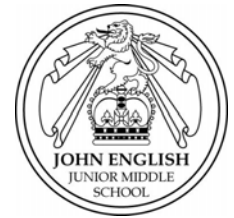




Les nouvelles John English News



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Principal's Message

Congratulations to all our students who have not only been successful with their academic work but have also involved themselves in the many extra-curricular opportunities that are offered at John English. Our students continue to demonstrate leadership, cooperation and enthusiasm for learning.

Student Progress Reports will be sent home on November 16th. The Progress Report is focused on giving students and parents a progress update in the middle of the first term. There is a greater emphasis on Learning Skills and Work Habits. First term Report Cards will be sent home in February. Parent – teacher conferences will be scheduled for the evening of November 17th and the morning of November 18th. These meetings are an important way to be informed of your child's progress, areas of strength and goals for improvement. We look forward to seeing you on one of these days.

You may have noticed that our front garden has taken on a traditional fall look. Thank you to Ms. West and her students and to our parents Ms. Gojic and Ms. Bourgeois for their work cleaning out the garden and planting the new fall flowers. Their efforts have made our front entrance truly reflective of the autumn season.

We will be holding a Remembrance Day Ceremony on Friday November 11th. The ceremony will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. If you have the opportunity, please join us for the ceremony.

Ms. San Vicente is currently on leave, during her absence we will have a retired principal taking her place. For the month of October and November, Mr. Samborsky will be at the school.

C. Howe
Principal

Arrival to School and Kiss n' Ride

The safe arrival to school of our students is very important to all of us. At John English we have implemented a variety of strategies to assist with the safe care of our students. Please take note of the following:

- When walking your children to school, please bring them to the paved play area where they will be supervised from 8:30 a.m. until the entry bell.
- Students who take the school bus are dropped off at the front entrance of the school and are directed through the school to the paved play area.
- Students who are given a ride to school in a vehicle should use our Kiss n' Ride loop through the parking lot. One of our members of the Parent Safety Program and a teacher will be available from 8:30 a.m. through to 8:45 a.m. to receive students.

The roadway in front of the school and parking lot is a very busy location. It is our bus loading and unloading area. We ask that parents not stop in this area as it is not the safest location for dropping of students. The **Kiss N' Ride** loop in the parking lot that is managed by teachers and parents is the most safe. The entrance to the parking lot loop is at south driveway and you can exit out the north driveway. Thank you for your cooperation.

John English Night at Chapters November 24th

A percentage of your purchases at Chapters on the Queensway will be donated to John English

Progress Reports will be sent home on: Nov. 16, 2011

Photo Retake Day
Nov. 15, 2011

Parent Interviews
Thurs. November 17
5:00 – 8:00 pm
Friday November 18
8:30 am – 11:30 am

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Update

Although it is only November, now is the time for our Grade 8 students to start thinking about Secondary school for the 2012-2013 school year. All Grade 8 students have now received a pamphlet called "Choices for Nine" which details information regarding the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 and has all dates for TDSB Secondary School information nights. On Tuesday October 18th, we had a great turn out for our Transition Information night. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can view the information presented in the form of a power point at www.tdsb.on.ca > programs > guidance programs and services > educational planning. Students are responsible for making many choices about their plans for Grade 9. An important factor contributing to their decisions should be a visit to the secondary school open house event. A calendar in the "Choices for Nine" pamphlet lists all of the open house dates and locations. If you have any further questions, Ms. Bryer our guidance counsellor is available to help.

Online Tutoring

If mathematics or science are subjects that can leave you puzzled at times, try accessing online lessons to support your learning. www.khanacademy.org lists hundreds of **Grade 5 – 8** lessons of 5 -10 minutes in length. These lessons help to solidify your understanding of a variety of topics and concepts.

EMPATHY - Our Character Focus for November

Empathy is defined as "the capability to share and understand another's emotions and feelings. Being empathetic includes:

- Being able to step outside yourself for a moment and consider another's feelings and perceptions.
- Being willing to help others
- Recognizing that while you may not always agree with someone else, they are entitled to their feelings and opinions
- Listening actively to others
- Recognizing you own feelings

Here are some ways you can help your child to develop a sense of empathy:

- When reading books, talk about how the characters are feeling and why they might feel that way.
- Collect pictures of children expressing different emotions.
- Ask children if they can match the children who are feeling mad, sad, happy etc.
- Acknowledge the caring or thoughtful things that children do for others.
- When a child hurts another child, explain in simple words how the hurt child feels. Focus on feelings, not actions.
- Model empathy by expressing your own concern about both children in a situation. Ask questions like, "How do you think Sam feels when you take away the truck he is playing with?"
- Help kids discover what they have in common with other people.

