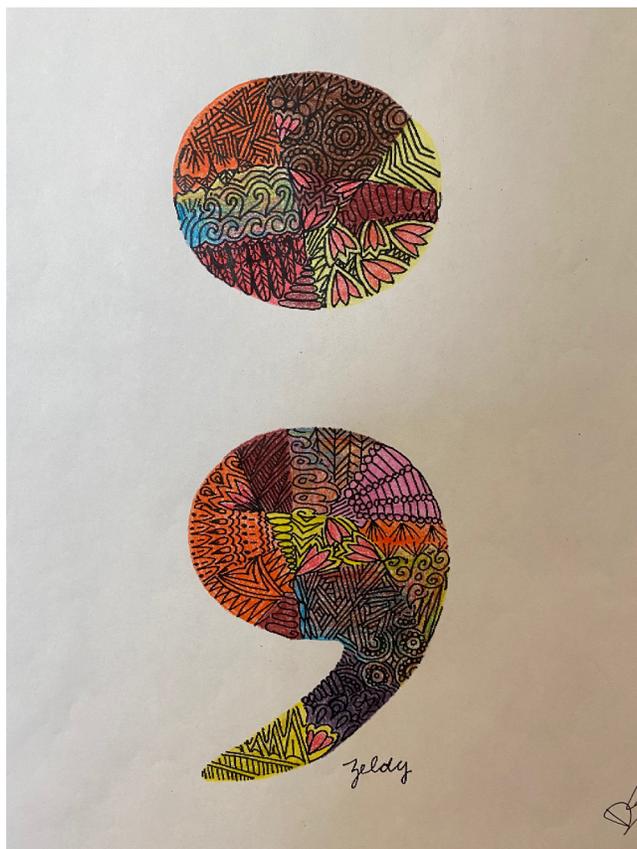
First Day of Semester 2

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE CALENDAR ON LAST PAGE.



MAGMA, Sir John's student-led Mental Health Advocacy Group, recently held a Colouring for Mental Health event! Staff and students were invited to colour sheets with positive messages. All entries were displayed in a prominent location in the school, and also entered in a draw to win 1 of 3 possible Mental Health Gift Baskets!

The winners of the gift baskets were: Liam McKay, Lotus Scott, and Chizuko Hamilton-Robson!



On Friday
November 20,
SJF celebrated
Rock Your Mocs!
It was a day to
show cultural
pride and show
our beautiful
moccasins and
mukluks.

Rock Your Mocs 2020



Elements of Visual Literacy

Last month, Ms. McLeod's Grade 9 ELA students were outside working on Elements of Visual Literacy.

While outside, students took pictures using different angles and different zooms to create a certain mood.



**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



DE BEERS GROUP

Yellowknives Dene First Nation & De Beers Canada Inc. High School Laptop Program

The Yellowknives Dene First Nation and De Beers Canada Inc. has initiated a High School Laptop Program. This program was established to provide YKDFN Members in high school with essential learning technology and resources to excel in their studies, achieve a grade 12 diploma, and prepare for post-secondary study.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Open to Yellowknives Dene First Nation Members, ages 14-19, with permanent Northwest Territories residency living within Chief Drygeese Territory
2. Limited to one (1) laptop per member, previous recipients not eligible;
3. Enrolled and attending a High School/Secondary Educational Institution on a full-time basis for the duration of the current school year. *Home study is acceptable due to COVID-19 NWT Public Health Order

Application Requirements:

1. Completely fill out the YKDFN/DBCI Laptop High School Program Application (attached);
2. Proof of Yellowknives Dene First Nation Status and NWT residency by providing each (currently dated):
 - a. Photocopy of Treaty Status Card,
 - b. Photocopy of NWT Healthcare Card,
3. Confirmation of Enrolment Letter with Grade from High School/Secondary Educational Institution for the duration of the current school year;
4. Write a one-page Essay on your education and career plans and how a laptop will be useful;
5. Submit an updated resume.

For more information or to submit applications, contact:

Angela Lafferty	Tel. (867) 873-4307, ext. 2016
Implementation Coordinator	Fax (867) 873-5969
Yellowknives Dene First Nation	E-mail alafferty@ykdene.com
Dettah Administration Office	
PO Box 2514, Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P8	

Mahsi cho for your interest in the YKDFN/DBCI Laptop High School Program.



