

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter



Morning Drop OFF Reminders

To keep traffic moving off of Toronto Street parents/ guardians are reminded of the following:

1. move as far to the top of right lane closest to the STOP sign before dropping off students.
2. If you are waiting for doors to open at 7:45 park in the parking lot not in the right or left lane. This is to keep traffic moving.

Thank you for your co-operation in the manner.



Bussing

All PowerSchool

Data has been uploaded and we are now accepting Courtesy Bus Applications. Space is limited.

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 acknowledgement 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.



Use this link to download the MDJH APP:

<http://pullappsinc.com/mdjh>

Dates to Remember:

October 6, Thanksgiving Day Assembly

October 7, School PD

October 21—District Jr. High Shut Down



Student Council News

Elections were held on Friday, September 23rd for president and vice president. This year's student council president is Luke Gosse and our vice president is Linda Zhang. Voting for homeroom reps took place on Monday, September 26th.



Walk to Breakfast

On October 28, 2016 we will be completing our Annual Walk to Breakfast.



Janeway Pyjama Day

Students of MDJH will wear pyjamas in support of the Janeway on Thursday, October 20th. Students are asked to make a donation of \$1 or more to the Janeway if they wear pyjamas to school. A reminder to all that all pyjamas must meet the school dress code.



This is one of our first fundraisers for the breakfast program. With over 300 participating each day, every donation helps.

If you can donate any time, we still need volunteers Tuesday morning. Please email christinapike@nlesd.ca or daisyhardy@nlesd.ca.

A big thank you to all those that have volunteered already or donated items.

Photography Club

The first Photography Club meeting was held Wednesday, October 5th. There are meetings every second Wednesday from 3-4:30 with a monthly contest theme. New members are always welcome.

Yearbook Photos

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. Likewise, if any coach, parent or student has a picture to submit to the yearbook they can do so by emailing colettequann@nlesd.ca. If emailing pictures taken on a cell phone be sure to select actual size when emailing to ensure proper resolution for the yearbook.



**Keep informed check out our web site @
Mdjh.info**

Or out Twitter @ mdjh or download our APP.

14th Annual Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge

When: November 26, 2016

Where: College of the North Atlantic- Prince Philip Drive Campus

We are looking for competitors to represent our school in the upcoming Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge. These competitions are open to students in Grades 7, 8 and 9.



The deadline for the identification of candidates to represent our school is 2:30 pm of Monday October 17th. If we get more students interested than we are allowed to send for the specific competition then we will have an in-school competition to help us with the selection. Once the selection is made, the registration forms and fees will need to be submitted to be Mr. Gillard in Room 119 by 2:30 pm of Monday October 31st. This year all student competitors are required to pay the \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee. Each registered student will receive a T-shirt and snack on the competition day.

Our school is pre-registered for the following competitions.

- Graphic Design (One student)
- Public Speaking (One student)
- Job Search (One student)
- Job Skill Demonstration (One student)
- The Pitch (One student)
- Website Development (One student)
- Workplace Safety (One student)
- Model Wind Turbine Challenge (Team of Two)
- Junior Chef Challenge (Team of Two)
- Hairstyling Challenge (One student)

When they become available, the competition scopes (the details specific to the individual competitions) will be posted at <http://www.skillscanada-nfld.com/competitions/intermediate-competition>

Last year's competition scopes are currently posted so you can see what is involved. Most scopes vary very little year to year.

We pre-registered for the following competitions as well. Note that the following competitions have their teacher mentors in place and these mentors are conducting a separate student selection process in these areas based on the extracurricular groups they sponsor. If any students are interested in the following competitions please contact the teacher noted to see if the competitors to represent our school have been determined yet or not.

IT Network Systems Administration (Team of Two) **Student Selection and Mentor – David Walsh**

TV Video Production (Team of Two) **Student Selection and Mentor – David Walsh**

Lego Robotics (Team of Ten) **Student Selection and Mentors – Caleb Thorne and Phillip Smith**

Photography **Student Selection and Mentor – Colette Quann**

Any questions? ... do not hesitate to contact Mr. Gillard in Room 119 or email wadegillard@nlesd.ca



CSLC 2016

The 2016 Canadian Student Leadership Conference was held on September 27th - October 1st at the Cité des Jeunes A.-M. Sormany in Edmundston, New Brunswick. Eight students from MDJH attended this national conference. CSLC is the largest educational conference in Canada. 750 students and 250 teachers from all the provinces and territories of Canada attend this annual conference. Leadership conferences offer students a valuable opportunity to develop leadership skills and tools through participation in various workshops as well as spirit and community activities. Keynote speakers included Alvin Law, Justin Boudreau & Tyler Durman. These conferences are enriching and worthwhile experiences for students. The following are quotes from our students:

“My favorite moments were the speaker Tyler Durman, when we went up the ski hill and ate our lunch at the top. All the chanting was fun. Meeting new people and the food was good. Everyone was nice. The concerts were a lot of fun; the singers and the music were great. I would definitely go back!!”

“The leadership conference made me more confident and helped me learn to talk to new people. The people I met there are amazing and I will remember this trip forever. I hope to attend the next CSLC next year.”

“Overall, the conference was very well done. A fun, relaxed atmosphere with lots of committed and interested attendees. I really enjoyed it and would return if I have the chance in the future.”

“The conference helped me become more comfortable with meeting new people. I talked to so many people from all over Canada and learned so much. I will never forget the experience and I hope I can participate in next year’s CSLC.”

“CSLC helped me improve my self confidence and how to be more happy with who I am. I met people from all over the country who inspired me in so many aspects. I feel more motivated to become a better person. I’d definitely go to CSLC 2017 and I recommend for people to go if they can!”

“I would definitely do it again. It was a really fun and rewarding experience. We learned a lot about leadership and also met people from all across Canada.”

“The leadership conference was amazing with all the Canadian spirit, cheers, and energy! I would love to go again!”



Reminders

Absenteeism

If a child in your household is absent please ensure that a note is passed in to his or her Homeroom Teacher explaining the absence.

Vacation

If you are planning a vacation and a child in your household will miss school, please email the Administration and the Homeroom Teacher. As well, have the child speak to each of his or her teachers to arrange for any missed evaluation to be written PRIOR to the vacation time and as well, to be aware of what material will be covered during the absence. It is also suggested that the child find a “buddy” to take notes and collect handout during the absence.

It is the responsibility of the home to ensure that all missed work is completed. Given that instruction will continue during the absence, teachers are not responsible for catch up or re-teaching of concepts during this absence. Thank you for your anticipated help and understanding in this manner.

Homework Page

ALL Homework is posted on the Homework page accessible off the MDJH web page sand our APP.