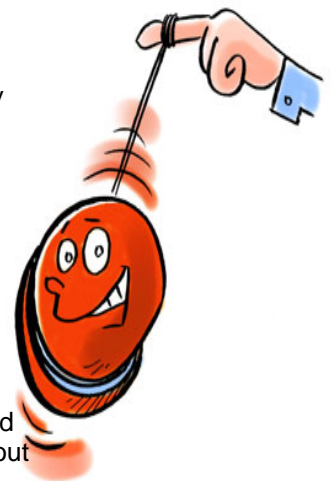
Empathy is a key to maintaining connection with someone when you are in conflict or can't agree. It is therefore essential to the health of any relationship. We thank you for your work in developing this essential character trait in your child!

The NED Show!

On the afternoon of October 13th students from kindergarten to grade five experienced a really exciting and fun presentation of the NED Show. This is a unique character-building assembly that travels to schools world-wide. It combined a great message of responsibility and doing your best with cool yo-yo tricks, humour and audience participation. The show focused on developing three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life:

- Never give up (focus, persistence)**
- Encourage others (kindness, shared learning)**
- Do your best (diligence, excellence)**

Following the show students had the opportunity to buy yo-yos and other NED equipment. We have seen students having lots of fun during recess with their new yo-yo's and have some budding yo-yo artists! It is through these sales that the show was able to be presented free of charge to the students and we thank you for your support! For more information about the NED show visit www.thenedshow.com





Grade 7 Albion Hills Trip

Each year our grade 7 students have the opportunity to participate in an overnight outdoor education experience at Albion Hills. Here is what our students had to say, "Albion Hills was a great experience! We learned about biodiversity and our ecosystem. We were having fun while learning. There were many fun programs like Wolf Prowl, Hide Hank and the Scavenger Hunt. We were lucky to have three delicious meals a day; they even gave us dessert! Finally, we got to spend time with our friends. Albion Hills is an amazing place and a great experience."

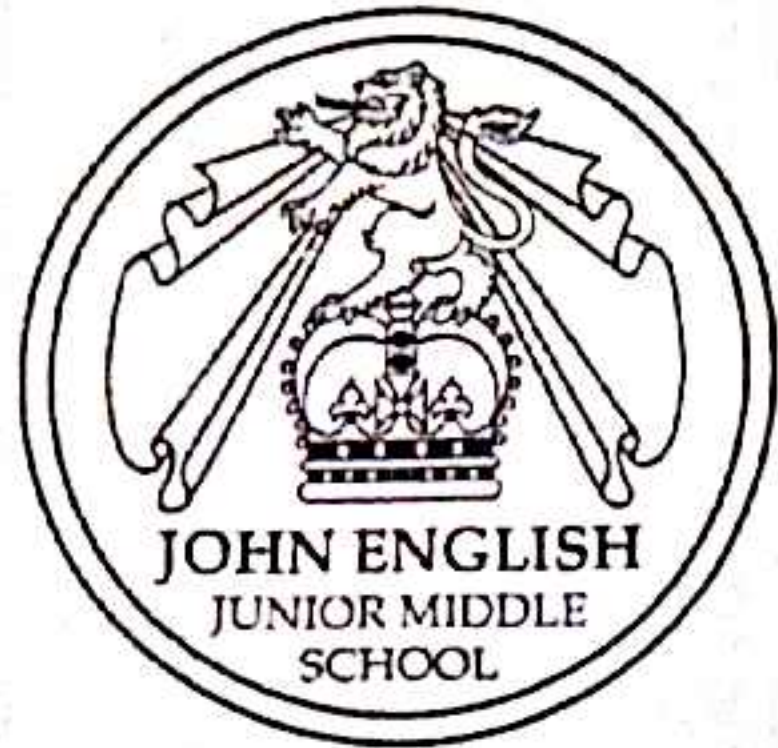
Mr. Sylvester's Class 7E

From the Fields and the Gym

October comes to an end and so does the cross-country, softball and touch football season. All of their hard work paid off as many students advanced past the first round. A special congratulations goes out to the following students who made it all the way to the city finals: Sofia Brown, Andrew Brown, Maya Dempsey, Luke Durette, Bianca Ioia, Madison Nerby, Peter Kaufman and Christian Hunt. Thank you to our coaches; Mr. Poyser, Mme Trudeau, Mme Kamnik, Mme Saprykina and Mme Lauziere and to all of our parents who were able to assist with transportation to the events. The girls and boys softball teams both had a lot of fun during their respective tournaments. Although neither team advanced, the players should be proud of their effort. As for touch football, Mr. Panou and Mr. Poyser were happy with the determination of their teams. The girl's touch football team also made their coach Ms. Marcil very proud, as they exceeded her expectations by placing 2nd in their tournament. The team advanced to the Western Conference Semi-Finals where they eventually lost a tough match against Runnymede. Check out the calendar and listen to the announcements for upcoming team sports.

