

# SJF HandS News

St. John Fisher Home and School Association Newsletter



ST. JOHN FISHER  
HOME AND SCHOOL  
ASSOCIATION



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## What's Happening

March 16th 7pm @ Jr  
HandS meeting

Month of April  
Adopt-A-Book Month

April 18 - 21  
Staff Appreciation Week

April 20 7pm @ Sr  
HandS meeting

April 21 Portfolio Day  
& Book Fair Day/Evening  
Check out the Hub!

April 28th 7pm @ Jr  
Self Defence parent  
workshop- 12yrs and up

## April is Adopt-A-Book-Month at St. John Fisher

**SJF Adopt-A-Book Program** offers a special way to recognize your child's birthday or a special event in your child's year and at the same time benefit our school libraries. Students who participate will have a new library book dedicated to him/her with a commemorative bookplate displaying the child's name and a special inscription.

The student will be first to check out the new book, after which it will be added to our library's collection for all to enjoy.

Look for the form, outlining all of the details, in your child's backpack later this month.

## What has Happened

January 19 & 20  
Kindergarten Open House

January 21  
Parent Workshop:  
Uncovering the  
Mysteries of Anxiety  
Part 11

February 3  
Fran Lowry Blood Drive

February 8 to 12  
Teacher Appreciation  
Week



## Points of Interest



### **HandS Hub, Portfolio Day & Book Fair**

The annual Book Fair is soon approaching!

SJF Apparel sale: tuques, tees, jogging pants, long sleeved tees, shorts, hoodies and zip-up hoodies. Make a SJF fashion statement and wear your school crest with pride! FundScrip cards on sale - buy and carry! All this is happening @ the Hub on April 21st.

### **Appreciation Week, April 18 - 21**

Help show appreciation to our caretakers, daycare staff, secretaries and bus drivers. One special day of the week will be dedicated to each group. Come to the next HandS meeting for more details. Interested to help? Please email [sjfhands@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhands@gmail.com) Thank you!!

*A#2 pencil and a dream can take you anywhere.*

*Joyce Meyer*

## By The Numbers

## FundScrip Challenge - Spring Edition

### FundScrip Facts

Total Raised to Date  
\$845.76

Please keep in mind,  
all money raised by  
FundScrip will go  
towards books for  
classroom libraries.

### Blood Drive

140+ donors

### Holiday Fair Raffle

\$1153.00

### Holiday Fair Bake Sale

\$316.40

### Oliver's Labels

\$450.00 to date

### Editions Vaudreuil

\$596.00  
170 Orders

### Halloween Collection Boxes for the Mtl Children's Hospital

Jr: \$1059.27  
Sr: \$1281.43

Thank you all for your  
contributions!

### CONTEST TIME...

### IT'S THE SPRING CHALLENGE!!!

Purchase FundScrip cards between now and May 6<sup>th</sup> for the opportunity  
to win a \$50 FundScrip card of your choice.

The more cards you buy the greater chance you have of winning.  
Remember, one card = one entry in the draw!

Let's jump into spring! Out with the old and in with the new.  
No better time than now to re-stock your FundScrip cards for  
everything you need: birthday gifts, special present for Mother's Day or  
maybe something JUST for you!

Here are samples of the stores from which you can purchase gift  
cards through FundScrip that are right here in the neighborhood. Didn't  
have time to order or need a gift card asap? Email home and school at  
[sjfhands@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhands@gmail.com) to see what we have on hand for a quick sale..

Walmart	Chapters/indigo	Starbucks	Running Room
IGA	Toys R Us/Babies R Us	Le Chateau	Subway
Super C	Children's Place	Esso	Winners
Pharmaprix	Sears	Petro Canada	Giant Tiger
Walmart	The Bay	Ultramar	Bureau En Gros
Aldo	Deco Decouverte	Wendy's	Sears
Payless	The Keg	Cineplex	SAQ

Not yet registered? Log onto [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) Plug in the school  
code **XRGERY** and discover the endless possibilities of helping raise funds  
for our school, while running day to day errands and staying on budget.

