

March 16th, 2021 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Spring is nearing us with warmer weather in the air. The clocks have gone forward an hour and it is so nice to enjoy the sun that much longer! A lot has been happening at St. John's Academy since our last newsletter.

We had a very successful lockdown and fire drill. Students and staff new exactly what to do and our timing has improved.

Student council has been busy creating some fantastic experiences on campus as well. I believe the dress as teacher day went well and St. Patrick's Day was a hit! The movies on Wednesdays are well attended and I must admit that the participants in the Karaoke are getting better!

Students have done their first draft of their May course schedule - so anyone with any questions please see Mr. Schei sooner than later.

We have had 3 more students who have accepted university offers and we are so excited for them as they plan the next chapters in their lives.

We have a whole school fieldtrip planned for March 29th- Bowling and students are excited to go.

April will mark a busy month for us as we enter in the finals week, we plan for our Graduates in our April 7th Celebration, Easter Long Weekend is soon after that and the finals being the week of the 12th.

Just a bit of advice, keep studying hard. Keep your goal in mind, get the homework done and finish strong. You can do it! We believe in you!

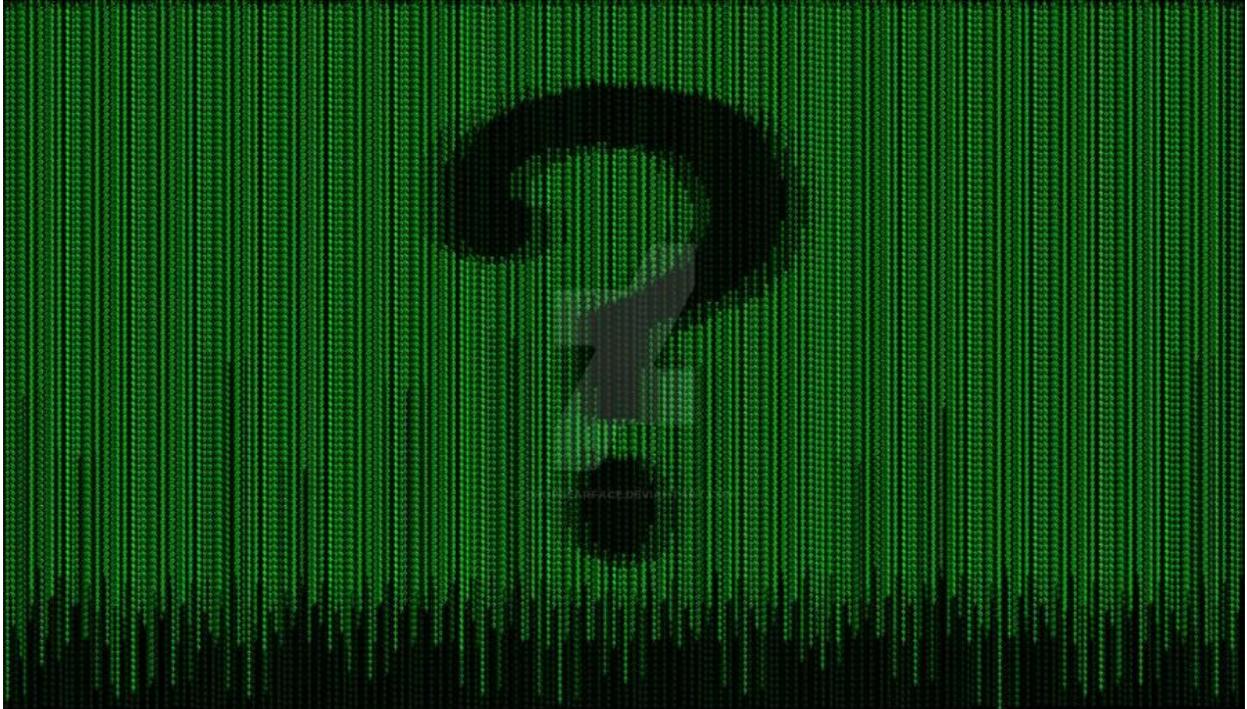




RIDDLE ME THIS – RIDDLE ME THAT



Riddle
Me
This



I am not alive, but I grow; I don't have lungs, but I need air; I don't have a mouth, but water kills me.
What am I?

What runs around the whole yard without moving?

What can you catch but never throw?

Only one color, but not one size,

Stuck at the bottom, yet easily flies.

Present in sun, but not in rain,

Doing no harm, and feeling no pain.

What is it?

The first one to email michellem@stjohnsis.com will get a prize!

What comes once in
a minute,
twice in a moment,
but never in a
thousand years?

Riddles 

HEALTH AND SAFETY - COVID SAFETY PLANS



aCurrent protocol following a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school community is as follows:

- Fraser Health Authority will interview the impacted individual to initiate the contact tracing process.
- Fraser Health will determine how the individual was infected and who they were in close contact with.
- Fraser Health will determine what steps close contacts should take. This may include self-isolating or self-monitoring for symptoms for 14 days.
- Only Fraser Health can determine who is a close contact.
- Our School and Fraser Health will work together on a communications plan to let staff, students and their families know when there is a confirmed case at the school and if it impacts them.

We will follow the health authority's guidance.

The key point for families is to remember is that Fraser Health will connect directly with any individuals who may have been exposed with further instructions via phone call or letter. If you are contacted by Fraser Health, please follow their advice carefully.