From School Council

- The **Parent Safety Program**, which keeps our children safe in the parking lot, needs a few more volunteers. It only takes 20 minutes once a week (8:25 - 8:50 am or 3:10 - 3:30 pm). Contact Kathleen Eyman via sacinfo@johnenglish.ca if you can help.
- **Healthy Bites**, our healthy lunchtime program, is looking for a few parent volunteers to help with prep and serving of lunches, just 2 or 3 hours a week (or a month). Contact Lisa Truant-Tan via sacinfo@johnenglish.ca. And good-bye and thank you to Healthy Bites coordinator Cindy Kelly!
- The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held November 18 and 19. Madame Salama is looking for volunteers to work the tables and organize the books that week, even just for an hour or two. Email syuzwin@rogers.com if you can help.
- We have a lot of magazine readers in our school family! Sales for **QSP** are around \$19,000 (the school will get about 30% of that). Don't forget that you can order magazines all year round, just use our code **9311** when ordering and we get the credit.
- Mark **Thursday, November 24** from 6 to 9 pm on your calendar – it is **Chapters** night for John English. Get a jump on your Christmas shopping! (Chapters donates a percentage from each sale to John English.) Our night will be held at Chapters on the Queensway across from Sherway Gardens.
- Thanks for all the bakers who submitted goodies to the **bake sale** on Curriculum Night... there was a long line up of eager eaters! And thanks to Briar Boake and the many SAC volunteers for organizing.
- Thank you to all parents who signed up to be **parent reps**! You should be hearing soon from the parent rep in your child's class, if you haven't already, as they coordinate communications with the teachers.
- **Coffee 'n' Chat** is Friday, November 4. Drop in between 8:15 and 10 am to meet other parents, in the teacher's lounge next to the cafeteria.
- Our next meeting is **Wednesday, November 16** at 7pm in the school library. Babysitting is provided, please email sacinfo@johnenglish.ca.
- As always, email enews@johnenglish.ca if you want to be in the loop!



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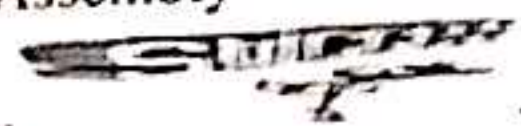
















November to December

Activities:

Safety Patrol—Gr. 5 and 6
(Mme. Mazelet)
Art Club - Gr. 3-5 & Gr. 6-8
(Mr. Tarantino)
Chess Club— Gr. 6&7,
(Ms. West & Mr. Hyatt)
Student Council—Gr. 6-8,
(Ms. Roberts)
Young Women On The Move—
(Mme. Salama & Mme. Trudeau)
Boys to Men—
(Mr. Poyser)
J.E.L (John English Leadership)
Gr. 8 (Mr. Poyser)
Character Committee:
Gr. 7&8 (Ms. Bryer)
Gr. 5-8 Choir
(Mr. Brooks)
Equity Committee
(Ms. West and Mr. Hyatt)

Athletics:

Boys Volleyball (Gr. 7&8)
Girls Basketball (Gr. 6-8)
Ice Hockey (boys and girls)
Cooperative games (Gr. 1-3)

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 (Day 5) • Dental Screening • Musical Auditions 	2 (Day 1) • Dental Screening • Gr. 5-8 Choir • Chess Club 	3 (Day 2) • Dental Screening • Character Success Assembly 	4 (Day 3) • Dental Screening • Coffee 'n Chat • Gr. 6 Science Space Expo 	5
6	7 (Day 4) • Dental Screening 	8 (Day 5) • Dental Screening 	9 (Day 1) • Gr. 5-8 Choir 	10 (Day 2) • Grade 8 Visit to LCI 	11 (Day 3) • Remembrance Day 	12
13	14 (Day 4) • Dental Screening 	15 (Day 5) • Dental Screening • Photo Retakes 	16 (Day 1) • Reports Go Home • Parent Council 7:00 pm 	17 (Day 2) • Parent Interviews in the Evening • Book Fair 	18 PA DAY (No School) • Parent Interviews (am)/ Book Fair 	19
20	21 (Day 3)	22 (Day 4) • Gr. 7&8 Boys VolleyBall 	23 (Day 5) • Chess Club 	24 (Day 1) • CHAPTERS NIGHT • Extended French Info. Night 7:00pm • Police Visit -Gr. 8	25 (Day 2) • Spirit Day-theme TBA • Equity Committee 	26
27	28 (Day 3) • Hep B/ Meningitis Vaccination Gr. 7/8 • Police Visit-Gr. 6 • Gr. 8 Girls B-ball • 7D-Scientist in School	29 (Day 4) • Gr. 7&8 Boys VolleyBall 	30 (Day 5) • Gr. 6 Girls Basketball • Police Visit -Gr. 1&2 • Chess Club 			

TDSB Character Focus: EMPATHY