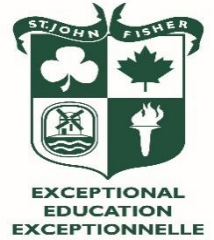


SJF Jr. News



You will find this bulletin and other useful information on our webpage <http://stjohnfisher.lbpsb.qc.ca/>

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A Note from the Principal

Here we are in the final stretch before the Holidays! However, before we get there, we have a few items that need to be covered.



Parent-Teacher interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews were very well attended on November 20th and 24th. The automated system was more than helpful once again and efficient for most. The key is logging onto the Mozaik portal with the email that you originally provided us. Any change of email on your part needs to be noted in our system. Make sure to let Ms. Nadine Hart (new secretary) know of any changes. Note that your email address needs to be the same in both Mozaik and our database.

Holiday concert



There will be a school Holiday concert this year on Wednesday, December 20th. However, due to the teachers strike and logistical issues, the concert will only be for the students and staff (**No parents**). Note that a video will be made available via a link for the entire SJF Jr. community. The show is planned for the morning.

Please note that we encourage you to do voluntary donation for the X-Mas basket being done by our SEED program. Boxes will be put in the main lobby to collect canned goods.

Our secretary (Ms. Hart)



Our new secretary is Ms. Nadine Hart. She comes to us from Lakeside Academy. Please use the following email to reach the main office from now on: Nadine Hart nadine.hart@lbsb.qc.ca

Final words for Mr. Delage



On a personal note, I am informing the SJF community that I will not be returning as acting principal in January. I consider myself very lucky to have served in this great community for so many years. My first official teaching contract was at SJF and I am ending my educational career where it all started for me many, many moons ago.

My replacement will be informed of all that we have planned and that is to come in the new year. I am positive that you will be in good hands with my replacement.

Thank you so much for your trust and your collaboration over the years. I have been touched by the trust that you have put in all of us for your little treasures. Thank you for making my stay at SJF Jr. a true pleasure. Would not have had it any other way! Closing this chapter of my life is not easy but the time has come to move on to other horizons. Life is full of possibilities!



Transportation



Hoping to let you know that things have been settled with transportation but looks like it's still not finalized. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. The extended supervision will continue until further notice. Please look for the Board weekly communication pertaining to registering your children for this service.

Calendar



- Dec. 7 Handwashing presentation by the school nurse for all kindergarten students.
- Dec. 13 Governing Board postponed to January 24th (location and time pending).
- Dec. 20 Holiday concert (a.m. presentation)
Perishable donations for Holiday basket welcome.
- Dec. 18 – 22 Daily Holiday activities planned.
- Dec. 22 X-Mas dance at the morning bell (9:15 a.m. at the fence of the school yard).
- Jan. 8 School and daycare resume.
- Jan. 18 Open House (a.m. & p.m. visits)
- Jan. 26 Local Ped day (school and daycare closed)

Registration for 2024-25



Sibling registration will begin the week of January 15th. Online re-registration for K4 - K5 students will begin January 22nd on Mozaik. For more information look at the Board website and/or reach out to the school directly.

SEED/Lunch program



The SEED program will be participating in the young entrepreneur program again this year. Our first project will be collecting non-perishables for the West Island food bank which is in desperate need of food to stock their shelves.

All homerooms will be collecting items and the class with the highest donations will be rewarded with a special treat. Collections will begin on Dec. 4th the last day to get the donations in will be the 15th.

Let's help brighten the holidays for families in need in the community. The SEED program needs your help making this a successful project.

The SEED user will also be making Christmas cards for seniors in the community.

Reminder:

If you do not have the extra pair to send in the children will come to daycare with their inside school shoes on. It is not mandatory to purchase a third pair of shoes. However, the inside shoes need to be returned the following day.



Upcoming Ped Day Dates:

- January 26th, 2024, we will be **closed** for professional development school wide initiative.

For all our Ped Days please note only those with a **zero-account balance** will be accepted, and it is on a first come first serve bases.

For our field trips the first 65 regular daycare students will be accepted. Due to staffing and bussing limitations. Afterwards There will be a wait list and we will need to have a total of 20 students on the list to order a second bus and hire extra staff. Non regular daycare students will automatically be placed on the wait list. Ped Days are reserved for regular users.

For all inquiries please contact:

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We wish you all some magical moments and hope you make many happy memories during this Holiday season!

Home and School News

HandS would like to thank everyone who made this year's holiday Fair a huge success!



Fundraisers

TCBY: Due to the upcoming teacher strike, our December TCYB date will be postponed.
Dieleman: Catalog orders have begun shipping. Small orders sent to the school will soon be sent home with your children. For larger orders a member of the HandS team will be in contact with you.

Meetings

As customary, there will be **no** HandS meeting in December. However, we extend a warm invitation to join us on Wednesday, January 17th, at the Junior Campus.

Next events to plan:

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Annual Fran Lowry Blood Drive is planned for Saturday, January 13th - baked goods are needed and come out to give blood.
- Open House is on Thursday, January 18th; set up snacks, give tours of the school to visiting parents.

Exciting things are in store for 2024, so stay connected and informed by following us on Facebook and Instagram @sjfhands.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you a joyful holiday season!

Stay in the know and join our newsletter today!

<https://bit.ly/sjfhandsnewsletter>

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*We wish you all a safe
and happy Holiday Season!
All the best in 2024.*

