

F.E.S. Family Connections

January 16th-20th

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Monday, January 16th <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 1 Open GymMeeting in the music room at 10:15 for grade 5 students interested in possibly auditioning for Frozen, the musical	Thursday, January 19th <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 4 Open GymChess Club-kindergarten
Tuesday, January 17th <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 2 Open GymLego Club Gr. 5	Friday, January 20th <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 5 Open GymLast day of lunch for Food Period #3
Wednesday, January 18th <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 3 Open GymLast Day to order lunch for Food Period #4	Upcoming Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">January 22nd- Beginning of Lunar New YearJanuary 23rd-27th- Auditions for FrozenJanuary 23rd- First Day of Food Period #3January 24th- Lego Club KindergartenJanuary 26th- Chess Club Grade Grade 5January 26th- Welcome to Kindergarten Event (3:30 & 5:30)January 27th- Deadline to order Pink Shirt through BGC Greater Saint John)January 27th- Family Literacy DayJanuary 30th- First day of Student Led Clubs (round 2)January 30th- Grade 4/5 Intensive French/Grade 5 English Prime switch day

Information Items:

- Welcome to our new staff members** Mrs. Winchester (Kindergarten), Ms. Carpenter (Kindergarten), and welcome back to Mrs. Dawes (Grade 1 English Prime)!
- After a lengthy break, our grade 5 students will have an opportunity to perform this year in our **school musical, Frozen!!** An information meeting will take place on Monday at recess in Mrs. Russell's music room. Grade 3-5 choir will also be actively involved.
- Hot lunch ordering site** remains open until end of day Wednesday for ordering for Food Period #4. For new families, attached please find instructions for setting up an account.
- Lunar New Year** is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean

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communities, among others. The New Year celebration is usually celebrated for multiple days—not just one day as in the Gregorian calendar's New Year. In 2023, Lunar New Year begins on January 22. China's Lunar New Year is known as the Spring Festival or Chūnjié in Mandarin, while Koreans call it Seollal and Vietnamese refer to it as Tết. Tied to the lunar calendar, the holiday began as a time for feasting and to honor household and heavenly deities, as well as ancestors. The New Year typically begins with the first new moon that occurs between the end of January and spans the first 15 days of the first month of the lunar calendar—until the full moon arrives. Each year in the Lunar calendar is represented by one of 12 zodiac animals included in the cycle of 12 stations or “signs” along the apparent path of the sun through the cosmos. The year 2023 is slated to be the year of the rabbit. The year of the rabbit last came up in 2011.

- **Pink Shirt Day** is celebrated annually on Feb. 22nd and on that day we encourage students and staff to wear pink. In past years we have had inquiries from some families about where to purchase pink shirts. We do not expect anyone to purchase a new shirt but for those who are looking for an option, we have partnered with BGC Saint John. Please visit www.sjbgclub.com and select our school from the drop-down menu. \$12 for youth sizes and \$14 for adult sizes. More information can be found in the attached flyer.
- Our second round of **student led clubs** will begin on January 30th. Students will have the opportunity to participate in drawing, craft, Playdoh, soccer, dance, French, baking, art, horse lover, comic, Origami, chess, hockey, cursive writing, and baby animal clubs.