



# Sir John A Macdonald



## Summer 2017 Newsletter

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL HIGHLANDER FAMILIES

IN OTHER NEWS

## From the Principal's Desk

by Jennifer Shortreed

It seems hard to believe, but another school year has passed and we are planning to welcome our Highlanders back on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Grade 9 students!

### NEW Opening Day Format

A detailed first day agenda will be found on our website [jam.wrdsb.ca](http://jam.wrdsb.ca) in mid-August. The new feature for returning students will be a shortened class full rotation on the first day.

Grade 9's will attend for the morning and afternoon, enjoying orientation activities in the morning. **ALL SJAM students will attend from 12:00 to 1:35 and will see all period teachers for a brief class.** This schedule will allow us to comply with the Ministry and School Board expectation for an instructional school day. The teaching staff is looking forward to seeing you that first day of school!

### CSLC - WE NEED YOU!

The Canadian Student Leadership Conference is fast approaching on September 26-30! We will welcome over 1200 youth from across Canada to celebrate our region, showcase our amazing school

and school board and participate in learning that will last a lifetime.

Here is how you can stay informed and help!

- Check out the CSLC website – follow the links from SJAM home page
- BILLET – we need the whole community to rally. Please talk to your neighbours, family and friends. Follow the Billet links to register, get a FREE ONLINE police check and enjoy the experience of a lifetime as ambassadors for our region.
- Stay informed about the CHANGE in SCHEDULE for our SJAM students. Check out the information sent home in September or go to our website NOW to learn about our special 3 day ONLINE LEARNING pilot. These lessons will ensure our SJAM students can learn from home while we host the conference on behalf of the WRDSB and all of Canada. Call your child's Vice Principal in September if you have ANY questions.

I am so proud of the SJAM community. Thank you in advance for your contributions to CSLC!

### Student Drop Off - Safety First!



PARENTS – When dropping off your son or daughter for school, please help us keep our most vulnerable learners safe. Our developmental education students are dropped off in our Laurelwood Drive parking area. **Please respect the signs** and pull forward or drop off behind the school. Thank you.

### We Are Here to Help

**NEW** – watch our website for important information regarding changes to the SJAM support staff (ex: guidance, VP) phone extensions in the Fall.

**ONLINE** - [jam.wrdsb.ca](http://jam.wrdsb.ca) has ALL the September forms and information you need for school start up

Report Card Pickup – July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>, excluding Fridays.

Office Open – July 5<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, excluding Fridays.

