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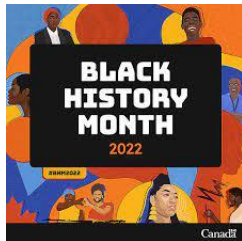
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Administrators' Message



February is Black History Month. This year's events and celebrations are planned by the JHP student and staff Anti-Racism committees and will focus on the contributions and accomplishments of Black people in medicine as well as raise awareness of the racism and prejudice experienced by Black people working in health care. We are proud of our student leaders for their work in promoting social justice in our community.

This month we would like to send a special thank you to all parents who have been so diligent in making sure that students who are not feeling well remain at home, and for informing the school of their children's absence. Thank you for helping us in keeping our school and community safe.

We have already started planning the next school year. We held a High School program information session for grade 9 students and parents on Feb. 02.

Our live K-12 virtual Open House is on **Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30pm**. We anticipate a showcase of our modernized school, our tremendous staff, our inclusive programming model that extends from K-12, and most importantly, our mission to provide our students with an outstanding French Immersion education in a faith-based environment. We appreciate your spreading the word about our great school to your friends and neighbors!

For more information, please refer to the Registration and Virtual Open House section of the newsletter.

We hope that all our families enjoy some quality time together over the Family Day long weekend on February 21.

Guitta Kodersah
Principal

Brigitte Levasseur
Assistant Principal

Mark Huculak
Assistant Principal



- February 01** Black History Month Launch
School Council Meeting at 6:00 pm
- February 02** Grade 9 Parents Information Session @ 7:00 pm
- February 8 & 9** Visits to Elementary Feeder Schools
- February 10** Anti-Racism Student Committee Presentation- Gr. 7-12
- February 11** Hot Lunch for all K-12 students and staff
- February 14- 18** Random Acts of Kindness Week
- February 17** Anti-Racism Student Committee Presentation- Gr. 7-12
JHP K-12 Virtual Open House at 6:30
- February 21** No school- Family Day
- February 23** Pink Shirt Day
- February 24 & 25** Gr. 9 routine vaccinations & completion of previously delayed school immunization to gr. 7, 8 & 10 students

Staffing Update



We are pleased to have Mme Andr eeanne Tremblay return from her maternity leave. Her assignment includes FLA 8A, 9A, 9B, 10-1/-2, CTF Design 7 & 9, Health, and Religion 8A.

Lunch Lady Hot Lunch- Friday, February 11



Our second Hot Lunch Day is scheduled for Friday, February 11.

All Gr. 1- 12 students can order as well as Kindergarten students who attend the day care. Orders are placed online at

<https://order.lunchlady.ca/>

You need to sign up and register to order for the first time.

Registrations and Virtual Open House

We are now accepting new registrations in kindergarten through grade 12 for the 2022-2023 school year.

To register for our Kindergarten program, children must be 5 years of age on or before December 31 of their kindergarten year. Parents are encouraged to use the online KINDERGARTEN Calculator to determine when their child will be eligible for kindergarten programming:

<https://parent.ecsd.net/kindergarten/index.html>

All new registration applications (for students not currently enrolled in an Edmonton Catholic School), are completed online: <https://www.ecsd.net/page/1270/register-today>

Students currently enrolled at J.H. Picard will have their registrations carried forward for the next school year. Parents will be asked to complete the “Intention Icon” in PowerSchool so that we are able to plan effectively for classes and staffing for the upcoming school year. **The “Intention Screen” will open for parents on February 28 and will close March 17.** An ECSD information letter will be sent out to all parents with details on how to log on to PowerSchool to let their intention be known.



Our Open House this year will again be in a virtual format. Information about our school and programs will be posted on the **Open House** page of our website at <https://www.ecsd.net/8410/page/13367/open-house-information>

The presentation from our February 02, **Transition to High School Information session** that we offered to all grade 9 parents and students is accessible on the Open House Information page of the school website. Click below to access it.

<https://www.ecsd.net/8410/page/13367/open-house-information>

We know that our best form of advertising is your sharing of the good things that are happening at JH Picard. We thank you for passing on this information to any parents you know who may be considering our school for the fall.

JHP Student Leadership

STUDENT COUNCIL

This month, our SH and JH Student Council groups are focusing on Kindness and Gratitude.

In Senior High, students are planning a Gratitude bulletin board to greet our SH students when they come in the mornings. They will also be planning kindness post-its on classroom desks and lockers!

make
kindness
the norm ♡

In Junior High, students will be challenging their peers to do random acts of kindness around the school. If someone sees another person doing an act of kindness, they will be given a little raffle ticket. The more tickets you accumulate, the more entries you have in a draw for a prize! Students will also be doing kindness shout-outs on JHPTV for their peers and teachers.

Both SH and JH will be having a Touch of Class Day for Valentine's Day.



Our Elementary Gr. 5 & 6 Leadership group has also planned engaging activities for the Random Acts of Kindness Week.

-February 14- Touch of Class & in-class Valentine celebrations

-February 17- Kindness Rainbow

-February 18: Be kind to yourself day



Students are encouraged to wear Pink on February 23 to promote anti-bullying.

Bravo Geli Ferris



Congratulations to Geli Ferriss in Computing Science 30!

After months of hard work, their LGBTQIA+ themed game is done and impressing everyone who sees it. Using their knowledge of javascript, they developed a 4 level 2D RPG game where the player navigates obstacles, fights monsters, and develops their character to ever greater heights. The in-game art, animations and tone make for a beautiful, cohesive environment in which to battle the elements of bias. Comments from a senior UX designer at BioWare included: "Love the idle animations!", "This is work I'd expect from a team of 4-6.", "I think the concept for this game is saleable."



Best wishes to Geli as they embark on what will surely be an outstanding future using code.

Carnaval d'hiver at JHP

On January 26 & 27, K-9 students participated in the fun outdoor winter carnival activities. They had a blast playing on the snow scooters, the tug-o-war and other winter outdoor equipment from the Carnival Kit that is shared among all French Immersion schools in our division.

Many thanks to M. Huculak, Mme Fukushima, M. Larochelle and M. Jolin-Roch for organizing this great event for our school community.



Kindergarten students safely using the Winter Carnival equipment with the help of our grade 7 student leaders.



Caregiver Education



AHS, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundation, is proud to offer FREE online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. The aim is to increase awareness and reduce the stigma of mental health challenges that children and adolescents

experience, provide parents and caregivers with evidence-based mental health information, and provide strategies that support mental wellness.

Click on the link below to access the **Caregiver Education Team February Newsletter**.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12fsGI65b2PMVKF-MASyKW1F-1XahQLAB/view>

School Council



Our next Virtual School Council meeting is on **Tuesday April 5, at 6:00 PM**. The link to the meeting will be emailed to the parents with the agenda. All parents are welcome to attend. We value your input into school decisions and activities.

February Messages from Chief Superintendent Robert Martin and Archbishop Richard Smith

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/40273/chief-superintendent-s-message-february-2022>