**Laptop similar to picture*

Application form is on the next page



**Yellowknives Dene First Nation
High School Laptop Program Application**

PO Box 2514, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2P8
Tel. (867) 873-4307 E-mail alafferty@ykdene.com

STUDENT APPLICANT:

Last Name: (including previous)		First Name:	Middle Name(s):	
Permanent Residential/Mailing Address:				
Community/City:			Terr.: NT	Postal Code:
Phone/Cell:		E-mail Address:		
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Date of Birth: (M/D/Y)		Treaty Registration Number:	

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLED:

High School Name:		
Community/City:	Grade:	Expected Graduation Date:

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Last Name:		First Name:	Middle Name(s):	
Phone/Cell:		E-mail Address:		

ACKNOWLEDGMENT/ACCEPTANCE OF COLLECTION AND USE OF INFORMATION:

I/We (Student Applicant and Parent/Guardian), hereby acknowledge/accept the collection and use of information as follows:

- 1) Declare and agree:
 - a) Student Applicant is applying for to YKDFN High School Laptop Program hereinafter called 'YKDFN Program';
 - b) The information and documents provided in submission is true and complete and understand all will be subject to verification and falsifying or misleading statements will result in ineligibility;
 - c) That Student Applicant/Parent/Guardian will immediately notify the Yellowknives Dene First Nation in writing of any changes to application or choose to withdraw from the High School/Secondary Educational Institution named in this application;
 - d) To take full responsibility and care of laptop, acknowledging the cost of it is apx. \$800.00, and will use for school work;
- 2) Understand:
 - a) The information contained with this application and attachments is shared with Yellowknives Dene First Nation Education Programs and will be kept confidential in a secure fashion and will not be released to any other person/organization/agency outside Yellowknives Dene First Nation for any purposes.
- 3) Consent to:
 - a) Disclose student information, including but not limited to attendance records, grades, transcripts, documents on program/courses, past training sponsorship/outcomes between the Yellowknives Dene First Nation and the High School/Secondary Educational Institution, named in this application, for the sole purpose of determining eligibility for a laptop
 - b) Submitted student information to be entered and property of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation database;
 - c) Disclose Student name, photo, educational institution, field of study, and year of study to promote and advertise the 'YKDFN Program' if granted a recipient.

By signing, I/We (Student Applicant and Parent/Guardian) have read and accept the above.

Student Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Transgender Day of Remembrance



Friday, November 20 marks the International Transgender Day of Remembrance. This day is set aside to memorialize all those who were killed due to violence and transphobia. The day also serves to raise public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people. TDOR gives allies a chance to step forward and stand with transgendered people in vigil.

“Murdered, Suffocated, and Burned Alive: 350 Transgender People Killed in 2020” is the title of a Forbes.com article from November 11. The number 350 is up from 331 murdered transgender individuals in 2019. This number represents only deaths that were reported and recorded as hate crimes; in reality, the number could be far higher. Trans women are most vulnerable, and account for 98% of the murders. One-fifth (22%) of transgender people were murdered in their own home.

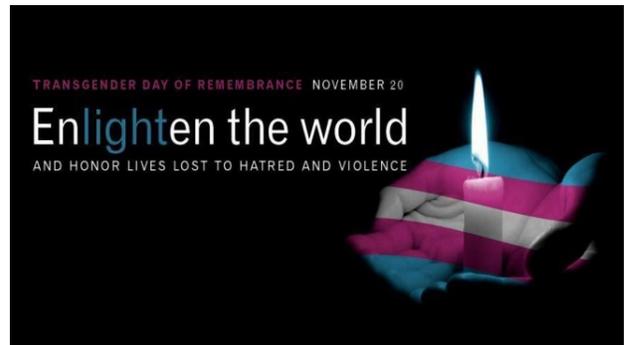


Within Canada, trans individuals frequently face discrimination, dramatically affecting their access to basic necessities like housing, health care, employment, and even education.

