

École St. Joseph A. McKay Elementary School



October Newsletter

September was an exciting month and a great start to school. With your support and continued involvement, we are looking forward to another fantastic month and school year. Thanks to all of you who came out to Curriculum Night & our Ice Cream Social. Please take a moment to look at upcoming events and ways you can be involved in school life this month.

Safe-Arrival

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please call our Safe-Arrival line at 902-493-6180. If your child arrives after the attendance has been taken, they must check in at the office so we can avoid unnecessary calls.

Life-Threatening Allergies

We have several students who have life-threatening allergies to peanuts and eggs. We ask that parents avoid sending things containing nuts and nut products. We are also a scent smart school and encourage visitors to avoid wearing strong scents when at school.

Student Contact Info

There may be times during the school day when we need to get in touch with you. It is important that we have your most up-to-date contact information on file. If any of your numbers have changed recently, please contact the office at 902-493-5180 or send a note to your child's teacher.

School Advisory Council

School Advisory Councils play an important role in supporting student success at the school community level. A School Advisory Council is an advisory body to the school principal, Regional Centre for Education, and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial on a range of issues related to the school and the school system. Membership can vary, but generally consists of the school principal, parents, teachers, and other community members. For more information, please contact the school at 902-493-5180 or visit the Halifax Regional School Board site: <https://www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/school-administration/school-advisory-councils>

Our first SAC meeting is October 2, 2019 at 5:30 and is open to the public.



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

Reminders:

October 2

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

October 14

No School - Thanksgiving

October 22

Morning Coffee & Free Flu Shots

First day of Hot Lunch Pilot Program

October 24

Family Halloween Dance 6:30

October 25

Provincial Conference Day – No School for Students

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Morning Coffee

SchoolsPlus is hosting the first Coffee House of the school year. Parents and guardians are invited to drop by the Breezeway for a coffee and a snack on Tuesday, October 22 after the morning bell. There will be pharmacist on site between 9:00 and 10:00 providing free flu shots for all the adults. Just bring your health card.

Thanks to Brenda McNutt, Community outreach worker with SchoolsPlus for organizing this event.

Playground Update

With an increased interest in soccer among SJAM students, we would like to provide a space that is soccer-specific to students on the “upper playground” as soon as possible. We welcome your input and your help as we work to make this space available to students.

To date, we have repurposed the wooden patio structure to the “lower yard” (after removing the rotting log that is there), and plan to use the space where it was positioned for the soccer space. We are also working on a calm outdoor space on the upper yard with the installation of fruit trees, and benches and large rocks for seating.

Any help you can offer with these physical changes, providing soccer supplies, or coaching soccer skills in the near future would be very much appreciated! Please email Natalie Hagerty (Principal) at nhagerty@hrce.ca or Amy Hunt (Vice Principal) at Hunta@hrce.ca if you would like to participate in this process in any way.

Hot Lunch at SJAM

Hot lunch has begun for the fall. Pita wrap delivery began on Thursday, September 26 and will run until December 19. Pizza is delivered on Mondays, from September 30 – Monday, December 16. Please see a separate notice regarding a free hot lunch pilot program we are organizing for one day a week starting Oct 22.

Start-2-Finish

This running and reading after-school program is going to start in late October/early November. This program is looking for volunteers for Thursdays from 3:00 – 5:30! Please let us know if you are available. For more information, please see: <https://www.start2finishonline.org/>

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