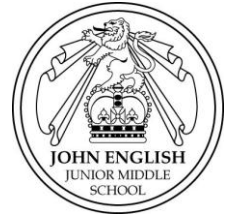




# Les nouvelles John English News



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## December 2009 décembre

### NOTE

Yard Supervision for Grades 1 to 8 begins at 8:35 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. Parents are responsible for their children's safety and conduct in the yard before and after these times.

### VISITOR SIGN-IN BOOK

Visitors are requested to sign in at the main office and wear a 'visitor sticker'. This is a safety measure to ensure that visiting adults are recognized and encouraged to feel welcome in our school.

Thank you

### During Stormy Winter Weather, Listen To Your Local Radio Station For Announcements

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.

If weather conditions become extreme after students are in school, elementary students will remain in the school until they are picked up by a parent or parent designate.

### CORRECTION

#### Exchange Trip to France 2010 / 2011

If your child is in grade six or seven this year and would like the opportunity to participate in an exchange to France in 2010 / 2011, there will be an information meeting on **Wednesday January 13, 2010**, in the **Auditorium** at 7 p.m.

Ms. Salama

### Happy Holidays!

The staff and I wish you all a safe, restful and joyous holiday season with your family and friends. Thank you, once again, for your continued support as we work together for a happy and learning school community! School resumes after the holidays on Monday, January 4, 2010.

### Assembly Hall Art Show

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the *Tis the Season Art Show* at the Assembly Hall: Frannie S., Taylor

R., Katryna H., Alexandra H., Chianti S., Cali P., Ida H., Alice S., Stefan K. and Sarah P. The opening reception on Wednesday, November 25th was attended by many and the quality of the work was outstanding! It's great to see so many aspiring artists in our school and community. If you would like to experience the season through the eyes of these talented children, the show continues until December 17th. The Assembly Hall is located on the SE corner of Lakeshore and Kipling, just in front of the Humber College campus. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 12pm - 5pm, and Saturday from 10am - 1pm.

F. Tarantino

### Olympics come to life at John English!

November 30<sup>th</sup> marked the first event of the John English Olympic celebration. During this school wide assembly, students were greeted by kindergarten flag bearers and introduced to their coaches and the countries they will study. Excitement was in the air as students showed their enthusiasm for this initiative.

The second event took place on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> when students met for the first time with their coaches and other members

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of their country. The students from Grades 1-8 spent an hour getting to know each other and their country.

A Grade One student was heard asking, "Can I come back again tomorrow?"

STA President, Kathleen, said, "It was lots of fun to interact with students of all grades. I am looking forward to our next meeting and getting to know the younger students."

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, which is a change from the information letter that was previously sent home. IOC Committee

### **Skating at John English JMS**

Once again this year staff and students are excited about the skating program offered at John English JMS. All students in Grades 1 - 8 will have the opportunity to go skating in January and February. Primary and Junior classes will go skating at Mimico Arena, with the support of our School Advisory Council. Intermediate classes will have the opportunity to skate at the new Mastercard Centre. If you would like to help support the school and have any gently used skates or helmets, donations would be greatly appreciated. Happy Skating! Mr. Lanis

### **Ice Hockey**

John English JMS is once again participating in the TDSB West Ice Hockey League with both a Junior team (Grades 4-6) and a Senior team (Grades 7-8). Interested players are currently trying-out, and the season will begin in January. Best of luck to both

teams and players for a safe and successful season. Mr. Lanis and Mr. Morris

### **Grade 8 Montreal / Ottawa Trip Fundraiser**

Once again this year the Grade 8 students at John English JMS are fundraising for their Grade 8 trip to Montreal and Ottawa in June. Students are selling Holiday CD's at a cost of \$10. If you are interested in supporting these students, please speak with one of the Grade 8 teachers. Students will also be selling CD's at the December Concert.

Thank you for your support!  
Grade 8 Staff

### **Career Day**

John English JMS is looking for parents who are interested in volunteering their time to present to Grade 8 students at a Career Conference on February 1st. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Bryer, Mme Chabot, or Mr. Lanis for more information.

### **Reminder**

With the arrival of cold weather, we are requesting that parents ensure that children are dressed properly for the weather, which means wearing hats, mittens or gloves, scarves, snowpants and boots. We also request that you take a few moments to review the reasons for wearing (not just bringing to school!) warm clothing in winter. Please make sure that all clothing and belongings are labeled with your child's name, as this allows us to identify clothing that has made its way to the Lost and Found. Also, please make sure that your child has a pair of shoes that can be worn inside and left in the locker, but that are not worn outside. This ensures that

carpets in classrooms stay dry, and helps to eliminate slippery floors.

