



**St. John's High School**

# Principal's Message



Yearbooks capture “a moment in time.” Many years later, your yearbook will become your “treasure trove” inciting memories of your time at St. John’s High School. It will recall the friends you have had, the teachers and educational assistants that you have shared learning experiences with and multiple times you “just had fun.” It has been said that “nothing is ever really lost to us as long as we remember it.”

Take time to remember your experiences at St. John’s High School. “Once a Tiger, always a Tiger” is a saying that will be with you throughout your journey in life. Wishing you the remembrance of your moments.

Mr. D. Taylor  
Principal, St. John’s High School



# Staffs



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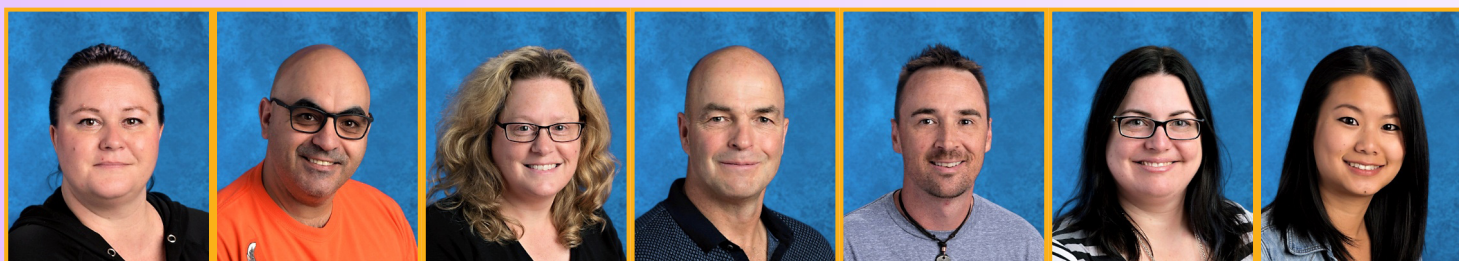
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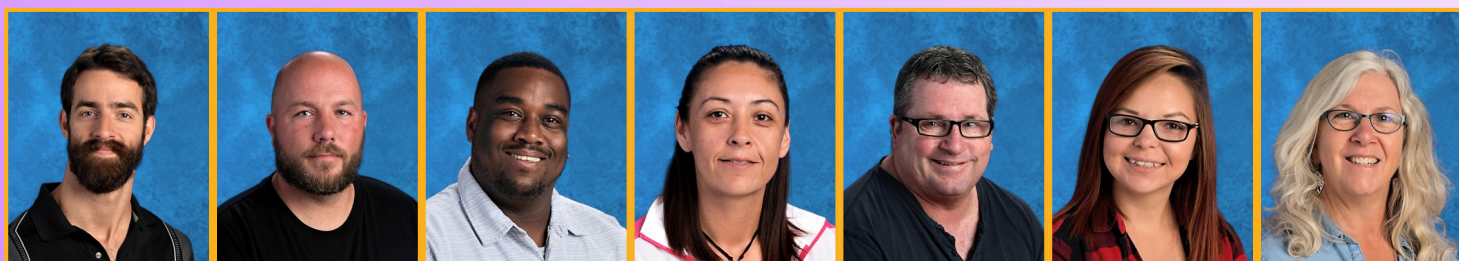
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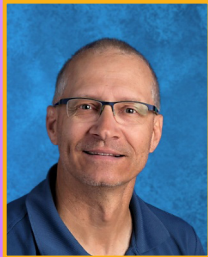
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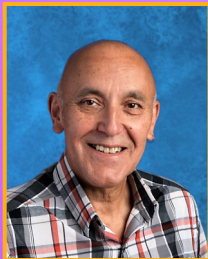
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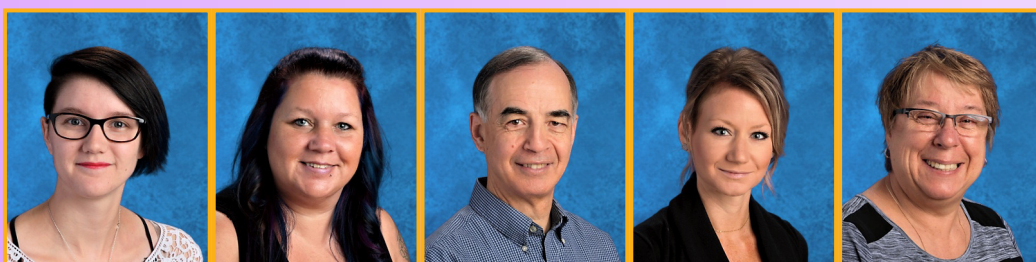
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# Grade Seven



