

ÉCOLE ST. JOSEPH'S A. MCKAY SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates:

April 2: Ramadan Begins

April 5th: Report Cards sent home to families

April 6th: Home & School (HSA) Fundraiser at WOOZLES! Both online and in-store: www.woozles.com (5:30-9:00pm)

April 7th: PD & Parent-Teacher Day

April 12th: HSA Zoom Meeting, 6:30

April 14th: Goatworks Drumming at SJAM

April 15th: Good Friday (No School)

April 18th: Easter Monday (No School)

April 19th: School Advisory Council (SAC) via Zoom 6pm

Contacts:

Phone: 902- 493-5180

Safe Arrival: 902-493-6180

(Let us know if your child will be absent please!)

Message to Families:

It is hard to believe April is here and we have started the third term of the school year! Teachers are happy to be connecting with parents and guardians early this month for parent-teacher conferences to discuss student learning. They will be reaching out about setting up appointment times for April 7th and meetings will be virtual, over the phone or in person at SJAM! **Please note that all adults and children in the building require masks to access the building and for in-person meetings.** If you require an alternate time, please let your child's teacher know and we can set up a time that works for you.

We are grateful for your support and partnership in your child's education!

Don't forget to participate in the school naming process by the April 13th deadline (please see page 4 for the [link](#) and more information).

Daily Covid-19 Checklist:

If students are not feeling well or have any symptoms, they need to stay home for at least 24 hours or until feeling better. All students, staff and guests to the building require masks. Use the following [daily checklist](#) below to check for symptoms of Covid-19 each day:

COVID-19 Daily Checklist

It is important to closely monitor your health and the health of those you care for to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses like the flu.

Vaccination is your best defense against COVID-19 and some other illnesses like the flu.

NOTE: If you are in a school or child care setting, you need to follow this checklist AND instructions for the [Test to Protect Program](#).

1

Do you feel sick?

If yes, stay home or put a mask on right away and go home. Keep doing healthy habits like washing your hands and coughing or sneezing into your elbow. Avoid school, work, child care settings and public spaces. Do not return until you feel better (without fever medications) for at least 24 hours. It's ok if you still have a mild cough or runny nose, unless you are in one of the situations below.

2

In the past 48 hours, have you had, or are you currently experiencing:



Cough (new or worsening)

OR two or more of the following symptoms (new or worsening);



Fever
(i.e. chills/sweats)



Sore
throat



Runny nose/
nasal congestion



Headache



Shortness of breath

If yes, go home or stay home as noted above. Follow [Public Health instructions](#) for testing and isolation.

3

Have you visited a COVID-19 exposure site?

Check the list of [COVID-19 exposure sites](#) and follow Public Health instructions. You may need to be tested. You may also need to self-isolate.

4

Have you been outside Nova Scotia in the past 14 days?

If yes, check if you are required to [isolate due to travel](#).

5

Has someone who tested positive for COVID-19 told you that you are one of their close contacts?

If yes, follow [Public Health instructions](#).

novascotia.ca/coronavirus
nshealth.ca/coronavirus

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A Note from the SJAM Home and School Association (HSA)!

Join us! The **SJAM HSA** meets (via Zoom) on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm to cook up future fundraising and community building activities for SJAM. All parents/guardians of current students are invited to join the team, which also includes SJAM staff.

All you need to do is email us at **sjamhomeandschool@hotmail.com** and let us know that you would like to receive the invites to our monthly Zoom meetings and we can send you the link.



Our next meeting is April 12th at 6:30 via Zoom. Please see the flyer for our coming fundraiser attached to this newsletter! Thank you for your support of SJAM students & teachers!

A Note from the SJAM School Advisory Council (SAC)!

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) is an advisory body that supports school administration. For more information about the role of the SAC, please see: **<https://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC>**

Our next meeting is April 19th at 6:00. If you are interested, please reach out to Ben Stone, SAC Chair, at **ben@zuppatheatre.com** and/or Amy Hunt, SJAM Principal, at **HuntA@hrce.ca**

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Did you know that SJAM parent, Suzy Hansen is the MLA of Halifax Needham?



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Update on the Rebuild of SJAM School:



Our SJAM school building at 5389 Russell Street is being replaced! The estimated timeline for this process is as follows:

- relocate SJAM students & staff to 1589 Walnut Street in south end for two school years (across from LeMarchant-St.Thomas);
- demolish the current building and start construction in Spring 2022
- return to a new school on the existing site (5389 Russell Street) in September 2023.

Please complete the "School Naming Committee" Survey at the following link to offer input into the school naming process:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Hzl7UADvmROaKEaHhuzfiDrtefQrRvFofGECPW-BmhBstQ/viewform>

For updates and meeting minutes on the replacement, please see the following link:

www.hrce.ca/about-hrce/operations-services/capital-projects/replacement-school-sjam

RECESS & LUNCH AT SJAM:

- Students should bring a refillable water bottle each day.
- We do not have microwaves. Students need lunches that do not require heating. Using a thermos is a great way to send a hot lunch.
- Students eat lunch with their classroom teacher for 20 minutes, and have 40 minutes of activity time on the playground with lunch monitors. In the case of inclement weather, students will spend the activity time in classrooms.
- On Fridays, we offer a free hot lunch to all interested families, sponsored by Admiral Insurance (as long as funds allow). To participate, fill out the form at the end of each month and send it back to school by the due date.

