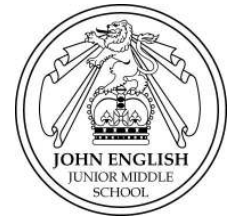




Les nouvelles John English News



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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!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

An invitation is extended to all volunteers at John English to join us for the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast which will be held on **May 21** in the cafeteria from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the breakfast is to thank the many individuals who have helped our school throughout the year: in the classroom, in the library, on field trips, in fund raising activities, with Aspirations, Healthy Bites and the Parent Council. Invitations will be sent home with the students later in the month. Please let Mrs. Bianchini in the office know if you will be attending. If you have

volunteered and do not receive an invitation, please contact Ms. Dick.

ON STAGE

We are so looking forward to our wonderful ON STAGE Musical Production here at John English on Wednesday May 26th and Thursday May 27th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. ON STAGE is based on the music of Abba with a 'few' changed lyrics for our wonderful young performers. Over 100 dedicated students and teachers have been working diligently over the past several months to put on this amazing production. If you have not already purchased tickets through the form which was sent home, tickets will be available at the door. We can't wait to see you there!!

Class Organization for 2010-2011

Below is the organization for classes for 2010-2011. Our staffing committee, with input from our School Advisory Council, prepared the organization based on our projected numbers of students for September 2010 and the number of staff given to us.

The Ministry of Education mandates that our primary classes be no larger than 20 (with a few exceptions allowed). As a result,

more split grade classes often need to be created. It is also important to note that as we have a clearer picture of the number of students who are moving away from our area and students who will be moving in, this organization may change. This sometimes happens in late September when our numbers have stabilized.

English

- JK/SK a.m.
- JK/SK a.m.
- JK/SK p.m.
- Grade 2 / 1
- Grade 2 / 1
- Grade 4 / 3
- Grade 5 / 4
- Grade 6
- Grade 6
- Grade 6 am
- Grade 7
- Grade 8 / 7
- Grade 8 / 7
- Grade 8 / 7

Early French Immersion

- SK a.m.
- SK p.m.
- Grade 1
- Grade 2 / 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 5 / 4
- Grade 6
- Grade 6
- Grade 7 am
- Grade 8 / 7
- Grade 8 / 7
- Grade 8 / 7

If there are any changes in your home or business phone numbers, please inform us as soon as possible!

Extended French Immersion

- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6

2010/11 Transportation for French Immersion Students

A reminder to French Immersion parents whose children are entering Grades 6, 7 or 8 next year that your children are now eligible for TTC tickets if you live more than 3.2 kilometres away from the school. As well, the TDSB Transportation Policy states that students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 are no longer eligible for school bus service.

Again for this school year, however, we will allow our Grade 6 students to ride the school bus for the first week of school. (Please bear with us if this proves to be a challenge!) Grades 7&8 students must apply for an empty seat and will be expected to use TTC until such time as a seat may be offered.

If we find that we cannot accommodate our Grade 6's on the school bus by the end of the first week of school, then we will implement the TDSB transportation 'empty seat' policy, which refers to the empty seats left over after all SK to Grade 5 students are accounted for.

Turning Points Essay Contest 2010

Shaheed J. and Brianna H. in 8C have been awarded 1st and 4th place in this year's Turning Points Essay Contest. This year, 8865 students wrote Turning Points essays (Grades 6 - 12). 400 top essays were submitted to the Learning Partnership for judging. Each essay was read by ten to twelve Tier 1 judges (teacher candidates at OISE and York University). From Tier 1

judging, 200 essays were selected to be ready by Tier 2 judges. Each essay was read by five Tier 2 judges (authors, editors, literacy coordinators, retired educators, members of the corporate sector). Shaheed and Brianna will be presented with their awards at a special ceremony at University of Toronto, Hart House on May 26. Congratulations Shaheed and Brianna!

TDSB StoryFest 2010

On April 18, 9 students from 8C participated in this year's Storyfest at Bathurst Heights. Students from Grades 3-8 across the TDSB joined together for a wonderful celebration of the art of storytelling. Each student told their chosen story aloud which was learned by heart and in the afternoon we enjoyed stories from well known Toronto storytellers. This year marked the 20th year of the TDSB's Storytelling Festival and the stories shared came from all over the world. Congratulations to Shonah A., Samantha G., Shaheed J., Mackenzie H., Alana M., William M., Johvonna M.-B., Kathleen O., and Nache P.