Calyssa Abdilla   Aiezha Abraham   Licardon Akili-Mali   Vladimir Alvarez   Makayla Anderson   Honey Joy Aprecio   Catherine Aquino



Noreen Barkman   Kaydance Barnard   Kaylee Barylski   Kenneth Basinang   Jada Bates   Autumn Beardy   Trinity Beaton



Sagar Biswa   Deven Blackbird   Nicholas Bonwick   Ian Miguel Borillo   Sontee Bouchie   Caitlin Bricklin   Jayce Bricklin



Clara Bruyere   Phreedom Bushie-Mousseau   Derek Cadiz   Abby Campbell   Amelia Campbell   Dezayae Campbell   Jayden Campbell



Skylar Carr   Jayson Castro   Dezmin Champagne   Remy Champagne   Evea Dawn Chartrand   Maria Chartrand   Rusty-James Chartrand





Georgina Clarke Joslen Collantes Gregory Compton Zoe Crait Mytayah Dare Cassidy Delaronde Elissa Desjarlais-Guimond



Chenille Duenas Gregory Dunsford Deneilla Edwards-Gagne Jim Enyia Duma Fanhbulleh Kianna Farber Shayla Fitzgerald



Marcel Flett Teanna Fontaine-Nepinak Guinevere Galvan Jusdyne Mhar Garcia Randolph Halpenny Shawanoung Hardisty Katrina Harper



Hayley Holmes Sweetheart Hotomanie Jasmine Hutt Kenton Johnson Samantha Johnson Mackenzie Kakewash Kal Kaminski



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# Grade Seven



Jaymylyn Laurea Shar K'tray Lay Clarissa Legault Black Deegan Lerat Sierra Macolm Jaicob Madlangsakay Ethan Magbanua



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Grace Mc Laughlin Raelin Mckernan Canyon Mecas Jarrell Meeches Georgia Menson Elijah Millitaire Jade Morrisette



Brent Mowat Ahmed Siyad Mulah Tason Nasee Nathaniel Navales Yohannah Noval Angele Nsimire Aaron Osborne



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Magnum Paul

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Elisha Richard

Jayden Richard

Shaylah  
Rivard-Tait

Alexis Rowe

Francine Ruedas

Charity  
Sanderson

Naazeet Sandhu



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Shore

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Sinclair-Clark

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Rayna Spence

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Cheyenne  
Tanasychuk

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# Grade Eight



Alexis Abraham



Kenneth Agustin



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Jonathan Asidao



Zeb Atienza



Den Bacasmas



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Alexis Beardy



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Tyler Beaulieu



Jeremy Bergen



Matthew Bittern



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Kristine Bowman



Benjamin Breton



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Emmanuel  
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Nicole Chartrand



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Lyndon  
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Bobby Ducharme



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Tierra Ducharme



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Sidney Ege



Emmanuel Enyia



Zakarya Fahd



Darian Fitzgerald



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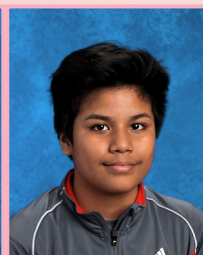
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Christina Huynh



Ryan Imperial



Nevaeh Inglis



Shawn Inglis



Fahmi Ismail



Mustafa Ismail



# Grade Eight



Michael Joyson



Xavia Kaminski



Austin Keeper



Cacianna Keeper



Shanon  
Keewatin



Kylelee Kehler



Raydon Kipling



Kailynn  
Kopychanski



Joseph Kosior



Ashton Laforrest



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Damien Lerat



Jeremy Linklater



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Rosy Paw

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Keara Rudolph

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Kaya Scribe

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Sativa  
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Villaflor