### **Breakfast Club Program at John English**

LAMP in partnership with John English Public School operates a **free** breakfast club every school morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am. All children are welcome but families are asked to fill out an application form for each child. Children can get these forms from the Breakfast Club Leader at any time.

The Breakfast Club strives to:

- ☺ Increase the number of school children who eat a well-balanced, nutritious breakfast. Research tells us that children who are hungry cannot learn at their full potential.
- ☺ Provide supervision and support for children before the school day officially begins. This includes board games, quiet time to do homework and time to socialize with friends.
- ☺ Encourage children to make healthy food choices and to learn about nutritious eating habits. Children are allowed to select their own breakfast from a selection of nutritious food from at least 3 different food groups.

### **General Interest Classes for Adults**

Registration for the winter term has begun! Parents/guardians are invited to join a Toronto District School Board Continuing Education general interest class. Classes begin the week of January 11, 2010 and run for nine weeks. The general interest program offers you an opportunity to relax after a busy day, get fit, create a work of art, or learn a new skill or language. It's a great

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way to have fun and meet new people. Visit: [www.learn4life.ca](http://www.learn4life.ca) or call 416-338-4111. The TDSB is Toronto's original provider of life-long learning opportunities. Many classes filled up quickly, so sign up soon for Winter 2009!

## From School Advisory Council

### School Advisory Council

The SAC is a group of John English Parents that meets monthly. The Principal, Vice Principals and a teacher representative also attend these meetings. SAC meetings are a great opportunity to participate in decisions that affect your children's school experience. Come out and meet other parents. Everyone is welcome. The next SAC meeting will take place on Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the library. Free childcare is available. If needed please contact [sacinfo@johnenglish.ca](mailto:sacinfo@johnenglish.ca). As well, if you would like to join the John English parent email network, please drop us a line at [enews@johnenglish.ca](mailto:enews@johnenglish.ca). Minutes from the SAC meetings can be found on the website [www.johnenglish.ca](http://www.johnenglish.ca).

### Check out our School Website:

[www.JohnEnglish.ca](http://www.JohnEnglish.ca)

We are making every effort to keep the school website current, relevant and accurate. There is a new calendar feature and parents can sign up for email ENews updates, sent out every couple of weeks. If you notice any broken links or problems with the site, or out-dated information, or if you have comments or suggestions, please send them to [webmaster@johnenglish.ca](mailto:webmaster@johnenglish.ca)

(parent volunteer webmaster Mary Bella). Together we can keep parents & students informed and strengthen our school community!

### Pasta & Movie Night

HOTEL FOR DOGS was a big hit!!! On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, John English hosted a fun evening for the school community. Our pasta and movie night was a great opportunity for families of our school to get together for a social evening and enjoy a delicious dinner and watch a fun movie. There were 172 people that attended and the event made a profit of \$848.75 that will help pay for the John English Skating program and Scientists in the School, among other programs. The bake sale profits will go directly to the Healthy Bites program. Special thanks to the JEL team and the many volunteers and staff who helped to make this evening a success.

### SAC's Attitude of Gratitude

SAC would like to recognize all the teachers at John English and show our appreciation for their dedication to our school community. John English teachers work extremely hard to build an atmosphere for our children to thrive in. We want to thank you for inspiring and encouraging our children to focus on achieving their goals, providing the spark that ignites their passion and a drive to always do better.

The teachers are involved in many initiatives throughout the school year. Each month SAC will highlight a few of those initiatives. This month we offer special thanks to our: Cross Country Team, led by Mme. Lauziere, Mme. Kamnik, Mr. Poyser, Ms. Kuz and Mr. Beck, our Touch

Football Team, led by Mr. Poyser, Mr. Tarantino, Mme. Keenlside, and Mme. Laruccia, as well as Mme. Laruccia for founding, and running the Eco Kids Club! From SAC, on behalf of all the parents at John English, THANK YOU for being engaged in making our school a better place for our children and for always doing so much MORE!

### CPF French Club

Starting January 13, this after-school program will run every Wednesday for 10 weeks, 3:30-5:00 at Mimico Baptist Church. Designed for French Immersion students in grades 2 to 4, this is a fantastic way for kids to use their French outside of the classroom! Please email [cpfont@cpfont.on.ca](mailto:cpfont@cpfont.on.ca) for more details.

### CPF Adult French Classes

This 10 week Level 1 French program for adults has just started, but you can still join in! Running 6:30-9:00 pm on Tuesdays at Hilltop MS. Please email [info.torontowest@cpfchapters.ca](mailto:info.torontowest@cpfchapters.ca) for more details.

### Coffee n Chat

Coffee n Chat is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. This is a great opportunity to come and meet other parents at John English in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome. The next Coffee n Chat is on Friday, January 8th, 2010. Drop in between 8:15 am and 10:00 am in the teachers lounge near the cafeteria.

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