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WEEK OF: Nov.9th-13th

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MON NOV. 9

- Grade 5 Open Gym for interested students

TUES NOV. 10

- Grade 4 Open Gym for interested students
- Remembrance Day Assembly
- STEAM Club- Gr K-1
- Deadline to purchase Chase The Ace tickets

WED NOV. 11

- Remembrance Day- No School

THURS NOV. 12

- Grade 2 Open Gym for interested students
- STEAM Club- Gr 4-5
- Student Led Club applications due

FRI NOV. 13

- Grade 1 Open Gym for interested students
- Parent Teacher Booking site will open (details will be shared in next week's message)



UPCOMING DATES

- Nov. 17th-19th- Scholastic Bookfair (optional)
- Nov. 16th-20th- Career Week at F.E.S
- Nov. 17th- Career Dress Up
- Nov. 19th- Career Expo
- Nov. 20th- Report card preparation (no school for students)
- Nov. 23rd- First day of fall Student Led Clubs
- Nov. 27th- Pilot Day
- Nov. 28th- Santa Claus Parade
- Nov. 30th- Report Cards issued

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INFORMATION ITEMS

PBIS Corner: Helping Our Falcons SOAR

- Week 4: O is for ON TASK
- Helping Our Falcons SOAR
- Being On Task means being ready to learn and giving our attention and effort to what we are doing. One of the ways we help children develop this skill is by making expectations clear and noticing when students are demonstrating them.
- Try it at home: Notice your child being on task and name exactly what you see:"You got started right away and stayed focused. That was great responsibility for your learning!"

- Remembrance Day Assembly – In recognition of Remembrance Day, students and staff are invited to wear red, black, and/or white on Tuesday, November 10, as we come together to remember and honour those who have served and continue to serve, and to reflect on the importance of peace. ❤️🖤🤍

- Today marks the beginning of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, a joyful celebration observed by Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and other communities around the world. Diwali celebrations traditionally span several days. In 2026, festivities begin today, November 6, with Dhanteras, while the main day of Diwali falls on Sunday, November 8. Families may celebrate by lighting small lamps called diyas, creating colourful rangoli designs, gathering with family and friends, sharing special foods and sweets, exchanging gifts, and participating in prayers and traditions. We wish a very Happy Diwali to all members of our Fairvale community who are celebrating! May this Festival of Lights bring joy, hope, peace, and happiness to you and your families.

- Recently, one of our classes welcomed our District EAL Lead for a special lesson about Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Celebrated primarily in Mexico on November 1 and 2, Día de los Muertos is a joyful and meaningful tradition that honours and remembers family members and loved ones who have died. Families may create colourful displays called ofrendas with photographs, flowers, candles, and favourite foods or belongings of loved ones. Marigolds, decorated sugar skulls, music, special foods, and colourful artwork are also commonly associated with the celebration. Although its name may sound solemn, Día de los Muertos is generally a celebration of life, love, family, and remembrance. It has deep Indigenous roots. While it is most strongly associated with Mexico, it is also celebrated in some other Latin American communities and by people of Mexican heritage around the world. We are grateful for opportunities like this that allow our students to learn about and appreciate the traditions, cultures, and experiences of others.

- As part of Canada Career Month, we will host our annual FES Career Expo on Thursday, November 19, 2026 from 8:30-11:30. This event allows students to explore a wide variety of occupations and career pathways through displays and presentations provided by parents, family members, friends, and community volunteers. Please reach out to Mr. Urquhart at Earl.Urquhart@nbed.nb.ca for more details or to sign up!

- We are proud to announce that our school choir will be performing our national anthem at Saint John Sea Dogs game on Saturday, December 5, 4:00pm. Unlimited student/adult Sea Dogs Flex Tickets purchased can be redeemed for that game or any regular season Saint John Sea Dogs game. Thank you for supporting your local Saint John Sea Dogs and our school choir. Ticket cost is $18 each. Please see attached information for more details. Purchases must be made on school cash online. https://asd-s.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/87826/193/False/True

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- Student-Led Clubs Are Coming! We are excited to offer our Grade 4 and 5 students an opportunity to share their interests, ideas, and talents by leading a Student-Led Club! Students who are interested can apply to lead a club for three consecutive weeks (for example, every Monday at 12:30). As part of the application, students will describe their club idea, identify the grade level(s) they would like to invite to participate, and create a simple plan for each of the four sessions. Once club ideas have been approved, students will have an opportunity to sign up, and each club will be paired with a teacher volunteer who will supervise and support our student leaders. Our Grade 3 students can also get involved by applying to become Leaders in Training! Their application is a little simpler. They will choose from a list of club types that interest them and that they would enjoy helping to lead. Applications are due November 12. Participation is completely optional, but we hope this will be a fun opportunity for students who are interested in developing their leadership skills while sharing something they enjoy with others!

- Free books for every Saint John High School student at home!
- Starting October 30, your child can read from more than 50,000 digital books from major publishers, for free, on a phone or tablet. Rally Reader for New Brunswick is funded by RBC and offered in partnership with the Government of New Brunswick. No cost, no ads, no subscription. Sign up in about two minutes: rallyreadernewbrunswick.ca

- You may have noticed that our Home & School Association is doing a little more fundraising this year, and we wanted to share why! In previous years, our Healthy Lunch Program was one of our biggest sources of fundraising revenue. Although our profit was less than 50 cents per item, and sometimes as little as 10 cents, the large volume of sales allowed us to generate significant funds for our school. This year, we are placing a greater emphasis on fundraising to support the future of our playground. Dreamland has served our students well, but as a wooden structure that has exceeded its expected lifespan, it is time to begin planning for its replacement. Our goal is to help create a safe, accessible, and inclusive playground where all students can play, explore, and connect. We know that additional fundraising takes effort and support from our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for every contribution, volunteer hour, and act of generosity. Together, we can make a lasting difference for our students, both now and in the years to come!

- Breakfast Program Update - As the weather gets chillier, we have seen a significant increase in the number of students participating in our sit-down option of our breakfast program. We want to reassure families that any student who needs or would like breakfast will always be offered something to eat. Our designated breakfast room, where our appliances and food supplies are located, has a maximum capacity of 34 students. On one morning this week, we had close to 40 students join us for the sit-down option. While we did not turn anyone away, we quickly realized that this number was simply not manageable within our space. Moving forward, once the breakfast room reaches capacity, additional students will be asked to choose the grab-and-go option.

- Please remember that only school staff are permitted on the playground during the school day (7:45 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.). This practice helps us maintain a safe, secure, and well-supervised environment for all students.

FALCON PHOTO GALLERY

Highlights from our week!



















Falcons in Action!

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