

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Student Council News

Adopt a Senior Project

On December 21st, 28 gifts were delivered to residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home. A donation of \$260 was also made to the seniors on behalf of the students of MDJH. Many thanks to all our students who so generously donated items, time and money in making this project a success.



Welcome to our MUN Student Interns

A warm welcome is extended to our four MUN interns who will be here with us until just after the Easter break.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Term 1: Semesterized courses ends—Friday, January 29th, 2016

Term 2: Semesterized courses—Monday, February 1st, 2016

School PD Day—Friday, February 19th, 2016

Breakfast Program

MDJH Breakfast Club would like to thank our **grade 8** parents for their donations. We are still accepting donations of the following items:

- Granola bars (nut free)
- hot cereal
- jam
- Cheese strings
- apple juice tetra-pack
- orange juice tetra-pack
- Cheerios
- Honeycomb
- Corn Flakes

Monetary donations are always accepted at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.



Request for Support: 3-D Printing

Have you heard about Additive Manufacturing? Maybe not. The popular term is 3-D printing; try Googling the concept and you will find that there has been a significant number of articles written about the innovative uses of 3-D Printing as a production/manufacturing process. MDJH is looking to expose its students to a design process utilizing this current technology. Even though the price tag on 3-D Printing has dropped significantly in the last couple of years, it is still a specialty item and we need support from our school community to invest in this direction. Is there a company or companies that would be interested in assisting us in making this initiative a reality? The start up costs for 3-D printing is approximately \$4000.00.

Any interested persons please contact Wade Gillard (wadegillard@nlesd.ca).

RNC Presentations

Constable Jason Coombs, our RNC Community Liaison, has finished addressing our Grade 7 classes with topics related to social media awareness and current apps available both positive and negative. In February, we will have our *Students Taking Responsibility in Violence Education* (STRIVE) presentations for our Grade 8 students.

InspireECO Art Contest



The exciting Environmental Arts Competition, “InspireECO” is back at your school this term. The goal of InspireECO is to awaken the eco-friendly spirit within the youth of our community. This year the competition will include written arts and visual arts, giving participant a choice of media for their entry in the form of either an essay or a visual. The theme for this year’s InspireECO contest is:

Climate change is an issue which concerns the entire global community. Discuss in a fully developed original essay or display through an original piece of visual artwork, the importance of global cooperation in addressing the climate change issue.

Through exploring this theme, we hope that participants will gain a deeper understanding of what climate change means to them and through expressing this understanding through art, be able to inspire themselves and others. Additionally, students will have the chance to win prizes including e-readers, gift cards and eco prize packs! Through awakening and engaging youth locally, we wish to spark a change globally.

Please see Mrs. Penney (room 227) for rules, judging guidelines, and prize details. The entry deadline for the contest is **Wednesday March 9th, 2016**.



What's Happening at MacDonald Drive Junior High?

Activities/Clubs	Time	Room	Teacher Sponsor
Chess	Day 7 @ 12:10pm	205	Ms. Kinsella /Ms. Parsons
Math Homework Haven	Monday @ 2:30pm-3:30pm	LRC	Math Department
Knitting	Tuesday @ 11:40 am-12:33pm. Bring lunch.	227	Ms. Osmond/ Ms. Penney
Lego Robotics (Fall)	Tuesday @ 2:30pm to 4:00pm	123	Mr. Smith Mr. Thorne
ROV (Spring)	Tuesday @ 2:30pm to 4:00pm	123	Mr. Smith Mr. Thorne
LGBTQ	Day 3	124	Ms. Brunet /Mr. Dyer
French Tutoring	Tuesday @ 12:05pm	109A	Ms. Glynn
Drama	TBA	109A	Ms. D. Mills
Art Club	Day 3 in@ 11:50 Room 227 at lunch time	227	Ms. Penney
Arts and Letters	TBA	215	Ms. E. Mills
Math League	Wednesday @ 12:05pm	208	Ms. Doyle
Photography	Wednesday @ 2:30pm	220	Ms. Quann /Mr. Wragg
Year Book	TBA	TBA	Ms. Quann
LRC	12:05-12:33pm	LRC	Ms. Power
Student Council	As needed	219	Ms. Quann
Intramurals	TBA (on-going) except Wed.	Gym	Mr. Mercer
Recycling	After School	108	Mr. Devine

