



October Events

October 4th: FISH!
Assembly

October 14: No School

October 15-16: Dental check
ups Gr.K-2

October 16: Picture day

October 21: School
council

October 25: No School

Principals Message

Our 2024-2025 school year is off to a great start at John Davidson! We are excited to be working with over 200 amazing students. In September we welcomed back students as well as the FISH! philosophy. It is based off of a world famous fish market in Seattle Washington. More than 3 000 schools in North America use this program. It focuses on being there, making other peoples day, play, choosing your attitude. We will end the first week of October with our FISH! Assembly of the year. Students and staff love this special time each month to celebrate students who went above and beyond working hard, and treating everyone at our campus with wonderful respect. We are excited to have four new teachers in our building this year. A big welcome to Miss Brazzale our Grade 3/4 teacher, Mr. Hurley who is teaching junior high language arts and social studies along with some Grade 4/5 courses, Miss Kasprick, the other 4/5 teacher and Learning Support Teacher, and Mrs. Wengel our Monday and Friday intervention specialist. Miss Loewen is our new admin assistant and is doing a wonderful job in our office along with Mrs. Giesbrecht our new Learning Commons Facilitator and EA. Thank you to all of you who joined us for our welcome back spaghetti supper and meet the staff night September the 9th. It was a great afternoon/evening! We are very proud of all our students who participated in the Terry Fox run September 25th. In addition to learning more about the heroic Terry Fox story, we raised money to donate in the fight against cancer. Also, all our our students are taking part in German singing each Wednesday morning. A big thank you to the mom's volunteering to help with this wonderful program.If you have any questions for me, about our school, or how your child's doing, feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by the school for a visit.

Fred Jack, Principal

New At JDS

Meet The Staff

Matthew Hurley

My name is Matt Hurley and I am thrilled to be joining the John Davidson team this year. I can't wait to work with your children in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and a few other options courses. Please feel free to get in touch with me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Lets have an excellent school year!

Chelsea Kasprick

My name is Chelsea Kasprick and I am the new Learning Support Teacher and Grade 5/6 teacher here at John Davidson School. This is my fourth year of teaching and I am very excited and grateful to be continuing in an LGM school having previously taught at Barons last year. I have an extensive athletic background, having played competitive hockey for 17 years, including having attended University in Chicago Illinois. My hope is that my skill set and expertise will translate into my teaching practices and help all students be successful in their learning journey. I am very excited to work with all students of John Davidson School this year!

Mrs. Giesbrecht

Hi Everyone! I'm Mrs. Giesbrecht and I am new to John Davidson this year and I am the new Librarian (aka Learning Commons Facilitator), EA, and Kindergarten German teacher! It's been a pleasure working with and getting to know everyone. I'm happy to be a part of this wonderful team and very excited to see what this school year brings!

Amy Brazzale

Hello everyone! I'm Amy Brazzale, the grade 3/4 teacher. This is my third year in teaching and my first at John Davidson. I love reading, walking, snowboarding, and watching hockey. I'm thrilled to be part of the John Davidson team and I can't wait to connect with the students and their families!

Words of wisdom

Mrs. Dyck

English

It's been a great start to another great school year! Students have started the year off with studying the 1. Corinthians 9:24-27 **“know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. and every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we are an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.”** It is my encouragement that we focus on all things that will be beneficial to us in our spiritual race this school year and beyond. Hope everyone has a blessed new school year!

Plaut deitsch

Daut es een wundaboara aunfang jewast too een freschet School Joa! De Schoolkjinja han dit Joa met 1. Korinta 9:24-27: **“ Weet jie nich. daut dee, dee en de Wad ranen, aual ranen, oba mau enna jewent dan Pries? Rant soo, daut jie dan kjrieen! Waa en eenen Rees rant, lat aules onneedje biesied. Jane doonen daut, om eenen Kraunz to kjrieen, dee doch nihc blift. Oba wie doonen daut, om eene Kroon to kjrieen, dee ewich blift. Doawaajen ran ekj nich aus eena, dee nich weet, wua hee han well. Ekj kjamf uk nich met de Fust, om Lachja enne Loft to schlonen. Ekj bedwinj mienen Kjarpa, daut dee mie jehorcht, daut ekj nich aundre pradjen doo un selfst nich brucken sie.”** Daut es miene Hopninj daut wie aula dit Joa wieda kjennen ons met daut beschafftjen waut ons woat opp onsen Jeistlichen Rees halpen. Ekj wensch aulem een jesaajendent nieet School Joa!

Hochdeutsch

Es ist ein wunderbare Anfang gewesen zu ein wunderbares neue Schuljahr! Die Schuler haben das Jahr angefangen mit Korinther 9:24-27 zu studieren **“ Wisset ihr nicht, so in den Schranken laufen, die laufen alle, aber einer erlangt das Kleinod? Laufet nun also, dasz ihr es ergreift! Ein jeglicher aber, der da kampfet, enthalt sich alles Dingus; jene also, dasz sie eine vergangliche Krone**

empfangen, wir aber eine unvergangeliche. ich laufe aber also, nicht als auf ungewisse; ich fechte also, nicht als der in die Luft streichet; sondern ich betaupe meinen Leib und zahme ihn, dasz ich night den andern predige, und selbst verwerflich werd”. Es ist meine ERmutigung, dass wir uns alle Dinge konzentrieren können, die uns in unserem spirituekken Lauf in diesem Schuljahr und darüber hinaus von Nutzen sein werdern. Ich hoffe, dass alle ein gesegnetes neues Schuljahr haben.

REMINDERS

School Fees

Just a reminder that school fees are due by October 16th. If you need a new list of prices, assistance or an extension, feel free to come to meet with us or ask to have a phone meeting if you can't make it into school.

Money

Just friendly reminder that when paying for school fees, hot lunch payments and field trip payments, have the exact amount of money to be paid. The school does not have money to give you your exact change back that we would owe.

Thanks!

Safety

We have noticed some unsafe behaviors with students and siblings of students at pick up and drop off by the road. Please use the crosswalk when crossing the streets and look both ways to ensure safe crossing!

Parents: please make sure you keep all kids off of the road at all times!

We care deeply about our families and would hate for tragedy to befall anyone of our families.

Dental Checks

There was a couple dental check up forms that went home to students. Please fill those out and return to the school before the 15th of October. If you need help filling those forms out, come by the office and Miss. Loewen will be able to help you with them.



October Spotlight

Teacher Appreciation Day

October 5th is Teacher appreciation day!

Give your teacher a card, note or do something nice for them to let them know how much you appreciate them for all their hard work and dedication to your education!

“It’s a teacher that makes the difference, not the classroom”

Michael Morpurgo

Ladders to Education

Ladders to education is an amazing organization that was started and is still directed by the Coaldale and District Volunteer Firefighter Association. They’re a really amazing group that works to make education accessible for everyone by supplying backpacks and school supplies, shoes, hot lunch coupons and more for students in need. We are so grateful for the opportunity to work with them! To support them so they can continue supporting us

go to ladderstolearning.ca/partners

Remember, it’s important to support those who support us.

Thanksgiving

As the weather cools of for the year, we are heading towards thanksgiving again. Remember all the things to be grateful for in your life and spend quality time together with your family and friends!

Remember there is **no school for Thanksgiving on Monday the 14th.**

