

## SJAM NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 2018

First of all, we, the SJAM Student Council and staff would like to wish all the parents and students a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**Let us begin with...**

A VERY BIG thank you to each and every one of you who contributed to the success of our Pro-Grant event on October 16, 2017.

Our approved Pro Grant affords us a budget of \$1,000, which the School Council decided to use toward a rewarding workshop by keynote speaker John Steh correlating to Stephen Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People". We would like to thank both, John Steh for taking the time to spend an evening with our SJAM family as well as our very own SJAM School Council Co-Chair Christina Wong for organizing such a great event. Also a special thanks for Kathy Lott, our Principal for making this happen.



## **Our #1 School Council Fundraiser is SJAM's Investment in Education**

SJAM's Investment in Education is a one-time donation put towards enriching the educational experiences for our students. Our School budget covers essential funds to operate the school ONLY, hence the school donations collected through IIE promises to enrich our students learning experiences across all grades K-8. Your continued support has resulted in the enhancement of several initiatives ranging from music to technology over the past 3 years. Last year we raised over \$7,500 and this year, our goal is to raise \$8,000.

In 2017-18, the school has purchased 35 Chromebooks and additional technology for the new "Makerspace". Our top 3 priorities for student enhancements in the 2017-2018 school year include:

- Outdoor Learning – outdoor classrooms, outdoor equipment etc.
- Technology – The York Region District School Board will contribute \$1 for every \$1 raised up to a limit of \$6,500.
- Extracurricular Activities and Events – Enhancement of existing and new activities and events for students.

We are very excited about being able to provide our students with these tools to enhance their education and we thank you for your generous donations toward making it happen, the total collected being almost \$2,500.00 toward our goal of \$8,000.

### **SAVE THE DATE for our upcoming MOVIE NIGHT**



We are looking forward to our upcoming Movie Night on...

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**

Stay tuned for more information.

### **Future Council Meetings**

We encourage you to attend our council meetings and share your ideas with us.

No commitment is required.

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

### **SAVE THE DATE for our End of Year BBQ**



**Thursday, May 24, 2017**

We encourage you to contact us for volunteer opportunities.

Should you have any questions or concerns or would simply like to volunteer please feel free to contact the SJAM Student Council via email at [Sir.john.a.macdonald.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca](mailto:Sir.john.a.macdonald.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca)

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**WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE**

**FOR SUPPORTING OUR YRDSB SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

**AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE SCHOOL EVENTS.**