### ***Fran Lowry Annual Blood Drive - Update***

Thank you to all who contributed towards this annual event. SJF bakers  
baked yummy muffins and delicious cupcakes. Together with the  
community at large and SJF families, more than 140 donors passed  
through our doors. For each person giving blood, three people are  
helped. Therefore the Fran Lowry Annual Blood Drive helped more than  
420 individuals! A wonderful legacy for the Lowry family.

# PARENT WORKSHOP

## Self-Defence with Sensei Meghan Greig

Please join us

Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

7:00 pm at St. John Fisher Junior School Gymnasium

Ages 12 years and up are welcome. \$5 per person

Please register at [sjfhands@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhands@gmail.com)

**\*\*\*Limited spots available\*\*\***

*\*This Parent Workshop is sponsored by SJF HandS*

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## Community Born to Read

SJF is currently collecting gently used books for children aged 0-5 years old. These books will be donated to the Community Born to Read project located here in the West Island to help promote reading and literacy in young children.

Drop-off boxes are located in each school.

Junior School: Under the HandS bulletin board in the front entrance

Senior School : At the daycare entrance.

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**SJF Apparel is always on sale!**

**Your order is one email away, just send a note to H&S**

**LONG SLEEVE TEE \$15**

**T-SHIRT \$10**

**HOODIE \$28**

**HOODIE (ZIP UP) \$35**

**JOGGING PANTS \$20**

**MESH SHORTS \$15**

**TUQUE \$10**

**FLAT CAP \$20**

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## You Need To Know This!

Visit the school website and look under Senior Campus or Junior Campus and then click 'Links'. There you will find a wealth of material waiting for you; links to libraries, newspapers, NFB-kids, Radio-Canada, NASA Kids Club, Cool Math 4 Kids, Nelson math program for students, Web Aware, LEARN (Leading English Education and Resource Network) and so much more.

Interesting links for kids and a list of informative links for parents...all just 3 clicks away!  
Ready...Get set...Click!!

[www.stjohnfisher.lbpsb.qc.ca](http://www.stjohnfisher.lbpsb.qc.ca)



## Teacher Appreciation Week

This year's St. John Fisher Elementary School Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success. Together we were able to give our dedicated teachers a Super Hero week.

It took almost 20 volunteers to get the Appreciation Posters designed, assembled and mounted as well as both schools decorated before the week even started.

On Friday we served a Superhero lunch: volunteers provided 5 crock pots of delicious soups, 2 chilli dishes, fresh bread, sweet fruit not to mention the time and attention to have it all set out beautifully and cleaned up when all was said and done. Both Subway and Domino's Pizza provided delicious food to complement the already plentiful spread.

The teachers were very appreciative and have sent their sincere thanks.

Together we made this week a super success.

*No duty is more urgent  
than that of  
returning thanks.*

*~James Allen*

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## News from the Archives

### Staying in Touch

- ❑ *HandS at a Glance* (pamphlet) gives you an overview of the year
- ❑ HandS bulletin boards at the school and daycare entrances
- ❑ SJF HandS News
- ❑ Emails
- ❑ Check your child's school bag for notices

Giving back and helping those in need in our community has always been an important mandate for our Home and School. Below is an excerpt taken from a letter written in 1961 demonstrating how special collection activities were held to raise funds for those in need:

11th January, 1961

Dear Pamela,

I refer to the Federation's letter requesting support for the World Refugee fund.

It makes me happy to tell you that our Association (Valois Home and School Association) held a special collection with the result I enclose a cheque payable to "World Refugee Year" in the amount of \$66.82.

Home & School meetings take place the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7pm, alternating schools each month.

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Have a question?

Contact Home & School at [sjfhands@gmail.com](mailto:sjfhands@gmail.com)

