

**'One benefit of Summer was that each day
we had more light to read by.'**
Jeannette Walls, The Glass Castle

I cannot believe we are at the end of another school year. It feels like just yesterday we began this journey. What a busy few months it has been at SJA. We began May with the Grade 6 Exhibition. What an amazing job by all of the Grade 6's. We also held our annual SJA Track and Field event. Those winners also took part in the TMA/SJA Track and Field event. We were lucky enough to witness some amazing spellers in our annual SJA Spelling Bee. We ended the month with Victoria Day long weekend and our month casual day. June was also a very busy month! Our SJA Spelling Bee winners took part in the Spelling Bee at The Maples Academy. This year we were lucky enough to be joined by Sunnybrook. We held our amazing Art's Night and are looking forward to our yearly Promotion Ceremonies, which begin Tuesday, June 13.

We, at SJA, wish all of the families a fun and safe summer. We thank you for your all of your continued advice, cooperation, and support over the 2016/2017 school year. It has been a great year and we look forward to making it even better next year. See you on Wednesday, September 9, 2017.

The end of the school year is quickly approaching! With that, the SK's have begun their final Unit of the year: More than a Feeling. Students are exploring different emotions and learning to express ourselves in many different ways. It is possible to feel several things at the same time. For example, it is possible to feel fear and anger at the same time in response to a threat in our environment. The SK's will be inquiring into how different people express their feeling through physical expression; when and why people feel a variety of emotions; and how feelings can affect those around us. Also, feelings are contagious. If you spend most of your time with someone who is constantly happy, you will notice that you're feeling very happy also. So far, the SK's are having a lot of fun talking about feelings!

In our final Unit of Inquiry, 'Protect our Planet!' (Sharing the Planet), students have been learning about animals at risk, the relationship between animals and humans and how personal choices can help sustain wildlife. Our unit began with an exploration into endangered and extinct animal. As a class, the students performed action by adopting a Kermode bear, an endangered animal in British Columbia, Canada. The students named the bear 'Spirit Legend' as it was revered by local Native Americans due to its special colour and rarity. Spirit spent the evening at each student's house and the children shared their journal entries with the class. Students have also been exploring the great outdoors as nature detectives! They have completed a nature trail, listened to a spring symphony and rose to the challenge of creating a bird's nest. The students also created a journey stick to represent their different experiences and feelings while on our nature walk. He truly developed an appreciation for the natural world whilst taking on the role of a nature detective. Finally, the students will be visiting the Royal Ontario Museum. They will participate in the 'Life in Crisis' workshop where they will become more aware of the significant challenges facing conservation, diversity and survival of life on planet Earth

It has been a great month in Grade 3! We are well on our way through our Plants and Soil unit called "My Garden". Students have been inquiring into the components of soil while conducting a number of experiments and getting their hands DIRTY! We learned how soil is important to many different living things including plants, animals, and us as well! We discussed how we can help keep our soil clean for our plants, we talked about the benefits of composting and even made our own classroom composter! We were thinkers while we conducted an experiment to learn about soil erosion to discover how landforms are made. We have seen many action stars throughout this unit who brought in plants, read articles about worms, and even created a plant diagram! Exciting things are happening next month in Grade 3! Including a Mad Science workshop and summatives that will allow us to be our knowledgeable and creative selves!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2017

June 13 – JK – 2 Promotion Ceremony

June 14 – 3-6 Promotion Ceremony

June 16 – Last Day of School

Sept. 6 – First Day Back to School

Sept. 8 – House Colour Day

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Sept. 27 – Casual Day



SJA Action Stars

Mrs. Hocevar's Grade 4 class – Chelsea Sua brought in a box of cereal for each student to show everyone that we eat minerals in our everyday life. David Schmider took advice from Rishan Sachania's speech on hand washing, by frequently reminding his family to wash their hands. He also brought in white gloves for his peers for their Michael Jackson dance. Julian Bogulewski donated 18 Fedora hats for their Art's Night performance.