Ivan Wood



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Teneia Young



Cheryse Zastre



Bella Zebrasky





Shaka  
Akerstream

Jella Mae  
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Arby Maralit

Chenice Meekis

Fatima Paul

Miles Richards

Tyrell Sinclair





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Ariel Aho



Ivory Anderson



Kyle Anderson



Marvin Bear



Sydney-Dawn  
Beauchamp



Jeremy Berens



Polgara  
Bittern-Stevenson



Rafael Budica



Thomas  
Cameron



Eugene  
Chartrand



Danielle Choken



Skyla Chornoby



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Augustine Cook



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Rudy Daniels



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Dechateauvert



Josephine  
Dettanikkeaze



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Caeley Fong



Grey Fox



Nicholas George



Jaden Gerow



Carlos Harcus



Vandell Harper



Sean Hrynchuk



Esmeralda Jose



Mercedes  
Katcheconias



Vada Kehler



Nathan Kemble



Joshua Krahn



Jessica Kroft



Angel Kruise





Francesco  
Lehmann



Kaleb Leveque



Shaunna Lynxleg



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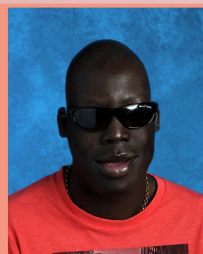
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River Thomas



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Ariel  
Torres-Hourie



Megan Van  
Damme



Brett Ward



Shandal Wasilina



Timothy Wilson



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Elijah Wood



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# Grade Nine



Mustafa Ahmed

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Darius  
Anderson-Brown

Sara Bangelele

Nash Banzuela

Karlo Barnett

Maximus  
Bingham



Jonathan Black

Caitlin Blackbird

Landen  
Boudreau

Mark Bowman

Robert Breton

Sharon Bruyere

Antoni Budica



Jeanne Bulonza

Nicole Cacao

Daniel  
Champagne

Chaylynn  
Champagne-Valentim

Lainey Chartrand

Muhammad  
Chaudhry

Zeta Clearsky



Anna Cochrane

Samantha  
Collins

Jillian Cote

Alexander Crump

Mharc Rexzus  
Cruz

Rench Cuevas

Alexis  
Cyr-Blondeau



Kaye Daduya

Logan Darroch

Angel Davidson

Gage Davidson

Nicholas  
Delaronde

Donovan  
Desmarais

Rjishan Domingo





An-Jolene  
Ducharme

Syerra Duck

Kenneth Fagnan

Jacob Ferreira

Jedidiah Ferrer

Ryu Forsythe

Riley Fotherby



Arianne Franco

Lewin Francois

Angel Friesen

Rina Galatierra

Damian Gregory

Shaylynne Grove Dayton Guiboche



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Halpenny-Mcdowell

Brayden Harris

Drayden Harris

Micheal Harrison

Cora Hastings

Teddie Head

Jeremy Heaman



Princess  
Hotomanie

William Hudson

Mathew Huynh

Charles Irvine

Ismail Ismail

Kristine Jimenez

Korvin  
Kakegamic



Chase Kaminski

Alexis  
Katcheconias

Catharine  
Kearney-Kehler

Pierce Kiriluk

Kasmir La Quette

Sadie Lachance

Tyler Lacquette



# Grade Nine



Jairus Lacsina   Angus Laforrest   Ayla Laforte   Kasimir Laquette   Jeremy Laurea   Jerico Laurea   John Lira



Dale Lozano   Shaira Luna   Rhaven Macabeo-Claudio   Alyssa Mackenzie   Krancheska Macusi   Owen Marteinsson   Tommy Mc Kay



Mikaila Mckay   Joshua Meade-Welburn   Kiya Mercer   Arianna Moar   Cheyenne Moar   John Morales   Devon Morgan



Thao Nguyen   Cheyenne Nicholas   Rowan Parent   Ashton Parenteau   Summer Patterson   Cilem Paul   Lance Paul



John Prince   Zoe Pruden   Danine Pulhin   Florencio Rarama   Kyla Reyes   Dallas Richard   Nel Rivera





