



# ST. JUDE'S ACADEMY

## Primary Years Programme Newsletter

### September, 2018

*"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale."*

*- Hans Christian Andersen*

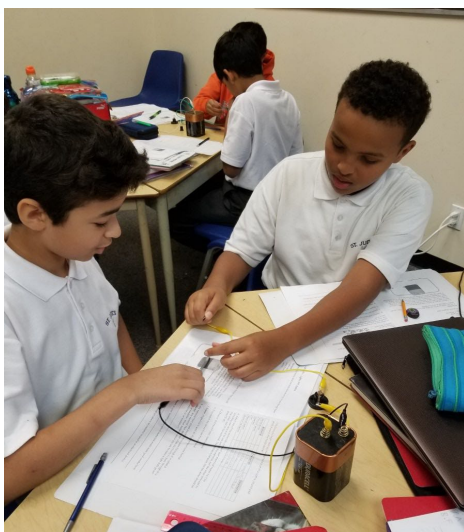
What a wonderful first month we had at St. Jude's. It is so nice to see so many familiar faces and to meet so many new families. We very quickly got back into our routines. We had some house games, as well as our first bake sale and casual day of the year. Preparation for our International Mindedness Day also began.

For their Unit of Inquiry, Down on the Farm, students in Ms. Bannon's SK class have been learning about the steps involved in getting food from the farm to their tables. Last week they discussed how wheat is made and the different products we eat from it, such as cereal and bread. On Friday they had so much fun working together mixing all the ingredients necessary for pancakes, and enjoyed eating them with syrup on top!!

In Mrs. Padovan's JK class they have been busy learning about healthy habits in their current Unit of Inquiry. They are having opportunities to explore healthy and unhealthy foods, personal hygiene, such as oral hygiene, how to stop germs from spreading, and how beneficial exercising can be. In the middle of October, the JKs will visit Chudleigh's Apple Farm, which will tie nicely with their UOI. They also presented their "Me Bag" where they shared some-

thing special about themselves. They practiced their presentation skills, such as talking in front of an audience, staying on topic, using full sentences and a loud voice. The JKs also had fun at our new play area outside, where they now have a pretend kitchen with real pans, utensils and logs.

Ms. Haag's Grade 6s have begun their year inquiring into current electricity for their first inquiry unit. They have learned about atomic structure and tiny



subatomic particles (electrons) that makes up electric current. Students have built simple and parallel circuits and are learning to represent their diagrams using international electric circuit symbols. They have tested materials for their insulating or conducting properties. They have had first-hand experience of the heat and

danger of short circuits and other dangers when working with and using electricity. Come by our classroom to see some of their electrical safety posters for tips on keeping safe around electricity. This month they will begin work on their science fair project – building a car using their knowledge of electric circuits.

## Upcoming Events

Thursday

**October 4**

International Day

Friday

**October 5**

PD Day, IB Training  
(No School)

Monday

**October 8**

Thanksgiving Day  
(No School)

Thursday

**October 25**

Picture Day

Tuesday

**October 30**

Casual Day

Tues./Wed.

**October 30/31**

Bake Sale

Wednesday

**October 31**

Spirit Day:  
Harvest/Halloween  
Dress Up

# A note from the library

Ms. Hayward (and Melvil) are very excited for another year in The Library. The Library has come a long way from this time last year with even more to come!

With the absolutely fantastic help of some summer volunteers (a big THANK YOU to Yousra, Parwaiz, Johanna, Riaz, Mr. Leeguide, Miss Ross, and Miss Abby), almost the entire collection has been cataloged into our computer system (stay tuned for a Collections Contest coming soon – in the “Contests” section of The Library Blog – [www.sjalibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.sjalibrary.wordpress.com)). Ms. Hayward is now assigning a barcode to each student so that signing books and technology in and out will be a much better process.

The PYPs have begun their scheduled classroom visits to the library. We will have storytime, information literacy lessons and activities, and, of course, we will

read (and sign out) lots and lots of books! Ms. Hayward is also available to help all students with their research skills, resources, citations, and more.

Ms. Hayward has lots of ideas and plans for this year in The Library. We will highlight special days/weeks during the year. For example, in September we had a display for National Science Literacy Week (Sept. 17-30) and Orange Shirt Day (Sept.30). We will have some trivia and contests (with prizes!). The Birthday Book Club continues this year (check out the blog for details). And, of course, we will have a Book Fair (or two!).

Ms. Hayward invites you to follow The Library Blog ([www.sjalibrary.wordpress.com](http://www.sjalibrary.wordpress.com)) for all things library. Please feel free to comment, ask questions, etc. Ms. Hayward

hopes that the blog will have a little something for everyone from parents to PYPs to MYPs to DPs, as The Library is for everyone!



## Extra-curriculars

We have exciting extra-curricular clubs 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!

Ms. Hayward will be running a primary and junior recess readers club. Students in Grades 1, 2, 5 and 6 can join her at recess on Monday and Wednesdays during first recess. Students in SK and Grades 3 and 4 can join her at recess on Tuesday and Thursdays during first recess.

Ms. Brew will be running a games club for students in Grade

1-2 on Day 1 during first recess from 11:30-12:00

Ms. Coldwells will be running a bracelet-

making club for students in Grade 1-2 on Day 1 during first recess from 11:30-12:00.

Ms. Gandy will be running a drawing club for students in Grade 1-2 on Day 5 from during second recess from 2:00-2:20.

Ms. Jaskolka will be running a games club for students in Grade 3-6 on Day 5 during second recess from 1:40-2:00.

Mrs. Hocevar will be running a chess club for students in Grade 3-6 on Day 1 during second recess from 1:40-2:00.



