

MDJH

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Parent Newsletter

Brother Brennan

The Brother Brennan Environmental Centre experience is an action-packed 1 night / 2 day stay in the woods. There are programs tailored for junior high grades (7 & 8). Each program is designed to bring multiple subject and social outcomes together into one great active, learning experience. At an appropriate level for each group it brings together:

- Science - biodiversity, decomposition, ecosystems, food-webs and clean energy
- Social studies - map-reading and issues such as climate change and food waste
- Healthy living - exercise and good nutrition
- Physical education - orienteering and preparing for wilderness expeditions
- Language Arts - creative writing and watercolor painting



School Bell Schedule

Doors open: 7:45am

Warning bell: 8:04am

Homeroom: 8:05am—8:12am

Period 1: 8:13am—9:10am

Period 2: 9:11am—10:08am

Recess: 10:08am—10:23am

Period 3: 10:24am—11:21am

Lunch: 11:21am—12:10pm

Warning Bell: 12:10pm (5 mins)

Period 4: 12:15pm—1:12pm

Period 5: 1:12 pm—2:10pm

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.**

Dates to Remember:

Thanksgiving Assembly—Friday, October 6, 2017

District Close Out (Jr. High) — Thursday, October 19 (no classes)

Jamarama Day & Walk to Breakfast—Friday, October 20, 2017

F.U.N (Friends of United Nations) CLUB



Wednesday's @ lunch in Room 109A
(bring your lunch & a friend!)

Are you interested in meeting new people and learning about new languages and cultures? Do you want to play games while learning new perspectives? Are you interested in languages and culture?

If yes, then join us at **F.U.N (Friends of United Nations) Club!** We meet every Wednesday at lunchtime in room 109A.



This year... language lessons! Once each month we will profile a different language. Learn **Swahili** on October 11th!

Do you speak another language? Know a cultural dance? Share it with us at MDJH! Sign up outside room 118A if you are interested in teaching a language or dance!



School Council

If you would like to volunteer for School Council please email Christina Pike, Principal christinapike@nlesd.ca

Absent / Late

Please send an email or note to your child's Homeroom Teacher if your son/ daughter is going to be absent or late. All students who come late are to check in at the office.

Information to Return

1. *Grade 7 students*— Verification Sheets from PowerSchool with changes; Grade 8/9 parents please notify the Homeroom Teacher if you have moved.
2. Media and Student Network Access Agreement. *Before any student is granted computer access these forms **MUST** be returned.



Walk to Breakfast

On Friday October 20, 2017 we will be completing our **Annual Walk to Breakfast**.



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
- ◆ daisyhardy@nlesd.ca.

A big **Thank You!** to all those that have volunteered already or donated items.



MDJH Student Council

Student council elections for president and vice-president were held on Friday, September 15th. This year's president is Kate Cadigan and Daniel Blackmore is our vice president. Elections have also been held for classroom representatives. Student council meetings are held on Day 1 during lunch.

Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge

MDJH is hosting the Skills Canada Intermediate Challenge this year. It will be held on Saturday, November 25th. Our student council is organizing a hospitality room for the student participants and volunteers. We are looking for donations of snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, apples, oranges, water, juice boxes, yogurt, etc). Anyone willing to donate to the hospitality suite should email colettequann@nlesd.ca or jodisauve@nlesd.ca.



Canadian Student Leadership Conference



Eight students from MDJH attended the national leadership conference for grade 9-12 students in Waterloo, Ontario from September 26- October 1, 2017. This was a wonderful experience for the students who spent 5 days participating in leadership workshops and activities. The national leadership conference is held in September each year and is offered to grade 9 students. The next conference will be September 25th - September 30th 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.

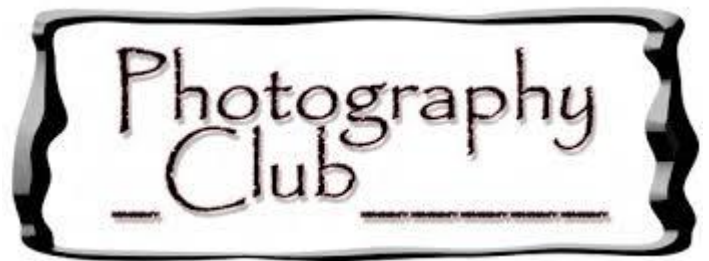
Yearbooks



The 2016-2017 yearbooks have arrived and have been distributed to our current students. They have also been sent to Holy Heart and Gonzaga for distribution. Once all yearbooks have been distributed, there may be several extra available for purchase. Please contact colettequann@nlesd.ca if you wish to purchase a yearbook from last year.