Europe 2017

Any student interested in going to France and Italy during Easter of 2017 should see Ms. Quann for information. Anyone wishing to sign up for this trip should register before the end of February. There is a reduced cost of \$350 for those who have already signed up and for those who sign up before that deadline. Email Colette Quann at colettequann@nlesd.ca for details.

Sports

Grade Level Intramurals - lunch time in the Gym. Includes soccer, basketball, ball hockey, dodgeball etc.

Teams for Grades 7-9 Boys and Girls

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cross Country Running
- Basketball
- Hockey



Student Absences/Tardiness

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please contact the office secretaries / homeroom teacher via phone or email. prior to the start of the school day on the day of the absence or have your child bring a note explaining the absence to his/her homeroom teacher when he/she returns. Attendance is very important for your child's academic success. If he/she is out for an extended period of time due to illness, please contact your child's teacher to get any missed work and check the homework site regularly. Students need to be in school by no later than 8:20 AM to ensure they are ready for their morning classes. After lunch they need to be back in school by 12:33 PM to ensure they are ready for afternoon classes.



Bell Schedule

Doors open: 8:05 am.

Warning bell: 8:20 am (5 mins)

Homeroom: 8:25 am- 8:34 am

Period 1: 8:34 am– 9:30 am

Period 2: 9:30 am—10:26 am

Recess: 10:26 am—10:43 am

Warning Bell: 10:39 am (4 mins)

Period 3: 10:43 am– 11:39 am

Lunch: 11:39 a,- 12:33 pm

Warning Bell: 12:33 pm (5 mins)

Period 4: 12:38 pm– 1:34 pm

Period 5: 1:34 pm—2:30 pm

Allergy Alert

We have a number of students with life-threatening allergies to various products. See the list below:

No nuts

No Fish

No peanuts

No Shellfish

No latex

No perfume/cologne

Note: No soy products



Electronic Devices

Electronic devices (ipads, ipods, phones) are not permitted for use during instructional/classroom time unless under the direction of a teacher and permission has been given to use the device. All phones should be turned off during class time and placed in the appropriate place as directed by the teacher. These devices are only permitted to be used in the morning prior to class starting, during recess and lunch period.

If a student is caught with these items during class time or at any other time throughout the day (hallways) they will be confiscated and sent to the office. On the first offense the item will be returned to the student at the end of the day. If this happens again, parents will be requested to collect the item from the office. We are not responsible if these items are lost or stolen.

If you need to contact your child while he/she is in school, please call the school.



Home Economics

The Home Economics Program is in need of used magazines and catalogues that contain appropriate text and pictures for junior high students. A box will be placed at the office if you would like to donate reading material of this kind.

School Council



The School Council will meet on **Monday, February 1st, 2016** at 7:00 pm at the Conference Room.



School Council is focusing on putting together a special events committee for our school. Its role is to help organize fundraising activities. They need volunteers to help out.

Please contact Wanda Evans:

wanda.evans@bellaliant.net or Sreevani Katna:

Svanikatna@gmail.com



MDJH Outreach Group



MDJH Outreach Group meet regularly. This group will be working within the St. John's local community over the upcoming year. Some community support will be done with our monthly soup kitchen; fundraising for charities, visits to senior's home and Ronald Macdonald House. This group hopes to provide charitable support to various groups in our community throughout the year and allow for students to gain valuable volunteer experiences.

Safety on School Grounds



Please observe the construction zones around the school.

It is very important that all students parents / guardians take caution on and around school grounds at all times. Students need to use crosswalks, avoid running between traffic, and refrain from throwing snowballs (suspension otherwise). These behaviours can be dangerous and lead to unfavourable consequences. We strongly encourage you to be alert and careful at all times. As well to drivers, please adhere to speed limits in our school zone and be extra cautious.