Lydia Robertson

Aryanna Ross

Courtney  
Ryan-Tymchatyn

Hannah  
Sanderson

Christopher  
Sarmiento

Lawrence  
Schofield

Kayla Semko



Anthony  
Somers-Haimoritz

Dyani Spence

Tishara St.  
Goddard

Sara Vandal

Karl Vince Cruz

Jordan Worthing

Jaron  
Yakimishyn



Dominic Zhang



# Grade Ten



Branden  
Abraham



Ahmad Al Nazzal



Mohamad  
Al Nazzal



Zachary Alguire



Aadan Ali



Frances Alpuerto



Luke Amos



John Andaya



Austin Anderson



Shey-Anne  
Anderson-Trnka



Jano Avila



Jessica Bain



Airish Basinang



John Basinang



Johnatha Bear



Shalyne Beardy



Amber Becx



Clara Bird



Jennifer Brass



John Briones



Vernon Brown



Isaiah Bussidor



John Byaombe



Zaldy Cadiz



Kapri Cameron



Reuben Camia



Seth Campbell



Clayton  
Campeau



Kyla Clarke



Joshua Collantes



Paris Collins



Breanna Craveiro



Simon Crofford



Netasha Cutlip



Hoang Thien  
Kim Dang





Carl De Guzman

Precious  
Estopace

Hanen Fahd

Aurora Fawcett

Warren Flett

Julian Fontaine

Kyra-Lee  
Franczyk



Roann Galang

Dora Garneau

Lance Go

Michael Goudy

Kevin Green

Kidus Guta

Kingsley Heart



Jared Henry

Francis  
Hernandez

Iris Houle

Tyler Huff

Myles Kakewash

Liam Keep

Lukighe Kissu



Joseph  
Kopichanski

Jaydee Lagartera

Romela Lajara

Cheyenne Leroy

Jade Libut

James  
Lighthouse

Cassandra Lippai



Chantal  
Louangrath

Madison  
Lundberg

Savannah-Lyn  
Maas

Marienne  
Mabunga

Matheu  
Macaulay

Lorence  
Madlangsakay

Danika Mariano



# Grade Ten



Andrew Mayol



Kaleigh Mcneil



Deran Meneghin



Johny Merastty



Darren Monias



Nicholas  
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Dave Christian  
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Hope Shappee