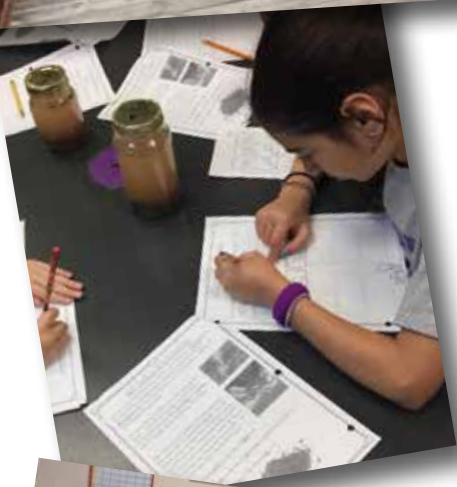
Ms. Hung's Grade 3 class – Vishva Sachania collected over 2000 old batteries from her neighbourhood, community, and school. as part of a battery drive. Way to go!

Mrs. Smith would like to nominate Saraya Juma. She grew out her hair and cut it off for donation.

Ms. Jaskolka's Grade 2 class: The grade two's are learning about biodiversity and how they can help our endangered animal friends. Hayden took it upon himself to adopt a snow leopard from the organization World Wildlife Fund (WWF) along with his brother Grayson! WWF sent the boys two stuffed animals, a snow leopard and an orangutan, as a big thank you for helping these two endangered animals. The brothers brought both

stuffed animals to school and shared important information about these two animals with the grade 2 class and the importance of protecting all our animal friends. Keep up the wonderful action!

Ms. Baimas' Grade 2 class - Anthony Phinn was awarded 'City of Brampton 2016 Citizens Award' for his achievement in sport!



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Get Involved!

We have exciting extra-curricular activities taking place at St. Jude's Academy. Take a look through to see where your child's interests are and encourage them to take part!

- Mrs. Hocevar will be running a cards club for students in grade 1-6. Interested students can join Mrs. Hocevar in her room (room 12) every Day 1 from 1:30-1:50.
- Ms. Hung will be running a boards game club for students in grade 5 & 6. Interested students can join Ms. Hung in her room every Day 2 from 1:30-1:50.
- Ms. Jaskolka will be running a game club for students in grade 1-6. Interested students can join Ms. Jaskolka in her room every day 3 from 1:50-2:10.
- Mrs. Smith and Ms. Baimas will be running a Library Club on Day 1 and Day 5. Interested students in grade 1-6 can join them in the library from 1:50-2:10.

PYP Reflective winners for June!

JK: Kareem Kamal

Gr. 1: Aydan Johnson

Gr. 3: Zackery Bennett

The Arts: Kayla Vandenberg

JK: Yahvi Surve

Gr. 2: Ruhaan Hingorani

Gr. 4: Ethan D'Sousa

Pr French: Krish Gautam

SK: Kayla Vandenberg

Gr. 2: Ben Colaco

Gr. 4: Tristan Poon

Jr French: Leah DeFrancesco

SK: Yoana Ho

Gr. 3: Iyaad Rizvi

Gr. 5: Zara Taseer

Phys Ed: Leah DeFrancesco

Gr. 1: Lexi Quattrociocchi

Gr. 3: Liliana Qita

Gr. 6: Farah Al-Samak

Phys Ed: Joshua Ablack

Music: Kian Sargood

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After- School Programs

There are a number of fun and interesting after-school programs that students and parents can choose to attend.

Piano (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday): All classes are 30 minutes and are offered to students in grades SK-6. Times run from 4:30-5:00 & 5:00-5:30.

Dance (Mondays – 4:00-5:00 PM): Offered by 'In the Mix' to students in JK-6. Students will learn dance moves in these high-tech energized classes.

Arts & Recycling (Tuesday): Offered to students in JK-6 by Knack Snack Art Studio. Students will be introduced to the world of Art using different items such as canvas, glass, fabric and recyclables.

Yoga (Wednesdays – 4:00-5:00 PM): Offered by Blossom Yoga to students in JK-6.

Karate (Tuesdays & Thursdays – JK/SK 3:30-4:00 PM & Gr. 1-6 4:00-5:00 PM): SUPERKIDS Karate is an exciting way to get your child up and active. Offered to students from JK-6.

Hatch/Computer Coding (Fridays – 4:00-5:00 PM): Offered by Hatch Canada to students in grades 3-8. Students will learn how to write computer code in Javascript.

Skating (Monday & Thursday – 3:55-4:55): Offered to students in JK-6 and takes place at Meadowvale 4 Rinks.

Please contact Ms. Dawn for more information admin@stjudesacademy.com

The current house points are:

Kappa Iota Pi 1,455,400

Zeta Beta Pi 1,434,600

Theta Sigma Psi 1,380,400



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