Future Aces & Health Action Community Service

Our student leaders in Future Aces and Health Action Committee, with the resounding support of the John English Community, collected over 1000 pounds of food donations to support the Daily Bread Food Bank. The committee members also spent an afternoon of volunteer service at Daily Bread on May 6 to sort and bag carrots and onions (several hundred pounds worth). On May 10, members of the two committees attended the Returning Faces Conference at the Holiday Inn in Markham to share their success along with

several other schools across the TDSB. Herbert H. Carnegie and family, Farley Flex of Canadian Idol and other special presenters made the day memorable. Thank you Future Aces, Health Action Committee and John English staff, students and families for your contributions to the success of this community service project for Daily Bread Food Bank.

From School Advisory Council

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The SAC is a group of John English Parents that meet 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 Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 pm in the library. Childcare is available. If needed please contact 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. Minutes from the SAC meetings can be found on the website www.johnenglish.ca.

Grade Eight Fundraising BBQ

Who: Parents & Students of the Grade Eight Class

What: Grade Eight Fundraising BBQ

When: Friday May 21st 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (rain date Friday 28th)

Where: Mimico Baptist Church Lawn

Why: Fundraising for the Grade Eight Trip and Graduation

If there are any changes in your home or business phone numbers, please inform us as soon as possible!

Cost: Hot Dog \$2.00 Sausage: \$3.00 Chips: \$1.00 Drinks: \$1.00 Desert: \$1.00

So please come out and enjoy a BBQ and support John English Graduating Class of 2010.

Coffee n Chat

Coffee n Chat is held on the 1st 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, June 4th**. Drop in between 8:15 am and 10:00 am in the teachers lounge near the cafeteria.

JOHN ENGLISH ROCKS!

SAC is very excited to be in the midst of planning the upcoming "**John English Rocks**" spring fundraiser. We have a great line up planned for the evening.

Show Line Up Includes:

Date: Friday June 11, 2010
Doors Open: 6:30 pm
Opening Act: 7:00 pm
Feature Act: 8:00 pm
Place: John English Auditorium
Come early & join us for a silent auction. Stay late and have your photo taken with the band!

Ticket Prices

Adult: \$20.00
Children: \$10.00
Family Pass (2 adults / 2 children) \$50.00

Emcee for the evening

Emcee for the evening is **Ivan Petrovic**, known by many of our children as "Master Ivan". Ivan has a wonderful and positive energy with the children. Ivan runs the popular "**Kick Start Martial Arts**" Taekwondo school in our community and also helps out at the **Rec Room** (a local childcare program). Ivan is bringing in "**Butterfingers**", a professional DJ

to spin tunes during the opening and intermission

Opening Act

We are proud to bring in **SPLASH**, a group of students from our very own Etobicoke School of the Arts - featuring **Aiden Coleman**, a former John English Grad

Most recently, this group made their debut with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, featured as the chorus in the Pops Series 'Broadway Rocks'

Featured on Entertainment Tonight, they are fashioned after the popular TV show "GLEE"

Go to You Tube and search "esasplashet"

Featured Band SEE SPOT RUN

A bilingual group, the band has a great sound and vibe; you will recognize their music from the radio.

SEE SPOT RUN released their fourth CD "Gonna Getcha" early in 2008. The album is a result of collaboration between **See Spot Run** and Producer, **Ed Krautner** (some may recognize Ed's name - a parent at John English!)

"Weightless," the single, reached 9 on the rock chart; 6 on the Top 40 Chart; 5 on the all Canadian chart; and in translation "Décoller" reached 1 in Quebec. The follow up Terrified/Terrifié climbed the Canadian CHR charts in both languages.

Free Childcare will be available

To make it easier for you to attend, we will offer free childcare at John English for children 5 and under for the duration of the concert. Overseen by Won Lee of the **Rec Room**, (a local childcare program) and with teenage babysitters, all parents can be comfortable leaving their little ones to play while they enjoy the show!

NOTE: To ensure the safety of the children during the event, all children **MUST** be pre-registered on the ticket order form — there can be **NO ADMITTANCE AT THE DOOR WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION.**

Your Fundraising Dollars Hard at Work

All proceeds of the event will go to purchasing technology equipment for the school. Items may include digital cameras, printers, LCD projectors, smart boards and other high tech items, all recommended by the teachers at John English.

Ticket Order Forms

Please fill out a ticket order form and return by **May 25th**

This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to experience a rock concert, and for you to have a great night out!

We hope to see you and all your friends and family at the event!

Go to our school website at www.johnenglish.ca to listen to the band, download the ticket order form and to get all the details.

Healthy Bites

Registration time is here again! Don't let the forms get lost or tossed....be sure to fill them in and have them back by the June 15th deadline! We cannot guarantee spots for late applicants.

Next year's nutrition program will run much the same as this year's did. Lunches will continue to be served on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for exactly the same price. Subsidies are available for those in need.

Thanks for a great year

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