

# F.E.S. FAMILY CONNECTIONS

F.E.S students will be passionate life-long learners who contribute as responsible leaders in the global community

## Week At A Glance

Jan. 26th-30th

### Monday, Jan. 26th

-Calendar Pilot Day

### Tuesday, Jan. 27th

-Grade 4 Open Gym  
-Student Led Clubs for Grade 1  
- French Second Language Program Virtual Information Session at 6:30

### Wednesday, Jan. 28th

-Grade 3 Open Gym  
-Kindergarten-Gr. 2- Skating

### Thursday, Jan. 29th

-Grade 2 Open Gym  
-Grade 2 Student Led Clubs  
- Curling Grade 4  
- Home and School meeting @ 7pm



### Friday, Jan. 30th

- Grade 1 Open Gym  
-PBIS and Kindness Bingo Kick Off assembly  
-Indoor Track and Field Meet

## Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Grade 5 English Prime/Intensive French switchover
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>- Curling Grade 4
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>- Curling Grade 4
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>- Pilot Day
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's Day
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>- Family Day
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>- Welcome to Kindergarten 3pm & 4:30pm
- Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>- Staff Appreciation Week
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- Pink Shirt Day- theme this year is Choose Kindness
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>- TNB Young Company- Velveteen Rabbit
- Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>- Deadline to register for French Immersion for 2026-2027

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## Information Items

- The next (and only remaining) **French Second Language Virtual Program Information Night** for current Kindergarten and Grade 5 English Prime families is Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m. Please see the attachment for more details including links and QR codes. Parents/guardians wishing to register their child in Grade 1 Early French Immersion or Grade 6 Late French Immersion for the 2026–2027 school year are asked to complete the electronic registration form: [ASD-S French Immersion Registration 2026-2027 School Year – Fill out form.](#) The registration form will remain open until February 27, 2026. If unable to complete the form electronically, families should contact Hayley Carson at (506) 658-5915 for assistance.

### Calendar Pilot Day Plans - Jan. 26th

- Morning Professional Learning : District ESS Resource Specialist in Assessment and Intervention will facilitate a three-hour session on “Understanding and Supporting Children with ADHD”
- Planning & Collaboration: Dedicated time for classroom teachers, EST-R (resource teachers), and Educational Assistants (EAs) to collaborate and plan supports.
- EA Book Study: Time for Educational Assistants to engage in the book study Relationship, Responsibility, and Regulation: Trauma-Invested Practices for Fostering Resilient Learners.
- PLC / Individual Time: Teachers will analyze student data to support data-informed decision-making and plan for meeting diverse student needs.
- We recognize that many students wear **smartwatches** to school and appreciate the convenience they can provide for families. During the school day, however, smartwatches are to be used as watches only. Students may not use them to play games, send texts, make calls, or communicate with others. All communication between home and school during the day should continue to go through the school office or classroom. This policy helps minimize distractions and supports student focus on learning. Students who require smartwatches for documented medical reasons are the only exception to this expectation.
- Our sit-down **breakfast program** runs from 7:45-8:00 daily while our Grab and Go option (breakfast bar and apple) is available until 8:30. Thank you to our volunteers who help each morning.

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- Keeping our **school safe for everyone is a top priority**. School must be a place where children and adults feel secure, respected, and supported. **Physical violence is not tolerated at our school**. If a student engages in physical aggression, they will be removed from the situation and may be sent home to ensure the safety of others. When the student is calm and ready to return, school staff will work with the child and family to build strategies and develop support plans that help the student learn safer ways to manage challenges and be successful at school. Our approach is always focused on teaching skills and providing support, while maintaining clear expectations for safety. Thank you for your partnership as we work together to keep our school a safe place for all.
- **Morning supervision** begins at 7:45 a.m. To help us keep all students safe, please avoid dropping your children off before that time, as staff are not outside to supervise earlier arrivals.
- **Outdoor play is essential** for children's well-being. Research shows it supports physical health, boosts mood, strengthens social skills, and enhances learning. To ensure students benefit from this valuable time outdoors, they will go outside each day except during heavy rain or when temperatures fall below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Please help your child enjoy their time outdoors by making sure they are dressed comfortably and appropriately for the weather.
- Saint John Track Club is organizing an **Indoor Track and Field meet** for grades 3-8 at the Field House. This is a great event to introduce track and field to our students. The meet is being held on Friday, Jan 30th from 2pm-4pm.
- We are very excited to offer **curling for our Grade 4 students** again this year! This experience provides students with the opportunity to learn new skills, work as a team, and enjoy an iconic Canadian sport in a fun and supportive environment. This year, we have moved from the Hampton Curling Rink to Thistle St. Andrews Curling Club, which offers additional ice availability. This change allows all Grade 4 students to participate together, making the experience even more inclusive and enjoyable. **Permission slips went home last week** and were due back on Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet returned it, please do so on Monday.
- **Curling Dates**
  - Thursday, January 29
  - Thursday, February 5
  - Thursday, February 12
- We would like to extend a very special and heartfelt thank you to **Mrs. Judy Blanchard**, a retired F.E.S. teacher and world champion curler, for securing this wonderful opportunity for our students. Mrs. Blanchard also generously coordinated the support of other experienced curlers to help facilitate the sessions and ensure a high-quality, memorable experience for our learners.

# Photo Gallery



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