Student Drop Off / Pick Up

- Stay to the right in a single line as you enter the parking lot.
- Busses proceed to the far right closest to the building.
- Drivers are asked to proceed as far as possible to the right closest to the cement divider before dropping your children off.
- Please wait for the vehicles in front of you to drop off students before exiting.
- Through traffic stays to the left.
- Ms. Osmond and Mr. Squires will be out (rain or shine!) each day to help direct traffic.
- **Note:** Only staff and alternate transportation should travel around the building.

Student Council

Crush for your Crush

Student council will be selling cans of crush for your crush again this year for Valentine's Day. Proceeds go back to the students as prizes for different competitions or donations made to the various groups in school.



Yearbooks



You can now pre-order yearbooks for the 2015-2016 school year available. The cost is \$20. Order forms are available at the office or from Ms. Quann. **ALL**

MDJH STUDENTS are included in the yearbook. It is not a book for grade 9 students only. It is a nice keepsake for **all** junior high students that highlights school events and memories. Our yearbook includes all school events from September 2015- June 2016 and are delivered the fall of 2016.

RNC STRIVE Presentation

On **Feb 24 (day 6) and Feb 26 (day 1)** Const. Michelle Reid with the RNC will be here delivering the **STRIVE** (Students Taking Responsibility in Violence Education) presentation to our gr 8's.

Photography Club



Next Photography Club meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 20th**. The contest theme is **People Portraits**. While pets are important to many members and families, they are often the subject of many of your pictures submitted so far. Therefore, this month we are looking for pictures of people only. Members should submit their photos by **Monday, February 1st**.

The photography club is interested in taking a variety of pictures of any groups or clubs at MDJH to use in this year's yearbook. All we need is some notice and a schedule. Please email Ms. Quann (colettequann@nlesd.ca) or Mr. Trevor Wragg (twragg@hotmail.com) to advise of practice times, events or games and we can arrange to have your group's picture taken.

Yearbook Photos

Many school groups and activities have started. Anyone having a team or group photo to submit to the yearbook can please email their photo to ColetteQuann@nlesd.ca.

Valentine's Photo Booth

The photography club will be having a photo booth on Friday, February 12th. Students can have their picture taken during recess and lunch. Money raised will be put towards the purchase of equipment for photography club.



WANTED: Science Fair Judges

The MDJH School Science Fair this year will be **Thursday March 17th, 2016**, from 1:30-5:30 pm.

Science students have been busily and creatively at work designing and performing experiments. Many of them will proudly display their work at our School Science Fair. It continues to be a big event with a high degree of community involvement from parents and other scientists. We are proud of our high rate of student participation!

If you have a science background and want to share in the excitement of doing and talking science with young people, we want you! Judges visit individual projects and engage the students in conversation about their work, giving each participant the benefit of a supportive, enthusiastic, and thoughtful audience for their learning. The judges then help select Science Fair winners, who will have the option of going on to the Regional Science Fair or another event depending on their type of project.

If you are able to participate, please contact Nathalie Brunet: nathaliebrunet@nlesd.ca
Should you have a child attending MDJH, you will be asked to judge a different grade than your son/daughter.

If you know someone who would like to be involved and engage student learning, please forward this information.

Sincerely,

Nathalie Brunet
Science Teacher Department Head (MDJH)

Coming soon!
Pink Day 2016
Monday, February 22, 2016



Coming soon!
Heritage Fair
Grade 8's



WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

23 Acronyms Teens Use on Social Media

October 2, 2015 by CNN Wire

As part of a two-year investigation, #Being13: Inside the Secret World of Teens, Anderson Cooper and his “AC360°” team connected with 200 eighth-graders at eight different schools around the United States. The end result: 150,000 posts written by 13-year-olds. Here are some of the more popular acronyms and sayings, from the innocent to the racy.

