



Sir John Moore C.S.

May 2024

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Office Update

Welcome to May! May and June in an elementary school is an exciting time as there are numerous activities taking place from the school wide and city track and field meets, to planning year end trips and activities, to finishing up last units of study and projects. This is certainly no different at Sir John Moore! The staff and students have several activities planned in the last 8 weeks of school and the classrooms and hallways are buzzing with excitement. Please stay tuned for further updates from your classroom teachers, our school Facebook page, as well as School Cash Online, for updates on upcoming events and activities. We are always looking for volunteers to help out with these activities so please connect with your classroom teachers if you are interested or available. We would love to have you join us!

May Learning Skills: Independent Work

Independent learning is a method or learning process where learners have ownership and control of their learning – they learn by their own actions and direct, regulate, and assess their own learning. The independent learner can set goals, make choices, and decisions about how to meet their learning needs, take responsibility for constructing and carrying out his own learning, monitor his progress toward achieving his learning goals, and self-assess the learning outcomes.

Students are an independently working when...

- They follow instructions and understand what they have to do.
- Remain focused on the task without direct teacher supervision.
- Are not distracted by others or objects in the classroom.
- Use feedback and look for ways to improve their work.

Kinderstart

We are excited to offer another night of Kindergarten Registration at SJM! If you have a child who will be 4 years old before December 31, 2024, and who will begin school in September, please complete the registration forms found through this link:

[Kindergarten Registration](#)

If you have already registered and visited us, we would love to have you join us again to become more familiar with the classroom and connect again with our caring staff. Please stop by for our next school visit on Wednesday, May 29th anytime between 4:00-7:00. If you are struggling to complete the registration forms or have any questions, please give us a call so we can help.



Class Organization for the 2024/2025 Year

Over the next few months several conversations will take place amongst school staff regarding classroom placements for the upcoming school year. Careful consideration is put into each of these decisions to plan for success for each student and include many different factors. If you have special concerns related to your child's placement, please either call or email Mrs. Gower before MAY 10, 2024. Any requests will be shared with the teachers and considered along with the many other factors, such as classroom balance, learning and teaching styles, and peer dynamics.

If you are planning a move during the summer, or have recently had a change of address, please let us know as soon as possible as this may impact our classroom organizations for the fall.

School Council

We have a very caring and dedicated group of family members that meets every other month to help make the school a better place for learning for our students. If you are interested in being part of this team, we would love to hear from you. All are welcome and we would love to ensure that we have representation from a variety of programs and grades across our school. Our next meeting is being held in person on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 in the Learning Commons. We hope to see you there!

Dom-INN-o Challenge

From May 1-23rd, SJM students will be collecting boxes of cereal to be donated to the Inn of the Good Shepherd. Mrs. Moran's grade 5/6 class will be coming around to each classroom in the mornings to gather the boxes and tally the points for House Colour Teams. On May 24th, Mrs.

Moran's class will set up a domino track with the collected boxes for the whole school to enjoy. Our goal is 500 boxes, which is roughly 1 box per student. We can do it!



Camp Franco Fun

Please see the attached flyer for a great opportunity for a free fun virtual French camp this summer. Please ensure to sign up before May 17th. If you have any questions about it, please give us a call.



Spring Flower Delivery

Our spring flower fundraiser was a great success! Thank you to everyone that purchased baskets and flowers this year. Pick up will take place on May 9, between 2:00-6:00 at the school. If you have any questions, please let us know.



Spring Talent Show

We have some amazingly talented students at SJM and we would love to share their talents with you! All are welcome to join us on May 16th for our SJM Talent Show. There will be a daytime performance for the students and staff, between 12:30-1:30 and an evening performance between 6:00-7:00. We hope to see you there!



EQAO

Throughout May and June, our grade 3 and 6 students will be writing the EQAO assessment. Our grade 6s will be writing May 28-31 and our grade 3s will be writing June 3-6.

Track and Field Meet

Our junior and intermediate students are just starting to prepare for the annual track and field meet. The SJM Track and Field Meet will take place at SJM on Tuesday, May 21st and then those selected to represent SJM at the city meet will participate at GLSS on Tuesday June 11th. More details to follow.



Education Week

May 6-10 is Education Week and this year's focus is "Back to the Basics". We will be highlighting many great learning opportunities taking place throughout the week both within the classrooms and within the school community.

Stay Connected on Facebook

If you are not already, please like our Facebook page for updates, reminders, and highlights of events occurring throughout the school.



Important Dates to Remember

May 1- FI Grade 8s to LCCVI

May 1-23- Cereal Box Collection for the Inn

May 3- Wear Red for Missing and Murdered
Indigenous Women and Children

May 6- School Council- 6:00- All are welcome!

May 7- Disney/ Star Wars Day

May 9- Plant Fundraiser Pick-up- 2:00-6:00

May 9- Immunization Clinic

May 20- Victoria Day- No School

May 21- SJM Track and Field Day

May 28-31- Junior EQAO

May 29- Kinderstart- 4:00-7:00

May 31- Staff and Student Baseball- 3rd block