Photography Club





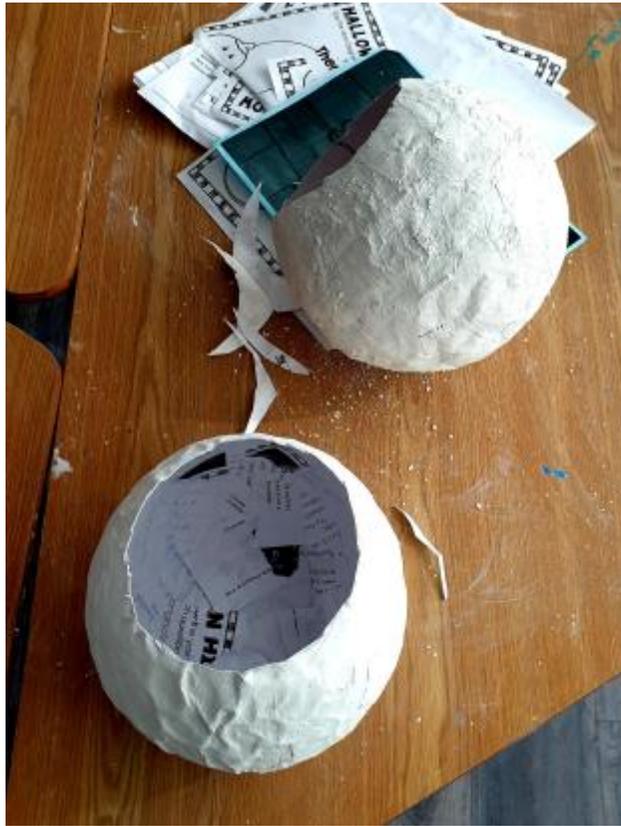
Students recently ventured out to Cambie Bridge to test out their new skills. The images below were taken by Lisa, David, Leah and Andrea. Lisa said she used the rule of thirds in her photography and David used an editing program to enhance his images.







Art Club



Today, students are painting their paper mache bowls. Tran is going to put a plant in her bowl and Terry and Jay might use their bowls for decoration.

IELTS

Today students were focusing on the writing section of the test. They had twenty minutes to structure and write a 150-word response. The stimulus provided today was a labelled diagram and students needed to describe the process.

Student Council News



Here at St. Johns Academy, we have had many fun activities this week. First, we are celebrating St. Patrick's day this Wednesday. Students can wear green clothes and celebrate this event by dressing up and not wearing their uniform. St. Patrick's day is a religious celebration held on March 17th, it is the traditional death date of St. Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Also, this day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century.

The other events happening at school are the Scavenger hunt, movie day, and Karaoke Friday. Our student council decorated the school walls with three-leaf-clovers because of the Scavenger hunt event. We put the clovers on the wall and hid special four-leaf-clovers. Students can find the special four-leaf clover and bring it to Ms. B, and the winning student will win a prize. Also, every Wednesday there is a movie day in Ms. B's class, and every Friday is Karaoke time during lunchtime in Ms. B class.





MAY GRADUATES



We need to get your baby pictures sent it and blurb about the school.

Graduation April 7th, 2021!

An email went out about how many people are allow to attend. Please make sure you let Dr. Meadows know who your guests are so we can give you the certificate of entrance.

AUGUST GRADS!

It is of utmost importance that you connect with Mr. Schei around graduating in August.

We want to ensure that everything is done for you to graduate on time!

Have you started applying to universities yet? Need help? He is the man to ask!!!!

So if you are

1. **Expecting to graduate**
2. **Expecting to delay graduation**
3. **Expecting to take extra online courses AFTER graduation**

Reach out to Mr. Schei for discussion. Counsellor@stjohnsis.com







Semester Switch!

St. John's Academy will be switching to Semester System!

SJA has been running Trimester System for a long time. However, we endeavour to go back to our venerable roots and switch back to Semester System to offer our students more in-depth learning experience that is neither rushed nor abbreviated. While the Trimester System has served many of our students with their specific goals, we believe that the upcoming Semester System will help our students to better achieve their academic goals by benefitting from lengthened and better-paced instruction along with more opportunities for extra-curricular activities. SJA is happy to honour our tradition and also become even better equipped to help each and every student succeed in attaining their realistic academic goals.

UPCOMING EVENTS



EASTER LONG WEEKEND



Easter, celebrates the [Resurrection](#) of [Jesus Christ](#) on the third day after his [Crucifixion](#). The earliest recorded observance of an Easter celebration comes from the 2nd century, though the commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection probably occurred earlier. Easter is celebrated on Sunday, April 4, 2021.

Students and staff at St. John's Academy will have April 2nd for Good Friday Off.



FUN EASTER FACTS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

The Easter Bunny legend began in Germany

More than 1.5 million Cadbury Creme Eggs are produced every day

The act of painting eggs originates from a Ukrainian tradition

Pretzels used to be associated with Easter

In Germany, it is illegal to dance on Good Friday

The first story of a rabbit (later named the "Easter Bunny") hiding eggs in a garden was published in 1680

The exchange or giving of Easter eggs actually dates back to before Easter and the giving of eggs is actually considered a symbol of rebirth in many cultures.



1 - **Easter**, also called *Pascha* or *Resurrection Sunday*, is a Christian festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent (or Great Lent), a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

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CALENDAR



April 1	Non – Instructional Day
April 2	Good Friday (No School)
April 5	Easter Monday (No School)
April 12	Finals Week
April 12	Classroom and Hallway Cleanout
April 15	Quarter 2 concludes

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