Photography Club



It is never too early to start compiling pictures for the 2017-2018 yearbook. 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 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.

Photography club meets every second Wednesday. The meeting on Wednesday, October 11th will be a photo walk around Kenny's Pond. Members must return their permission slips to Ms. Quann or to Mr. Trevor Wragg. Any student who missed last session can pick up a permission slip from Ms. Quann to be able to attend the walk.

Each month there is a photo contest. The theme for this month is **Halloween**. Club members are reminded to please submit their photos to twragg@hotmail.com.

Music Department

The **Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra** offers Family Packages to attend their *Masterworks Concert Series* at a discounted rate. The Family Package includes **free** admission for youth as long as they are accompanied by an adult who purchases his/her own Masterworks subscription at a specially reduced rate.

- ◆ One youth (free!) + one adult for all four Masterworks concerts – \$60.00*
- ◆ One Youth (free!) + one adult for two Masterworks concerts – \$30.00*

This is a fabulous offer! To subscribe please visit their website nsomusic.ca.



All of us here at MDJH want to give out a **Thank You!** for the MUN Education Interns that just completed their 2 week teaching block with us! We hope you enjoyed your time here at MDJH!

It's easy to enroll your child in *No Child Without*

Thanks to generous donors and supporters, the *MedicAlert No Child Without* program has protected over 66,000 children since 2006. No Child Without is offered free of charge to children ages 4 to their 14th birthday through over 6,000 participating public and Catholic schools across Canada.



If your child is attending a participating school, simply:

- Visit <https://www.medicalert.ca/no-child-without/For-Parents> to receive a unique bar code and PIN
- pick up an enrollment brochure from your child's school
- **OR** call 1-877-282-5378 (Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST).

After you complete the enrollment process, your child's MedicAlert protection (a \$60 annual value service plan) begins immediately. Your child will receive their free MedicAlert ID (a \$39 value), shipped by Canada Post directly to your home, in two to three weeks.

Jamarama Day

Friday, October 20th is **Jamarama Day**. Students are asked to bring in a donation of \$2 and wear their pyjamas. All money will be donated to the Janeway Children's Hospital.



Chartwell's

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

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.

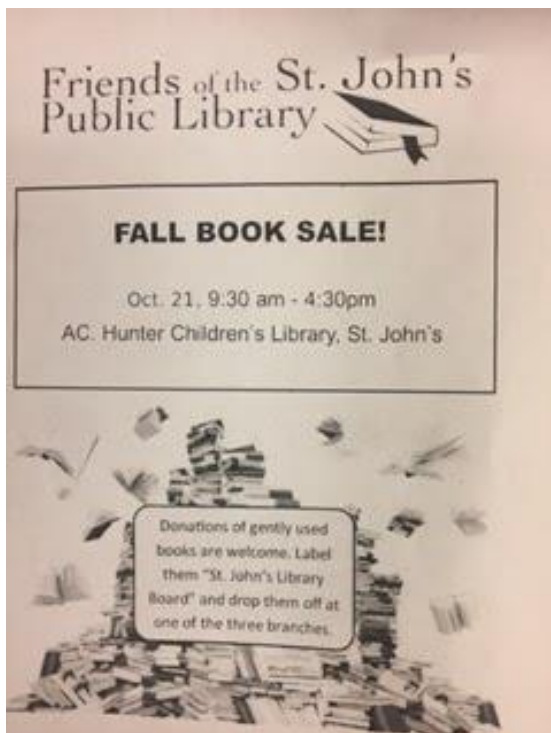
Food or monetary donations are also welcome! All donations should be submitted to the school office, Re: "MDJH Breakfast Program".

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!



Safety on and off School Grounds

It is very important that all everyone exercise caution on and around school grounds at all times.

Students need to use crosswalks and behave in a safe manner when going off school property for lunch (parks and eating establishments), and refrain from using the MDE playground.

As well, drivers please adhere to speed limits in our school zone and be extra alert. We strongly encourage you to be alert and careful at all times.

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.

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 mdjh.info



REMINDER:

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

ALL visitors MUST check in at the office!

We're on the web!

<http://mdjh.info>