

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter



2018!

Term 2 begins February 5, 2018. All outstanding work **MUST** be passed in before end of TERM 1 to receive credit. If the work is not passed in, the placemark of "0" will remain. In the meantime, please take time to sign-in to PowerSchool and check the progress of the child in your household to ensure that all outstanding work is passed in.

Congestion in Bus Lines

As you enter the school parking lot please ensure that you keep to the left lane if you are dropping your child off in front of the school. Also, please make sure that our busses can enter our lot on the right.



Dates to Remember:

January 8, 2018: It will be Day 6.

February 5, 2018: Term 2 begins

February 16-19: Mid Winter Break—No school





Science Fair season is starting!

This year, all grade 7 students will be required to complete a science fair project and present it in class. This assignment will count for about 10% of their final science average. Students can work on their own, or with a partner of their choice. The project will be due at the end of February, with the exact date set by individual teachers. The School Science Fair will be held on the afternoon of March 15, participation in the School Fair is optional, but will be rewarded with 5% bonus marks. Top projects will have the opportunity to attend the Regional Science Fair.

For grade 8 and 9 students, the Science Fair is optional in their science course, but participants will receive extra credit. Students with an interest in science are encouraged to prepare a project to present at the School Science Fair; we will send as many projects as possible to the Regional Science Fair.

Science teachers will provide project guides to all students completing a project. Grade 7 teachers will allow a few class periods for students to research an idea and start planning their experimental procedure with teacher guidance, and will set a timeline for the various stages of the work. Grade 8 and 9 students who choose to complete a project will need to work more independently.



Additional support for all grade levels will be offered during lunchtime on Days 1 and 3 in room 124 (Mme Brunet's classroom). Science teachers, internet access, and use of school science lab supplies will be available to help students with all stages of their project.

Project guides in French and English are available online at <https://sites.google.com/site/sciencesmmebrunet/home/science-fair-projects>

The MDJH School Science Fair will be on Thursday, March 15, 2018, 1:00 - 5:30 pm.

WANTED: Science Fair Judges

Science students are getting to work, creatively designing and performing experiments. Many of them will be proudly showing off their work at our School Science Fair. It will be, as every year, 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. Then the judges help select the Science Fair winners, who will have the option of going on to the Regional Science Fair or other event depending on their type of project.

This year, the MDJH School Science Fair year will be on Thursday, March 15th, 2018, 1:00-5:30 pm. If you are able to participate, please contact me at nathaliebrunet@nlesd.ca

If you have a child in our school, you will be asked to judge a different grade.

If you know someone else who would like to be involved, please forward this information.

Let's Talk Science Challenge

Macdonald Drive Junior High students will be taking part in the Let's Talk Science Challenge (<http://www.letstalkscience.ca/Programs/Lets-Talk-Science-Challenge>), which is a science competition open to students in grades 7 and 8.

Interested students will form teams of up to 4 students, prepare by studying provided materials in their chosen science disciplines, and will have meetings once a cycle during lunchtime with a teacher to practice solving "Design Challenges" to hone their problem-solving and team communication skills. The teams will prepare under the direction of Mme. Brunet, Ms. Anderson, and Ms. Kew (intern). The final competition will take place at Memorial University in April or May, exact date TBA. Stay tuned for the call for interested students!



MATE ROV Competition 2018

Once again this year, Macdonald Drive Junior High students will be taking part in the MATE ROV Competition, May 3-5, at the Marine Institute, under the direction of Mr. Thorne and Mr. Smith. (<http://newfoundlandlabrador.marinetech2.org/>) Stay tuned for the call for interested students!

Skills Canada!!!! UPDATE

On Saturday November 25, 2017, MDJH hosted the provincial Skills Canada Competition. Thank you to all the students and staff volunteers who worked so diligently to make this event a success. Special thank you to Ms. Quann and Ms. Sauve who organized and supervised the hospitality suite in the cafeteria. Also special thanks to Mr. Aue who took a leadership role in organizing this event.

