



SPOOKTACULAR OCTOBER

Oct 29, 2021

WOW- This month went so fast!!!

A lot has been happening as October is an exciting month.

I have to say that I am extremely happy with the general vibe in the school. Our students and staff come and go with smiles and good attitudes and it makes the environment of this school always feel so much more welcoming and inviting to all.

This month we celebrated Thanksgiving, our teachers were fully immersed in learning at our Pro D Day held on October 22nd. Post-secondary school presentations for our Grade 11 and 12 students have and will be virtual, lastly, Halloween week has been fantastic as students participated in a pumpkin carving contest, spooky grams, hot lunch and our first ever - A DANCE!!!

Student Council did a fantastic job this week as they hosted St. John's Academy Halloween events!

Midterms are next week- please ensure you are studying and keeping on top of your work. All students who are receiving below 50% will be given an "I" Form, the work must be completed to get a grade, if not completed, there is a big chance of failing the course.

Congrats to Jun, Donghoon, Katie and Jules for representing St. John's Academy at our first PING PONG match! They did a great job! Thank you Ms. Bourak.

If you want to try out for our basketball team, please see Dr. Meadows as the committee is starting to organize games and more!!

STUDENT COUNCIL



Meet your student council!!

Hoon

Hello, my name is Hoon Shin. I'm the president of the student council at St. John's Academy. My hobbies include piano, online games, badminton, ping pong, skiing, snowboarding, and drawing pictures. I'm interested in taking pictures of the sky. My favourite part of St. John's Academy is a new building with a large scale. Thank you

Jules

My name is Jules Lee!! I'm from South Korea. I'm really friendly and kind!! I like hanging out with my friends! Also, I love watching k-drama. I'm a vice president and an announcer in the student council!! If you have any questions please let me know! And my favorite place in our school is library!

Mia

My name is Mia. I'm 16 years old, and this is my second semester in SJA. I'm friendly, optimistic and kind. I participated in Student Council last term. I was running for Vice President in the Student Council but I was not chosen. However, I was happy with it, and I also had more experience from the speech. My hobbies are singing, listening to music, watching movies and doing activities. I would like to hangout with my friends in my free time and do something about art. I'm a member of the Student Council (SC). I'm helping everyone to do their work in SC. I made the list for No Uniform on Friday. I like the infrastructure of our school. Moreover, the cafeteria is my favourite place in school. I can have lunch with my friends and also join karaoke activity on Friday.

Jun

Hello, my name is Jun Suh from the student council. I am in grade 12 right now, and I am gonna graduate in June, 2022. I am interested in English, Social, and Economics. I often play soccer, basketball, table tennis, computer games, listening to music, and singing in my free time. I am good at teaching others, so feel free to ask me any questions. I am the master treasurer in the student council. The favourite part of St. John's Academy is that there are many funny events.

Katie

My name is Katie. I'm the secretary of the student council. I record the proceedings and decisions of school council meetings and write down information that students council members need to know. I'm basically from Korea but currently in Vancouver. I'm very friendly, outgoing and kind. ^^ My hobbies are watching movies and playing drums. I go to the movie theater often. When I play the drums, I feel delighted, so my favorite subject is music. Moreover, I love that the new school has a gym, cafeteria, and large classrooms.

Andrea

Hi my name is Andrea Luu. To begin with, I am a new member of the school's student council and I feel very honored to be a member of the student council to be able to join other members in activities and help the students in the school. Furthermore, my hobby is listening to music and talking to people so I can connect with people more. Moreover, my job at the student council is to be a member and when there are items for sale I will sell them. In addition, my favorite part about St John's is that the school has moved to a new location, which is bigger and bigger and the facilities are so much better. Lastly, school activities are very interesting and I am very excited to be a member of the student council and be able to participate in many activities with other members.

Carol

Hello! I am Carol Lee, a member of the Student Council in St. John's Academy. I am interested in mathematics and science. Also, I enjoy listening to music, especially K-pop, taking a walk, and watching Disney movies in my free time. In the student council, I participate in most of the school events, such as decorating the school, selling happy grams, and trying to make our school a better place. One thing I like the most about St. John's Academy is our passionate teachers and friendly students.