*SK students mixing batter for their UOI*



# After-School Programs

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

## Piano (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday)

Offered to students in grades SK-6. Piano is a fun way to encourage and develop your child's musical ability. We have group lessons, semi-private and private lessons for SK-Grade 6. All classes are 30 minutes in duration and are every Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Spaces are limited and time slots are given on a first-come basis.

## Art & Recycling (Tuesdays)

Streetsville's own Knack Snack Art Studio wants to introduce your child to the world of Art using different items such as canvas, glass, fabric and also learn to use recyclables to create wonderful pieces of artwork. Students will be bringing their pieces to life through the use of colours of pastels, charcoal, acrylic paint or whatever the tool, what matters most is to get their ideas on paper.

## Dance (Mondays)

"In The Mix" video productions, where kids learn

dance moves in these high-tech energized classes. Through solo and group participation, every child gets to explore what's new in dance, music and iPad technology. The students work in teams being a director, dancer, choreographer, DJ or producer to create one-of-a-kind music and dance videos. (A minimum of 10 students are needed to run the program)

## 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.

## Yoga (Wednesdays)

We are excited for the return of Blossom Yoga to SJA. Classes combine yoga poses, music, breathing techniques, games, and reflective art to capture the attention and imagination of young yoga buds. Students will learn calming and relaxation techniques, build physical literacy, balance, flexibility, and have fun. (Maximum of 15 Students)

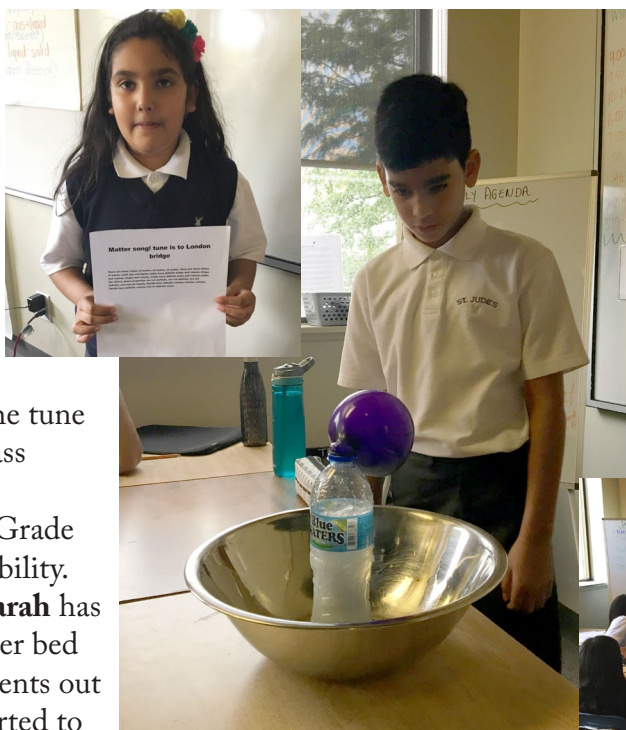
Please contact Ms. Dawn for more information [admin@stjudesacademy.com](mailto:admin@stjudesacademy.com)

# Action Stars

Mrs. Hocevar's Grade 5 class – **Joshua** showed the class an experiment, where he added baking soda to vinegar, which caused a gas. He shook the bottle and the gas caused a balloon to blow up! He also did an experiment using water and corn-starch to show how molecules work.

**Aanika** wrote a song about matter to the tune of London Bridges. **Manny** told the class about sublimation and dry ice.

Ms. Gandy's Grade 1 Class – The Grade 1s are currently learning about responsibility. **Kaysha** is folding laundry by herself. **Farah** has taken on the responsibility of making her bed by herself. **Kai** has been helping his parents out by washing the dishes. **Nimrata** has started to



make her bed every morning by herself. **Arya** has been helping her parents clean around the house.

**Diyya** has taken to making her own bed every day. **Devan** has been tidying his room every day. **Zane** has been making his bed every morning.

## Important dates

- Thursday, October 4 – International Day. Parents are welcome to join us from 2:30-3:15.
- Friday, October 5 – PD Day – No School
- Monday, October 8 – Thanksgiving Monday No School
- Thursday, October 25 – Picture Day
- Tuesday, October 30 & Wednesday, October 31 – Bake Sale
- Tuesday, October, 30 – Casual Day Students are welcome to come dressed in casual clothing as long as they have paid the Casual Day Fee
- Wednesday, October 31 – Halloween/ Harvest Spirit Day
- Tuesday, November 6 – Guy Fawkes Poem Recitations
- Friday, November 9 – PD Day – No School
- Monday, November 12 – Kindness Day
- Friday, November 16 – Science Fair
- Thursday, November 22 – Picture Retakes
- Wednesday, November 28 – Casual Day Students are welcome to come dressed in casual clothing as long as they have paid the Casual Day Fee
- Friday, November 30 – Term One report cards go home

## PYP Inquirer Award Winners for September:

Junior K:	Aaryan Saini Avir Pahwa Nihal Saund
Senior K:	William Porterfield Sahib Khaira Sahana Gandhi
Grade 1:	Diyanka Prabu Nimrata Saund Syra Ibrahim
Grade 2:	Mya Armogan Gurbani Bedi
Grade 3:	Emily McGhie Aashrith Ala
Grade 4:	Ben Coloaco Daksh Jadhav
Grade 5:	Joshua Ablack Neel Mandal Adn Usman
Grade 6:	Dean Walia JD Brar
Primary French:	Elizabeth Moody
Junior French:	Joshua Ablack Pranati Nanda
Phys Ed:	Ishaan Singh Karina Kalsey
Music:	Summer Roorda Maya Wisniewski

## House Points Totals



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