Results:

Rebecca Abbott and Dana Stanbridge, 2D Animation, 1st place
Julia Andrews and Kate Rowe, Junior Chef Challenge, 3rd place
Momin Anwar, Public Speaking, 1st place
Daniel Blackmore and Thomas Porter, CBDC Pitch, 3rd place
Julia Haire and Sarah Walsh, Junior Hairstyling, 2nd place
Sarah Healey, Job Skill Demonstration, 2nd place
Joshua Keyte, Website Development, 2nd Place
Shreya Parmar, Photography, 2nd Place
Devon Oldford and Jason Wang, TV Media, 3rd place
Robotics: 3rd place Core Values & Teamwork, 1st Project Presentation



Overall MDJH placed 2nd in the province! Way to go!!!



Grade 9 Boys Basketball

Grade 9 Boys had a successful championship game on December 20th and won the 4th Annual Dylan Butler Tournament. Ben Oliver was chosen MVP of the Tournament.

Student Council News

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is February 12-15th. We would like to ask our school community to show appreciation for the staff of MDJH by providing treats for our staff at recess and lunch. As in past years, we would like to have grade levels provide treats on different days:

Monday, February 12 - Grade 7

Tuesday, February 13 - Grade 8

Wednesday, February 14- Grade 9. If you are able to send along a treat, please email colettequann@nlesd.ca or jodisauve@nlesd.ca. All treats must be peanut free.



ME to WE

MDJH is a WE School and we participate in several local and global campaigns each year in efforts to support our community and the world. Our global focus is education in Ecuador and this year we will participate in the campaign "WE Walk for Water". This is a school-wide water walk which will take place on Friday, April 27. We are asking for a donation of a toonie on that day in order to raise money for this cause. Thank you for your support!



Canadian Student Leadership Conference



The next national leadership conference will be September 25th - September 30th, 2018, in Edmonton, Alberta. The theme is Leadership Through the Looking Glass. The conference theme will flow through the keynote speeches, leadership workshops, volunteer opportunities and cultural experiences of the conference. Any current grade 8 student interested in attending this conference next year should see Ms. Quann. Parents can email colettequann@nlesd.ca to express a desire to have your child attend this conference. You can also visit the website <http://cslc2018.studentleadership.ca/> for more details.

Yearbooks

There are several 2016-2017 yearbooks available for purchase. The cost is \$20. Please contact colettequann@nlesd.ca if you wish to purchase a yearbook from last year.



Team Pictures



Please send any team pictures to colettequann@nlesd.ca. If sending from a cell phone, please select "actual size" to ensure the quality is good for uploading to the yearbook site. Some school sports have a short season and we would really like to have team pictures to include. Please send along your soccer and softball photos!

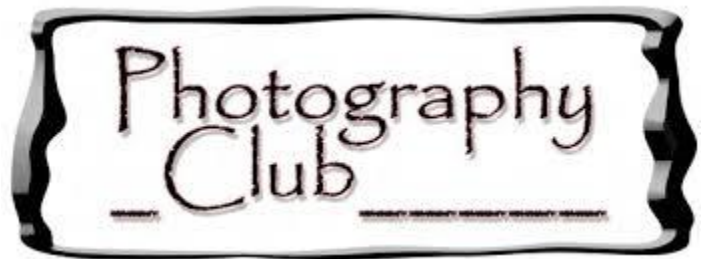
Celebrating Student's Successes



We want to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of the students of MDJH. We have a wall of celebration where we will place a certificate of acknowledgment highlighting participation and success in a variety of activities. We want to know if your child has participated in any plays, musicals or has been on a team that has won some title or has been recognized in any individual competition. We **need your help** with this. Please let us know so we can proudly display this on our wall. Please email colettequann@nlesd.ca with Celebrate **YOUR CHILD'S NAME** in the subject line.

Photography Club

Photography club meets every second Wednesday from 3-4:30. Each month there is a photo contest. Club members are reminded to please submit their photos to twragg@hotmail.com



School Council

Meeting: January 15, at 6:30, in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be announced!