Prince Shema



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Alyssa Small



Alois Smith



Freedom  
Smith-Myran



Dallas Stevenson



Gavin Taylor



Cody Thomas



Keith Twohearts



Chakotay Wakos



Shardale  
Woitowicz



Asher Wood



Brandon Wood



Payton  
Yakimishyn



Donna  
Yellowback



# Grade Eleven



Adetilewa  
Adesanmi



Yassin Abdu  
Ahmed



Ayan Ali Ahmed



Elisabeth  
Antoinette



James  
Bacasmas



Rainelle  
Balmaceda



Jorden Beaudry



Billi-Jo Beaulieu



Marielle Bigalbal



Bal Biswa



John Bittern



Thomas  
Bjorklund



Raeden Bricklin



Dorian Bridal



Triston Bruyere



Kathryn  
Bryson-King



Cheyenne  
Bunn-Neilsen



Damian Bushie



Joemar Cadiz



Larissa-Mae  
Cadiz



Kacey Calderon



Candace  
Chartrand



Nicholas  
Cherkun



Caitlyn Clements



Vicky Clyne



Vaughn Cook



Kyle Courchene



Sierra Courchene



Hannah-Pearl  
Crofford



Jeinmiel Dela  
Cruz



Lovely Dimaano



Adsel Diotay



Lloyd Doroteo



Star Dujlovic



Marcus Dumas





Trinity Dumas

Blaze  
Ellison-Landon

Raene Fontaine

Zean Franco

Erika Gatbonton

Bienvenu Gatoro

Cassidy-Rae  
Goudreau



Alex Greenwalt

Haley Gunn

Gene Halili

Kaylie Harris

Ocktavius Harris

Isabelle Hayes

Jason Hiebert



Precious Hudson

Rica Imperial

Foster Jasin

Catherine  
Johnson

Joshua Johnson

Kashindi Kanza

Mugaluka Kanza



Tyrelle Keeper

Sinese Keewatin

Alynnah  
Reigh Kho

Alexander  
Kinnear

Alyanna Lana

Zijie Liang

Raiden Maple



Chasity Marsh

Tristan Mason

Skylar Mauricio

Carli Mc Nabb

Trent Moar

Ryle Monkman

Emily Morris



# Grade Eleven



Ayesha  
Mousseau

Ernestine  
Mousseau

Jeromy Munoz

Reeanne Nemeth

River  
Nepinak-Fontaine

Alwyn Ong

Sylas Parenteau



Nichole Parisian

Chris Pelletier

Destiny Pelletier

Payton Pepin

Kurtis Pham

Aaron Pineault

Audrey Provo



Joey Pruden

Jerome Pulhin

Missie Qatoro

Glen Ramalloza

Francis Rarama

Patrick Ringland

Jose Rodriguez



Ty Sala-Fiwchuk

Vanessa Santos

Emily Shemluk

Ty Shore

Maddison  
Sinclair

Welland Slater

Darian Soldat



Harley Stove

Jayce Swirsky

Immanuel  
Talaroc

Gerald Traverse

Maui Trinidad

Alvin Vargas

Helena Villaflor





Alexiel Wallace

Angel Wavey

Nike Whitford

Taylor Wiebe

Virgil Yau

Sopheapech Yin



# Grade Twelve



Giesa Arroyo



Carl Bacasmas



Chandler  
Bannister



Theo Barrett



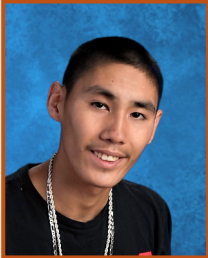
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Terri-Lynn  
Bouvier



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Budica



Logan  
Bugera-Brown



Christian Bugtai



Kristine Calotes



Jayne Caunan



Devon  
Champagne



Sebastian  
Chartrand



Lisa Chubb



Kharl Bryan  
Constantino



Adrian Cruz



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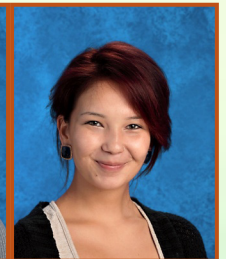
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Ashleigh Houle

Tessa Houle

Damian Hourie



Jherald Ilano

Cheyenne Jack

Shadrick  
Kambeba

Alyza Rei Kho

Matthew Kirby

Kachuva Kissu

Taylor  
Konowalchuk



Dawson  
Kryschuk

Clinton  
Lamirande

Joy Laxamana

Alexis Lecuyer

Shayla Legary

Donavan  
Lerat-Sutherland

Marven  
Mabunga



Natica Manek

Miranda Mann

Gary  
Mann-Christie

Alexander Martin

Dakota Martin

Patrick Martinez

Cheyenne  
Matheson-Littlechief



Kathlene  
Mendoza

James Moar

Meike Moeller

Munira Mombo

Mustariah  
Muhmed Aliyi

Rainee Nepinak

Jared Patterson



# Grade Twelve



Nikki Penano   Chevy Pickering   Jean Picton   Emerson Pulhin   John Quidoles   Rhongie Ramos   Reagen Richard



William Ridgwell   Brooklyn  
Rudolph-Nicholas   Allysa San Angel   Joshawa Sancio   Gerald Santiago   Gavin Scott   Lexus Shersty



Ariana Shivbalak   Hadley Sinclair   Heather Sinclair   Joshua Sinclair   Nathan Smith   Eh Htee Soe   Jamie Stevenson



Bobby Stoney   Jordan Thomas   Michael  
Thompson   Camille Tolentino   Nicholas  
Twoheart   Maryjean Valdez   Jellah Myle  
Villaflor



Aieen Villanueva   Allen Vince Cruz   Denise  
Wardemann   Madison Wavey   Fancie Wiggins   Skye  
Williams-Levasseur   Denika  
Woodhouse