Leah

My name is Leah Jung, who is the art director of the student council. I am interested in listening to music. I am crushing on various singers. I also loved watching the movies. I love our new building and I love our fabulous friends.

Lyly

I'm LyLy. I'm Vietnamese. I'm studying grade 12 at St. John's Academy. My personality is friendly. I love music and singing. I enjoyed playing all kinds of sports. I like to play musical instruments. I like Taekwondo and travelling. Besides, I love the sky and the sea. I am always interested in activities. I'm a member of the Student Council; I collaborate with the president and vice president, along with other members to do special things. My favourite parts about St. John's Academy are field trips, activities, and new school. Field trips help students get closer and students can explore many places in Vancouver. Activities help students take a break and have a fun day or a fun time with friends and teachers. The new school is bigger, has more room, and the classroom is larger. The school is bright, comfortable, and has good views. Quality school facilities. Friendly environment.

David

Hi guys. I'm David or Liam, and I'm 18 in grade 12 at St John Academy. I'm a person who is welcoming, smiling, always happy, and talkative. I also usually listen to music because it makes me feel better and good. I like playing badminton, soccer, and hanging out with my friends when I have free time. I'm glad that a member of the student council and a part of SJA that helped me grow up in

high school. SJA makes me happy, opens my knowledge and gives me a lot of experience I must have in my life. The thing I like most is about the teachers and activities in school. All of that makes students closer to SJA. I have studied all the best things in high school life and in the position of an international student, I'm happy when I can study in SJA everyday. I hope the next Student Council can bring more things of interest to SJA too because this is my last course in SJA but everything to me is the best.

Dong Ju

My name is Dongju and I'm from Korea.

I am in the student council and my job is helping student council members. My hobby is playing soccer and video games. Also, I like listening to music and solving math questions. I like the new gym in our school.

Kit

I am Kit. I am in grade 12. I have been studying in St. John's Academy for almost 2 years, but I just participated this semester. I am interested in playing soccer and playing games in my free time. My job in student council is decoration and colour. My favourite part are events and field trips because they help us reduce pressure from school.













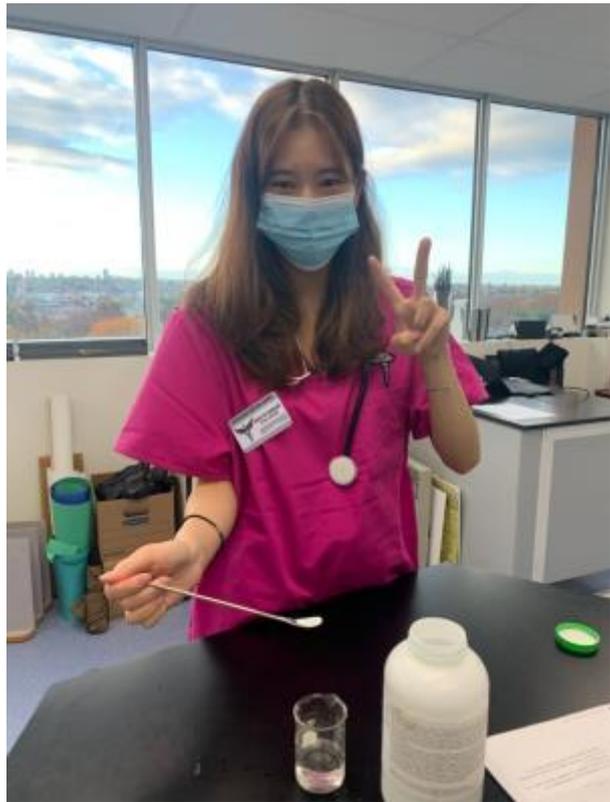














TAKE KIDS TO WORK DAY



Take Our Kids to Work Day, taking place on Wednesday, November 6th, 2019, is an annual event where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world. The day involves students in Grade 9, spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.

ERASE BULLYING



The safety of all who learn and work at our school is very important to us. The Ministry of Education has developed a thoughtful strategy for schools called E.R.A.S.E. – Expect Respect and a Safe Education and each year we publish our ERASE strategies.