- 95% of trans students feel unsafe at school

- almost half have skipped school because of feeling unsafe
- 90% of trans students have been verbally harassed at school about their gender expression
- almost two-fifths have been physically harassed at school because of their gender expression

Data in Ontario from the Public Service Alliance of Canada indicates that: 43% of trans individuals have attempted suicide; 13% of trans workers have been fired for being trans; 17% of people have turned down an offered job because of the lack of trans-positive and safe work environment; 28% of trans workers could not get employment references with their current name or pronoun, and 58% could not get academic transcripts with the correct name or sex designation.



There is now a Transgender Suicide Hotline, available to people in Canada and the United States. Trans Lifeline can be reached at 1-877-330-6366.

The Rainbow Coalition of Yellowknife is holding a Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil from 5:30 – 6:30 pm on November 20.

Sources: Egale Canada; queerevents.com; Forbes.com; psacunion.ca

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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!

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

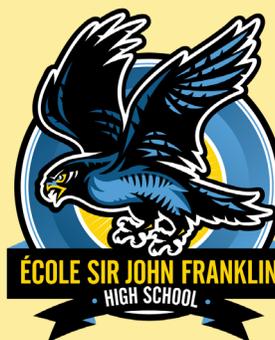
- 2 Good Friday No School
- 5 Easter Monday No School
- 9 STIP Day No School For Students
- 12 Report Cards Sent Home
- 14 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 15 Parent/Teacher Interviews (4-7pm)
- 22 PAC Meeting 7pm

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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Instagram (sirjohnfalcons)



Six Word Memoirs

Please enjoy some Six Word Memoirs, written by Ms. McLeod's ELA9 students!

Learned about triangles didn't benefit me.

Some people are really annoying, why.

Big ball of stress and anxiety.

Every day, different thing, same flavour.

You caught me listening to music.

Home work, how I hate it.



WELLNESS WALK

Students from Sir John recently attended the Wellness Walk organized by the Tree of Peace to kickstart National Addictions Awareness Week!



Attention Grade 12 students!

The Government of the NWT, Department of Education, Culture and Employment, Student Financial Assistance (SFA) have organized a morning and afternoon presentation for our grade 12 students and parents for Tuesday, December 8, 2020. The presentation will help our students understand how they will access the funding for their postsecondary studies.

The presentation will be with Microsoft Teams Meeting (video or phone). Students and/or their parents should connect a few minutes early to ensure the plugins and appropriate software can be downloaded to your phone or computer. Participants will be also able to dial-in and listen through a phone. We recommend people access the video presentation so that they are able to see the PowerPoint slides and to be able to participate in the questions and answers section at the end of the presentation.

Parents of Grade 12 students are encouraged to attend.

Morning Presentation

When: Tuesday, Dec 8, 2020
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am (MST)
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only)
+1 867-675-1042,,241387911#
Phone Conference ID: 241 387 911#

