

École St. Joseph's A. McKay Elementary School



January Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a great holiday season. Thank you all for your attendance at our winter concert, a BIG thank you to Mr. O'Leary and all our students and staff for a delightful concert. Thank you to Ms. Mantin our band teacher and Ms. Godmaire our strings teacher.

Hot Lunch Program

We are pleased to partner with Subway and Pzza.co to offer pre-ordered lunch for those students registered in the SJAM school based lunch program.

- **Subway** orders will begin **Friday, January 4-Friday, March 29**
- **Pizza** orders be arriving **Monday, January 7- Monday March 25**

We will place one last order in late February for orders between March and June.

Regional Executive Director's Monthly Report

Have you ever wondered what public school really looks like in 2018-2019? Are you curious to learn about what teachers do on professional development days? Do you wish you could hear from students about what they need in order to find success in school? The answers to these questions (and more!) can be found in the HRCE Regional Executive Director's Report:

<https://www.hrce.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/RED/2018/12/index.html?page=1>

This report brings life to the powerful work happening in our schools and classrooms. The goal is to demonstrate the positive impact on student achievement through stories and videos featuring student and teacher voice. Great work must be showcased and celebrated – and all HRCE families are invited to celebrate these successes!

Morning Coffee

SchoolsPlus is excited to host their first morning Coffee House for Parents/caregivers at SJAM starting on January 15th starting after the 9:00 bell.

The hope for this Coffee House is to connect with parents/caregivers to provide an opportunity to get to know the supports existing within their child's school and community. We would like to get input from parents/caregivers about topics or information they are interested in learning more about for future Coffee Houses as a way to stay connected with parents/caregivers of students at SJAM.

Reminders:

January 9

SAC Meets at 5:30
Home & School Meets @6:30

January 25

Family Literacy Day

Did you know?

SJAM has an account at Tanner's Recycling. You can drop your recyclables off at any time and credit them to the Home & School Account

We serve breakfast every day. Students can choose from a variety of grab and go snacks available in their classrooms throughout the morning.

Principal – Natalie Hagerty
Acting Vice Principal –
Stephanie Kenny
Administrative Assistant –
Barb Dewar

5389 Russell St.
Halifax, NS B3K 1W8

Phone – 902- 493-5180
Safe Arrival – 902-493-6180
Fax – 902- 493-5186

Website –
<https://sje.hrce.ca/>
Email – sjam@hrce.ca

Follow us on Twitter 
@SJAMSchool



Remember to check the website at <https://sje.hrce.ca/> for this newsletter and the most up-to-date information

École St. Joseph's A. McKay Elementary School



January Newsletter

Family Literacy Day

Read, play a game, tell a joke, follow a recipe... What are you going to do to encourage literacy on this year's Family Literacy Day? Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative held annually on January 27 to highlight the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to learn as a family is crucial to a child's development. Just 15 minutes a day can improve a child's literacy skills.

Please join us on January 25 as we mark Family Literacy Day. We invite you for hot chocolate on the playground at recess (10:30) and literacy activities in classrooms & the library from 11:00 – 12:00!

Capoeira for Kids at SJAM!

Capoeira Group Dende Halifax, which includes two of our SJAM parents, is offering a series of FREE Capoeira for Kids classes at SJAM for

- **Grade Primary-Two** on Monday at lunch
- **Grade 3 – Grade 6** on Tuesday at lunch.

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that includes elements of music, dance, and history into a vibrant and unique art form. You can expect a lot of movement, noise, physical play, and fun in a kids' capoeira class.

Classes will begin January 14 and 15 and run every Monday or Tuesday at lunch.

Please complete and detach the form below by **January 7** if your child is interested in participating. If you are interested in participating with your child, you are welcome!

I, _____, give my child, _____ in grade _____, permission to participate in the SJAM Yoga Club. I understand that my child requires a bagged lunch that does not require heating, and water, and that my child needs to dress comfortably. I also understand that participation is limited to 25 students.

Reminders:

January 9

SAC Meets at 5:30
Home & School Meets @6:30

January 25

Family Literacy Day

Did you know?

SJAM has an account at Tanner's Recycling. You can drop your recyclables off at any time and credit them to the Home & School Account

We serve breakfast every day. Students can choose from a variety of grab and go snacks available in their classrooms throughout the morning.

Principal – Natalie Hagerty
Acting Vice Principal –
Stephanie Kenny
Administrative Assistant –
Barb Dewar

5389 Russell St.
Halifax, NS B3K 1W8

Phone – 902- 493-5180
Safe Arrival – 902-493-6180
Fax – 902- 493-5186

Website –
<https://sje.hrce.ca/>
Email – sjam@hrce.ca

Follow us on Twitter 
[@SJAMSchool](https://twitter.com/SJAMSchool)



Remember to check the website at <https://sje.hrce.ca/> for this newsletter and the most up-to-date information