If you would like to attend or add anything to agenda, please contact our Chair, Susan Ledrew, at smledrew@gmail.com



Math Department News

After School Tutorials/Homework Help - Again this year the Mathematics Department is proud to be offering afternoon tutorials to the students of MDJH. The tutorials take place on Monday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30 in the LRC and are open to students from grades seven, eight and nine.

Lunchtime Tutorials/Quiet Study - As well, the Mathematics Department is offering a lunchtime tutorial/quiet study session. The lunchtime sessions will be offered every Day 7 from 11:48 to 12:10, in room 223. Again, all students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please Note:

- Additional tutorial/study times may be added by individual teachers as the need arises. These additional tutorial times will be communicated to parents via the homework web page.
- Stay tuned for additional announcements with respect to tutoring sessions at MDJH



Got Teenagers?

Do you have a son or daughter who...

- is absolutely sure that YOU were never his or her age?
- speaks in shrugs, grunts and other strange sounds?
- seems unaware that volume control knobs also turn to the left?
- can remember the words to every hit pop song but none that you said five minutes ago?
- is allergic to chores, homework, getting up in the morning, and sometimes...you?
- seems sad, irritable or just plain angry?
- is involved in behaviour that leaves you feeling scared and helpless?

If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions,

Come to:

Parenting
Your
Adolescent



A group for parents offered by staff of the Janeway Family Centre and Youth Services

Many, many THANKS! Before the break, our students, our staff, and our school community were heavily involved in ensuring that the spirit of the season was shared with everyone. A big THANK YOU to everyone that was involved in some way! MDJH is truly a very giving and gracious place to be!!!!



Chartwell's

The Zipthru Dine Smart card is a fast and convenient way to purchase food at the school cafeteria.

Be Safe online! Check out these resources....

<https://www.nlesd.ca/families/socialmediasafety.jsp>



school breakfast program

Breakfast Program **Volunteers**

We need volunteers!

This is a free program, all students are welcome, and we start at 7:45 am in the cafeteria. If you have an hour to spare in the morning, we would love to have more parent volunteers for this worthwhile program.

Food or monetary donations are also welcome! All donations should be submitted to the school office, Re: "MDJH Breakfast Program".

Please contact Ms. Daisy Hardy (daisyhardy@nlesd.ca), if you wish to participate as a volunteer. Your time is greatly appreciated!



Student Drop Off / Pick Up **Student Entrance**

- For student drop-off, stay in the left lane in a single line as you enter the school grounds.
- When you turn left in front of the building, 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 proceeding.
- Through traffic stays to the left in front of the student entrance.
- Busses will enter the school grounds in the right lane and proceed to the far right closest to the building.
- Note: Only staff and alternate transportation should travel in the right lane to proceed around the building.
- Ms. Pike and Ms. Hardy will be out each day, rain or shine, to help direct traffic.



For ALL the latest news please visit our web site @ <http://mdjh.info> OR download our APP—It's Free!

Attendance Matters

If a child in your household misses school, please contact the homeroom teacher and/or use the MDJH app and send a note.

Absent / Late

Please send an email or note to your child's homeroom teacher if they are going to be absent or late. All students who come late are to check in at the office.

REMINDER:

In keeping with our Safe and Caring Schools Policy...

ALL visitors MUST check in at the office!

CHECK OUT ALL Policies, <https://www.nlesd.ca/about/policies.jsp>

- **DRAFT—Assessment & Evaluation Policy, Attendance Policy, Use of Instructional Time**
- **NEW Regulations for Honours, Honours with Distinction, update available on mdjh.info**

Allergy Alert

We have students/staff with life-threatening allergies. Products containing the following **will not** be permitted in the building:

Latex, Fish, Nuts, Shellfish, Peanuts

***Please send all updated allergy sheets to Homeroom Teachers.**



We're on the web!

<http://mdjh.info>