1. OOTD – Outfit of the day
2. KOTD – Kicks of the day — Typically refers to sneakers
3. HMU – Hit me up — Usually asking for someone’s Snapchat username, a phone number to text or for a direct message
4. Smash – I would have sex with you — A girl might post a provocative picture and a boy might write “smash.”
5. Cook session – When one or several teens gang up on another kid on social media
6. TBH – To be honest — A teen might post a picture of himself or herself and ask for a TBH, usually looking for positive responses.
7. TBR – To be rude — While TBH often leads to positive responses, TBR is usually followed by a negative response.
8. OOMF – One of my followers — A secretive way to talk about one of their followers without saying their name, such as “OOMF was so hot today.”
9. BAE – Baby — affectionate term for someone’s girlfriend, boyfriend etc.
10. WCW – Woman Crush Wednesday — A girl will post a picture of another girl she thinks is pretty, while guys will post pictures of girls they think are hot.
11. MCM – Man Crush Monday — Similar to Woman Crush Wednesday, but featuring pictures of men

12. BMS – Broke my scale — A way to say they like the way someone looks
13. RDH – Rate date hate — As in “rate me, would you date me, do you hate me?” A typical response might be “rate 10 date yes hate no” or “10/y/n.”
14. IDK – I don’t know
15. RN – Right now
16. KIK – Another social media app, Kik, that they want to communicate on
17. FML – F*** my life
18. AF – As f*** — A teen might tweet “mad af” or “you seem chill af.”
19. LMAO – Laughing my ass off
20. S/O or SO – Shout out
21. ILYSM – I like you so much or I love you so much
22. CWD – Comment when done — Similar to TBH, urging others to comment on their photo of whatever they’re posting
23. LOL – Laugh out loud — Yes, you’ll still find teens using LOL and OMG.



Band Notes: January 18th—January 29th

Band note for the weeks of January 18-22 and January 25-29:

Jazz Band practice on Monday January 18 will end at 3:30, not the usual 4:00

Jazz band Monday January 25 will be 2:40-4:00, the usual time

	Mon. Jan 18	Tues. Jan 19	Wed. Jan 20	Thurs., Jan 21	Fri. Jan 22
	Day 7	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
1				Grade 8/9 Alto Saxes	
2				Grade 8/9 Trumpets and French Horn	Grade 8/9 Percussion
3				Grade 8/9 Flutes	Grade 7 Trumpets
4	Grade 7		Grade 7		
5		Grade 8/9 FULL BAND		Grade 8/9 Clarinets	Grade 8/9 Low Brass Tenor, Bari Sax, Bass Guitar

	Mon. Jan 25	Tues. Jan 26	Wed. Jan 27	Thurs. Jan 28	Fri. Jan 29
	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 1	Day 2
1		Grade 8/9 FULL BAND	Grade 7 FULL BAND		
2	Grade 7 Clarinets			Grade 8/9 FULL BAND	
3		Grade 7 Trombones Baritones Tenor Saxes			
4	Grade 7 Alto Saxes	Grade 7 Percussion			
5	Grade 7 Flutes				Grade 7 FULL BAND

Public Service Announcements

The Municipal Advisory Committee on Youth (M.A.C.Y.), with your support, wants to encourage students to represent your school!

Application form is attached to get your school started. Should you have more questions about M.A.C.Y. feel free to contact Lori Letto at lletto@stjohns.ca or 576-8630.

M.A.C.Y. is an excellent means for youth to "have a voice" and be heard in the City of St. John's.

As a Committee of the City Council, M.A.C.Y. provides a direct link between youth, youth serving agencies and the City Council.

There are many other exciting opportunities for Committee's, Panels and Groups. Feel free to visit the following link for more information.

Deadline for all positions is Friday January 15th, 2016.

We look forward to working together with you on this recruitment as it is such a valuable experience for youth to make a difference in their community, enhance their resume and get volunteer hours.

<http://www.stjohns.ca/media-release/applications-commitees-panels-groups>



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