Kathleen  
Yuzicapi





# STAFF LIFE







# STUDENT LIFE





# SPORTS





# ATHLETIC BANQUET





## DANCE RALLY





# GYM RIOT





# TALENT SHOW





# CONCERTS





# COMMUNITY FEAST



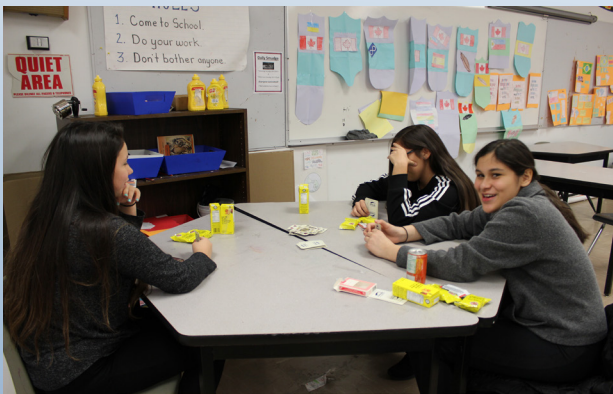


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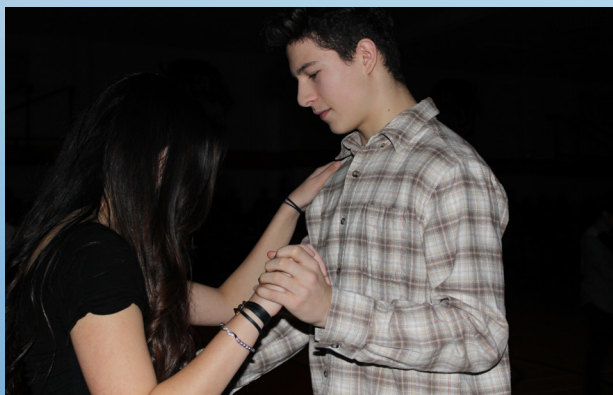


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# SOCIAL DANCE

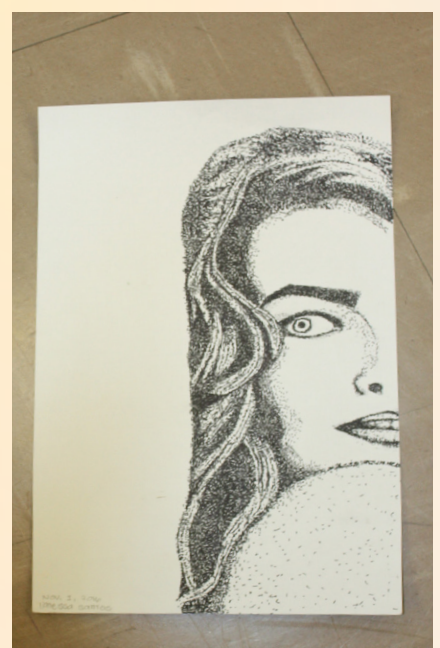
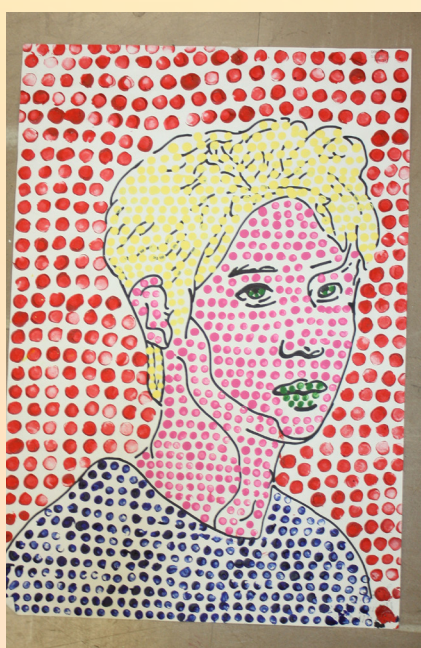
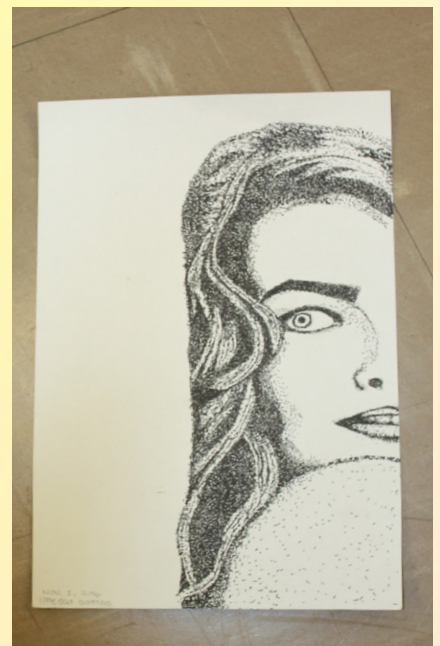