At SJA we are very proud of the welcoming, safe and inclusive nature of our school community. We strive to be a community where **kindness, care and respect** are evident in every interaction on every day. We want our students to grow into responsible, caring, reflective and resilient people who are able to think and communicate effectively. We also know that people thrive best in communities where they feel safe and that they belong. The British Columbia Ministry of Education requires all local Boards of Education to develop positive and inclusive school cultures that are respectful, safe and welcoming environments for all members of the community. A key part of this work includes developing district and school protocols for preventing and intervening in instances of bullying, and other harmful behaviours.

Maintaining our safe community is very important to all of us - if students or parents have *any* questions or concerns about student safety, please reach out and contact our principal at principal@stjohnsis.com

UNIFORMS

As per school policy - it is mandatory that you wear the proper uniform daily. Staff is spending too much time hunting down students to remind them of our process and policy.

WHITE SHIRTS

WHITE UNDERSHIRTS

PLAIN BLACK SHOES

NO PERSONAL SWEATERS OR SHIRTS OR JACKETS ON TOP OF THE UNIFORM

If you need any thing for your uniform please see Dr. Meadows or send an email to principal@stjohnsis.com

UPCOMING



Nov 1 Numeracy and Literacy assessment

Nov 2 **MIDTERMS - EVERY STUDENT MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE - NO EXCUSES OR MAKE UPS**

BLK A. 9- 11 am

BLK B. 12-2 pm.

Nov 3 **MIDTERMS**

BLK C. 9-11 am

BLK D. 12- 2 pm

BLK E. 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Stock Market Club



It is official! The SJA Stock Market Club has its first trading contest winner, Jack Le! Jack started out with a \$1 million and in 4 weeks he managed to have a portfolio balance of \$1,091,327! Congratulations, Jack!!!

The SJA \$tock Market Club is a fun way to learn how to buy & sell stocks. Students use a stock market simulator which uses real-time market prices and virtual money. A winner is announced every 4 weeks.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Canadians recognize Remembrance Day, originally called Armistice Day, every 11 November at 11 a.m. It marks the end of hostilities during the First World War and an opportunity to recall all those who have served in the nation's defence.

10 Quick Facts on... Remembrance Day

1. Remembrance Day was first observed in 1919 throughout the British Commonwealth. It was originally called "Armistice Day" to commemorate armistice agreement that ended the First World War on Monday, November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m. — on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.
2. From 1921 to 1930, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. In 1931, Alan Neill, Member of Parliament for Comox–Alberni, introduced a bill to observe Armistice Day only on November 11. Passed by the House of Commons, the bill also changed the name to "Remembrance Day". The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931.
3. Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.
4. The [poppy](#) is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to Veterans.
5. Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday in Canada. It is also a statutory holiday in three territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) and in six provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador).

6. The national ceremony is held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The Governor General of Canada presides over the ceremony. It is also attended by the Prime Minister, other government officials, representatives of Veterans' organizations, diplomatic representatives, other dignitaries, Veterans as well as the general public.
7. In advance of the ceremony, long columns of Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP officers, and cadets march to the memorial lead by a pipe band and a colour guard. At the end of the ceremony, they march away to officially close the ceremony.
8. Some of the 54 Commonwealth member states, such as Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, observe the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.
9. Many nations that are not members of the Commonwealth also observe Remembrance Day on November 11, including France, Belgium and Poland.
10. The United States used to commemorate Armistice Day on November 11. However, in 1954 they changed the name to Veterans Day.

Source: <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/information-for/educators/quick-facts/remembrance-day>

Graduation



JANUARY 2022 GRADS

For those students who are in grade 12- many of you are soon to graduate- make sure you touch base with your advisor to start your university or college application- the sooner you go this the faster we can send them off to prospective schools! Students in grade 12 should see your advisor at least 4-5 times to ensure you are on the right track for graduation!

Grade 10 and 11 students should be meeting advisors around three times per quarter for check-in.

GRAD CREDIT CHECK REMINDER

Any student who is in jeopardy of not achieving the necessary graduation should contact the school for confirmation of graduation status- see your advisor. Students must complete 80 credits to receive diplomas.

IT IS THE STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT HE OR SHE HAS THE MINIMUM CREDITS WITH ALL NECESSARY GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.

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