Afternoon Presentation

When: Tuesday, Dec 8, 2020
Time: 1:00pm - 2:00pm (MST)
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Or call in (audio only)
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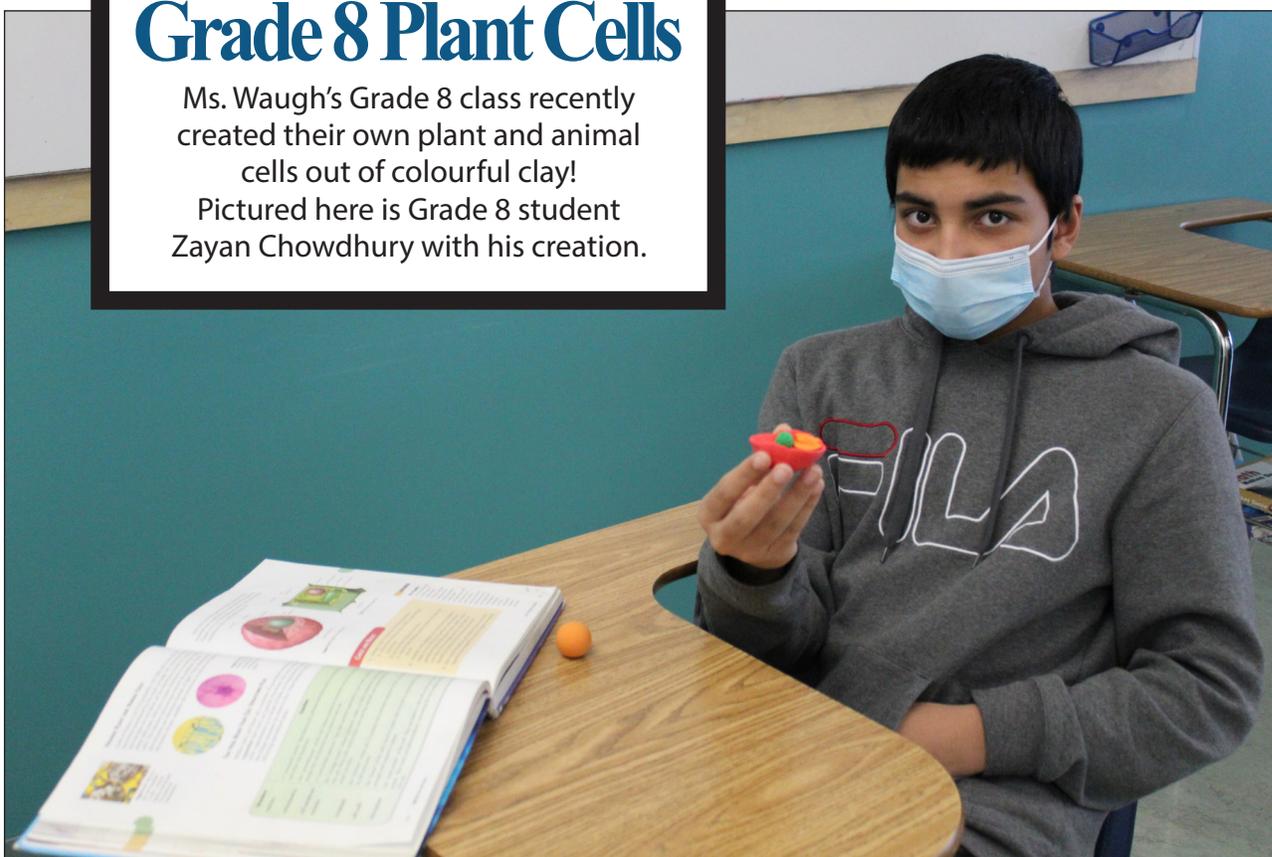




Grade 8 Plant Cells

Ms. Waugh's Grade 8 class recently created their own plant and animal cells out of colourful clay!

Pictured here is Grade 8 student Zayan Chowdhury with his creation.



More Six Word Memoirs

Please enjoy some Six Word Memoirs, written by Ms. McLeod's ELA9 students!

I work five days a week.

I suck at writing short memoirs.

Everyday is fun, I like breathing.

I am famous at tik tok.

My life changed with my dog.

Box of chocolate, with no chocolate.

One, two, three, four, five, six.

Save me from this school covid.

Life's a rainbow. I hate yellow.

Life is shorter than we know.

Favourite time of day is dismissal.

My story is long and short.



Beautiful artwork by SJF students-inspired by Asian culture.



Creative artwork by SJF students- inspired by Andy Warhol.



Above: Members of the 15U Girls Volleyball Team pose with their coach Benji Straker. Sir John has been very lucky to be able to continue with after school sports. Of course, we wouldn't be able to meet after school without staff and community coaches volunteering their time. Thank you!

Back row (l to r): Kali Skauge, Oleta Duru, Taya Straker, Hannah Gillingham, Riley Hans, Amna Idris, Coach: Benji Straker
Front row (l to r): Payton Major, Lily Newberry, Alanna Pellerin, Gillian Furniss, Thea Marzan, Morgan Stabel, Harley Alikamik
Missing from picture: Kaylee Poliak, Dakota Robinson, Niobe Darku, Kaina Garcon, Georgia Martin, Solaya Meserah-Zdyb, Sara Verheul, Keana Neyelle, Assistant: Evelyne Straker



DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Grad Plaid Day	3	4	5
6	7 Grads decorate the SJF Christmas tree	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Christmas Break • Christmas Break • Christmas Break					
27	28	29	30	31		
	Christmas Break • Christmas Break • Christmas Break					