# DAY OF KNOWLEDGE

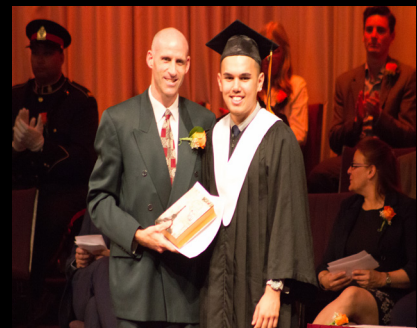








# GRADUATION









# VALEDICTORIAN



Good morning class of 2017, St. John's staff, honoured guests and our friends and family members that have come to

celebrate this momentous day with us. My name is Mustariah Muhmed and I am honoured to be representing the St. John's High School class of 2017. Graduates, we can finally say "WE MADE IT"

High school is like a roller coaster, everyone has their ups and downs. We discover new things and meet new people along the way. Sometimes, we decide half way through that we want to get off the ride, but reach the end and decide it was pretty great after all and wish we could do it all over again.

Some of us graduating today have been at St. John's since the beginning of grade seven, but for others like me, grade nine was our first year together as a Tiger. Nonetheless, everyone here today has experienced a first day of something that I'm sure filled you with all kinds of emotions.

So, let's take a moment to visualize that roller coaster. Imagine jumping into the seat and locking yourself in, as the feelings of anticipation build and the butterflies begin to flutter in your stomach. As you begin to climb slowly towards the sky, the deafening silence surrounds you, and at this point, the destination is unknown. The next thing you know, you are waiting for the drop. The first year of high school is like that initial drop of the roller coaster; you're scared and you feel like you're falling and you don't know when or how you'll come back up, but eventually you do. As you get comfortable in your new surroundings, there are still ups and downs, but you're starting to get used to coping with them. This is like grade ten and eleven. As you get older, you are faced with more responsibilities that start to fall on your shoulders – again more ups and downs on that roller coaster of ours. As we near the end of our high school career we start to realize we're stronger, smarter and more capable of conquering the challenges of those "ups and downs" that high school presents us with.

Grade 12. What a year. It was almost a whole new roller coaster within itself. We were all met with many new challenges as we were nearing the end of the ride. Some of us focused on our grades for university or college, making sure we got all of our credits and studying hard for Birley's killer chem tests or Bravo's wicked Word of the Day quizzes. But alongside some of those moments were many amazing experiences. There were days where we laughed our heads off with friends, contributed to one of the most successful years of Tiger sports, or found a home in the dance studio, gym, theatre, or art room. I for one have been forever changed by Mr. Suban's passion for dance and teaching. Ms. Robbie's unique ability to bring out the actor in all of us, and Ms. Enn's pep talks and life advice. I know we all have those adults at St. John's who have greatly helped us on this journey, and for that, we are forever thankful. There was also the day of knowledge where everyone came together to learn about our indigenous and African cultures. We celebrated our school spring during spirit weeks and gym riots. And for us in grade 12, let's not forget that time we all went to the beach to celebrate the end of our journey at St. John's.

Now we sit here today and we have finally reached the end of the roller coaster. And you know what, thinking about it now – I would ride it all over again. Unfortunately, that's not an option, as many of us will be moving on to bigger, better, and scarier rides, like university, college, full time jobs, or whatever we decide to do as we walk out the doors of St. John's.

Malcolm X once said "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today". These words resonate with me as I stand before you today. I think education is the key to our future that we are preparing for. That roller coaster ride wasn't for nothing, even if some didn't enjoy it as much as others. We all have grown, gained knowledge, and perspective.

Hopefully we have all found something we're passionate for about as we embark on our new adventures. It has been a pleasure to ride this roller coaster with all of you, and I know it wouldn't have been possible without the support of our teacher, staff member, families and friends who were all standing next to us, giving us the courage we need to get on the ride.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the teachers of St. John's, my parents, my friends and all of my classmates. I hope all of you go on to do amazing things no matter what path you pursue. The challenges of high school are over, but there will always be more to conquer and learn from. I encourage all of you to honour the past, live for the present, and dream of the future as you begin your new journeys in the world. Remember ... "pain is temporary, but Tiger pride is forever".

Congratulations St. John's graduating class of 2017.

-Mustariah Muhmed



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