

Annual Report of the Governing Board

2022-2023

Next annual general assembly **September 25, 2023 at 7:00pm** in the auditorium. (More information to be sent by email when the school year begins.)

Jenny Georgiopoulos	Chair Person & Parent Delegate to the Parents' Committee
Kathy Stavriadis	Vice Chair Person & Alternate Delegate to the Parents' Committee
Nicole Anastaopoulos	Treasurer
Johanne Dion-Calderone	
Domenica Tortorici	
Jennifer Carbonneau	
Fadi Mounayar	Resigned April 2023
Theresa Andrusko	Resigned October 2022
Costa Tsirbas	1 st Substitute, became voting member Oct 2022
Franco Daniele	2 nd Substitute, became voting member March 2023
George Dimacacos	Teacher Representative
Will Evans	Teacher Representative
Valerio Gazzola	Teacher Representative
Jenny Gauvin	Teacher Representative
Jonathan Gray	Teacher Representative
Michael Rice	Teacher Representative
Betty Aliftrias	Student Supervisor
Lauren de Carolis	Guidance Counselor
Helen Morrison	Community Representative (non-voting)
Hareem Saad Nawaz	Student Representative, (non-voting) Student Council President
Karina Reynolds-Johnson	Student Representative, (non-voting) Student Council Vice-President Sec. 1
James Macpherson	Student Representative, (non-voting) Student Council Vice President Sec 2
Eric Ruggi	Administration – Principal
Gloria Cucarolo	Administration – Vice Principal Sec 1
Charles Chagnon	Administration- Vice Principal Sec 2

Extracurricular Activities Offered at LJA

ATHLETICS

- Soccer
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Ice Hockey
- Ball Hockey
- Cheerleading
- Tennis
- Weight Training
- Open Gym
- Yoga
- Track and Field
- School wide tubing trip

ARTS

- Art Club
- Comic Book Club
- Anime Club
- Shakespeare Performance (Romeo & Juliette)
- Music Club
- Place Des Arts field trip

ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL

- Student Council
- Green Club
- Math Club
- Social Board Games
- Game Room
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Holiday Food Drive for AGAPE
- Arundel Leadership Trip
- Aeronautics Club

ANTIBULLYING AWARENESS INITIATIVES

- Mindfulness
- ASISTA therapy dogs
- Breakfast/Lunch program
- Reaching Out Club
- Chilling Lounge
- Community police officer activities
- SWLSB Mentoring Program

Laval Junior Academy, 2022-2023

Laval Junior Academy (LJA) is the only public English high school in Laval that was founded on the values of respect, perseverance, and integrity within the Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board (SWLSB). Our students, staff, and parents work closely together on promote student success and individual growth through active participation in their learning experience.

This was the first “normal” year of school post COVID. Our students and staff were able to move about freely without worrying about masks, cohorts, and you could tell that a weight was lifted from the first day of school. It was the first year since the 2019/2020 school year where the government didn’t issue any directives to cancel classes and move to virtual school.

This year LJA welcomed XXX students, offering the governments general path of education for Cycle 1 Secondary and specialized settings for students not in neurotypical pathways. More than half of the LJA students are enrolled in one of the concreation programs offered in science, visual arts, and sports. As well, many students are enrolled in our Sports-Etude opportunities like the Blue & Gold hockey program. We even have a specialization of Music and media.

LJA is blessed with dedicated school staff that always strive to recognize students success in ways the build school pride such as the publication of the LJA Honour Roll and awarding of the LJA Recognition Coins which can be given for academics, behaviour, pride and so much more.

With normalcy returned, students and staff were able to participate in a number of field trips, extracurricular activities, and after school tutoring. Our wonderful teaching staff offer remediation periods during lunch in order to help students catch up, get ahead, or better understand material they may struggle with. They also offer exam preparation sessions during the end of year exam period.

Student life at LJA isn't just about traditional academics but also about being involved and inclusive of everyone. Our school offers a number of student-centered extracurricular activities that are free for all students which include club, sports teams, outings, and trips centered around sports, arts, culture, theatre, music, science, the environment games, hobbies, and more.

LJA is also active with participating in fundraising for charitable organizations such as AGAPE, the Terry Fox Foundation, and Pink in the City as well as having a very active Student Council.

Each year the school must adopt and implement an Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence plan (ABAV). At the LJA, the ABAV plan is developed by a team of staff members, this year headed by Gloria Cucarolo. Using information gathered in a detailed survey to students, which assesses their state of mind and how they are feeling within the school community. Students are educated about bullying and its impacts through various activities which help promote empathy and foster a feeling of safety and well-being. A general assembly and in class workshops were given to students regarding how to be a responsible digital citizen and the respectful use of cell phones, social media, and the internet.

The LJA facilities are incredible with each classroom being equipped with a SMART board and computer. We have two PC labs and the Music Lab boasts a state of the art Apple Creative Music Labs system. Our spacious school library has over 30 computers with a large variety of bilingual books and magazines. The school also offers a full service cafeteria, state of the art auditorium, game rooms, 4 gymnasiums, outdoor sports fields, and a kiln for ceramics. Our school is also home to a ton of beautiful art work and murals which allow students to express themselves with a legacy that beautifies our school building.

LJA parents voted for a Home and School Association at this year's General Assembly and the parents that are involved in this association have worked to raise funds that support students and staff. Monies are raised through various fundraisers such as TCBY Tuesdays, Be U Dress Down Days, Selling of Student Price Cards, Cubies Waffles are then returned to students and staff alike by organizing refreshments for staff during Teacher Appreciation Days, giving free TCBY to all students on Valentine's Day, providing students with free books, and contributing to the Student Councils End of Year Send Off event. The LJA Governing Board sincerely thanks this small group of parent volunteers for all they do and the parents and students for contributing to these fundraisers. Home and School can't succeed at their initiatives without the support of the staff, the students, and the parents, so thank you!

This year our Annual Assembly was held in person on Monday, September 19, 2022. Our Governing Board held 8 regular meetings this year. Activities of the GB include approval of school program, school fees, school supply lists, school budget, allocation of funds from grants and measures towards many programs benefiting the school, approval of the ABAV plan as well

as the Student Code of Conduct and the revision of the LJA School Cell Phone Policy. GB also approves fundraiser and field trip requests.

The LJA Governing Board thanks the staff who have worked tirelessly this year to provide a safe and fun environment to the students, the parents who have spent their time helping provide fun extras to our students, and the students who come to school daily ready to learn and grow. We have a truly exceptional school community.

Wishing you all a safe and pleasant summer.

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