

# F.E.S. Family Connections

January 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

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<b>Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grade 1 Open Gym</li><li>○ First day of Food Period # 4</li><li>○ Home and School meeting @7:30</li></ul>	<b>Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grade 4 Open Gym</li><li>○ Chess Club-Grade 5</li><li>○ Auditions for Frozen @ lunch</li><li>○ Welcome To Kindergarten event (3:30 &amp; 5:30)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grade 2 Open Gym</li><li>○ Lego Club- Kindergarten</li></ul>	<b>Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grade 5 Open Gym</li><li>○ Auditions for Frozen @ recess and lunch</li><li>○ Deadline to order Pink Shirt through BGC Greater Saint John)</li><li>○ Family Literacy Day</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Grade 3 Open Gym</li><li>○ Tinker Tray Play- K-2</li></ul>	<b>Upcoming Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ January 30<sup>th</sup>- First day of Student Led Clubs (round 2)</li><li>○ January 30<sup>th</sup>- Grade 4/5 Intensive French/Grade 5 English Prime switch day</li><li>○ February 2<sup>nd</sup>- Groundhog Day</li><li>○ February 2<sup>nd</sup>- Skating</li></ul>

## Information Items:

- **Happy Lunar New Year!** May the Year Of The Rabbit bring you health, joy, and prosperity! **Lunar New Year** is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean 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.
- **Pink Shirt Day** is celebrated annually on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.
- **Auditions** for Frozen will take place on Thursday and Friday. Those interested in auditioning will select their audition time during their first music class of the week.
- **Family Literacy Day** takes place every January 27<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. The theme of **Family Literacy Day 2023 is Celebrate Your Heritage:** Canada is a great diverse country full of different cultures. Take time to explore

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and learn about your heritage. Celebrate what you've found and share your culture with others. There's no better way to learn about your family than together as a family. For more information and ideas for activities check out this website: <https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/family-literacy-day/>

- We are excited to share that we are reintroducing off site **co-curricular activities!** Our kindergarten to grade 2 students will enjoy four sessions of skating (at the qplex) on Thursdays in February. Our grade 3 students will participate in a four-week swimming program in June, our grade 4 students will enjoy four weeks of tennis, and our grade 5 students will participate in four sessions of golf. Permission slips for skating will be sent home early next week. We have a few pairs of skates if anyone is in need.