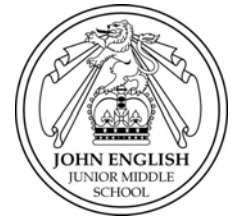




Les nouvelles John English News



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Principal's Message

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our Winter Concert this past week. We certainly are fortunate to have a spacious auditorium that can provide room for all of our families. The students and teachers can certainly be proud of the results of their efforts.

As the new year approaches we will be experiencing some staff changes. Ms. McLeggon returns from her leave. We thank Mr. Brooks for his time and energy in the music room. Mr. Brooks was instrumental in our Remembrance Day and Winter Concert performances. Mme Tamulaitis will also be returning. We thank Mme. Alwis for all of her time and effort with our Core French program. We wish both teachers future success.

Ms. Bunga has been with us for the month of December, but will now be returning to retirement. We will welcome Ms. Currie for the months of January and February as Ms. San Vicente continues with her leave. We thank Ms. Bunga for her time at John English, she has enjoyed each day meeting and working with the students.

In the months of January and February our Grade 1 – 5 students will have the opportunity to skate with their class on two or three occasions at Mimico arena. More information will be coming home soon from your child's homeroom teacher. Please be aware that we do have a limited number of skates and helmets that can be borrowed from the school for these types of occasions.

We would like to wish all of our families a very happy and safe holiday season. We look forward to seeing you return on Jan. 9.
C. Howe
Principal

Senior Kindergarten French Immersion

Information Night – January 18th 7:00 p.m.

The John English French Immersion information night will be held on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will present information about our Early Immersion program to parents who are interested in enrolling their child for September 2012. The immersion program is designed for students who do not speak French at home by providing the maximum French language experience that our schools provide. Early immersion begins in Senior Kindergarten, with all or most classes being conducted in French until Grade 3. Some specialist subjects such as Physical and Health Education may be taught in English.

Online SK French Immersion Process

Information in regard to the online application process for Senior Kindergarten has been sent home. The online application process is open as of January 9th 2012 with a deadline for the application of January 31st, 2012. Wherever possible all applicants who meet the application deadline will be offered placements in their geographic area. Please read through the on-line application and instructions carefully. When you apply on-line you will need your child's Ontario Education Number (OEN). This number can be found on your child's information package or on their report card. The on-line application can be accessed at www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

Winter Break
Dec. 26th to Jan. 6

Ski Day
Grades 6, 7, 8
January 26th

P.A. Day
January 27th, 2012
No School

Stay Healthy During Flu Season

Flu season is here again. Toronto Public Health is recommending that whenever students and staff experience flu-like symptoms, they are sent home and do not return to school until they are no longer infectious to others. Therefore, ill students and staff must be symptom-free (especially from vomiting and diarrhea) for at least 48 hours before returning to school.

The primary concern is for the health and safety of all students and staff. Please note that no special measures are required when there is a case of influenza in a school or daycare. However, everyone should do their part to stop the spread of the flu. As parents, you can also assist by:

- reminding children to wash their hands often especially after using the washroom and before and after eating;
- reminding children to cover their sneeze and cough;
- watching for symptoms of vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, and/or high fever;
- informing the school if your child is ill;
- keeping your child at home when he/she is ill.

For more information, please visit the Toronto Public Health website www.toronto.ca/health, contact your family doctor, or Telehealth Ontario. 1-866-797-0000.



Cancellation of Busses During Severe Weather

Severe weather conditions may require the TDSB to cancel transportation or, in extreme conditions, close schools. The decision to close schools is made by the director of education. In the event transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, the local media will be informed before the beginning of the school day. Tune in to your radio and television news stations for the latest information or visit www.tdsb.on.ca.

If weather conditions become extreme after students are in school, a decision to close schools will be made by 11:00am and broadcast by noon. In this case, elementary students will remain in the school until they are picked up by a parent or parent designate. If there is no announcement about school closing by noon, schools will remain open for the day.



French Exchange Information Night

If your child is in grade 6 or 7 this year, and you are interested in participating in the French Exchange for 2012 – 2013, please mark your calendars for February 23rd. At 7:00 p.m. an information evening will be held in the auditorium.



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Free Admission to the Toronto Zoo Dec 27 – 30

Students and teachers can enjoy free admission to the Toronto Zoo from Dec. 27th through to Dec. 30th. Take advantage of this opportunity if you are looking for something interesting to do during the holiday. Winter hours are 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with the last admission at 3:30 p.m.

HPV Vaccination Update

The HPV vaccination for our grade 8 girls is delivered in 3 doses. The first dose was administered in November. The second dose will be given to our students on Monday February 13th in the morning. The third and final dose will be delivered at a later date to be scheduled between March and June 2012. If your child missed the initial dosing and you are interested in the vaccination, please contact your family physician.

From The Gymnasium and Ice Rink

Congratulations to the Grade 8 Boys Volleyball team who won a banner for our school as they made it all the way to the West Finals. The 2012 year brings forth a whole slew of new sports for our students. Ms. Smith and Ms. Marcil are coaching the girls Grade 6 and Grade 8 volleyball teams. The junior and senior hockey teams have been practicing as their seasons begin the second week in January; game dates are on the calendar. The Grade 6, 7 and 8 basketball teams are now set and will be coached by Mr. Poyser. We wish all of our teams much success in their upcoming seasons!!!

John English Spelling Bee – Jan. 13th

Students from grades 4-8 had the opportunity to participate in their classroom spelling bee in the past few weeks. Two champions from each class will be moving on to the 2012 John English/CanSpell Spelling Bee on January 13th. 34 students will participate, as Emily D. attempts to defend her 2011 title as John English Champion. It will be an exciting event and parents are welcome to come out and watch the event on the 13th at 9:30 AM. The event is now running for its 6th consecutive year. Thank you to Ms. Laruccia for all her efforts with organising the event.

