

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ATHLETICS

- Soccer
- Futsal
- Basketball
- Ball Hockey
- Track & Field
- Open Gym
- Cheerleading
- Volleyball
- March Madness Tournament
- Brazilian JiuJitsu

ARTS

- Art Club
- Photography Club
- Comic Book Club
- Anime Club
- School Play : Beauty & the Beast
- Shakespeare Performance
- Museum Trips
- 80' mural painting in cafeteria
- Mozaïc columns in cafeteria
- Embellir son école

SOCIAL & CULTURAL

- Advanced Student Leadership Summit
- Brigades culinaires
- Social Board Games
- Games Room
- Fun Zone (Diversified Paths)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- TEDx Youth presentations

FIELD TRIPS

- Arundel Nature and Science Centre
- School-wide trip to La Ronde
- New York
- Swim Gym for Special Ed. classes

LAVAL JUNIOR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD 2018-19

PARENT MEMBERS

Laura Wittebol (Chair & Parent Committee Alternate Delegate)
Tony Beliotis (Vice-Chair & Parent Committee Delegate)
Effie Kontakos (Secretary)
Pino Alberga (Nov. onward)
Daniel Bourque (Sept.-Nov.)
Maria Caruso
Patrick Chabot
Nadia Colozza
Joe Della Sala
Patrizia D'Ignazio (Substitute)

STAFF MEMBERS

Dominic DiStefano (Professional)
Betty Aliftiras (Support)
Valerio Gazzola (Teacher)
Jonathan Gray (Teacher)
Maria Katiforis (Teacher)
Marlyn Lypoudis (Teacher, Jan. onward)
Shannon Rudolph (Teacher)
Sunday Skoufaras (Teacher, Sept.-Jan.)
Maria Tsakris (Teacher)
Kellie George-Bernard (Teacher Substitute)

ADMINISTRATION

Alan Simoneau (Principal)
Eric Ruggi (Interim Principal)
Helen Kalipolidis (Vice Principal)
Irene Tsimiklis (Vice Principal)
Aline Khozozian (Interim Vice-Principal)
Sunday Skoufaras (Interim Vice-Principal)

For more information on our school, please see our web page lja.schoolqrc.ca or visit us on Facebook.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD 2018-19

Next Annual General Assembly
Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019
7:00pm
LJA Auditorium



INTRODUCING LAVAL JUNIOR ACADEMY

Laval Junior Academy (LJA) is a public junior high school built on respect, perseverance and integrity which proudly serves the community as part of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board. Our students, staff, and parents work closely together to promote student success and active participation in their own learning experiences.

LJA welcomes over 900 students, offering the ministry general path of education, concentration programs in visual arts, science, and sports, as well as Sport-Études, and specialized settings for students not in neurotypical pathways. The school staff is dedicated and works diligently to support the education of the whole child which includes extracurricular as well as academic activities.

At LJA, students have a variety of outlets to discover and express themselves beyond traditional academics. Our school actively participates in fundraisers for charitable organizations such as Terry Fox and Moisson Laval, and has a very active Student Council. LJA also works with the ASSISTA Foundation and has a service dog (Wall-E) that offers comfort to students with high anxiety and autism. In addition, a plethora of student-centered extracurricular activities are offered that center on field trips, sports, the arts, culture, academic and culinary pursuits.

LJA students who require additional support are able to avail themselves of the services of Special Education Technicians, Attendants and Resource Support teachers. Trained teachers also provide remediation support and exam preparatory sessions on weekends or built into the end of year exam schedule.

Each classroom at LJA is equipped with a SMART board and computer to assist teachers in integrating technology into the curriculum. The school offers two Apple and PC computer labs as well as mobile sets of Chromebooks. The Music lab was recently refurbished with Apple Creative Music Labs computers & programs. Additional investments in 3D printers and over one hundred Raspberry Pis have been and will continue to be made, all in the interest of promoting and exploring coding with 21st century tools and technologies. The school library has over thirty computers as well, with a large variety of bilingual books and magazines.

Each year, educational institutions must adopt and implement an Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence (ABAV) Plan. At LJA, the ABAV Plan is developed by a team of staff members using information gathered in a detailed survey which assesses the state of mind and current situation of students within the school (OurSchool Survey). Students are educated about bullying and its impacts through various activities which in turn also help to foster a feeling of safety and well-being.

GOVERNING BOARD ACTIVITIES

This year the LJA Governing Board held regular meetings on eight occasions in the school library, where it carried out its functions in accordance with the Education Act. Activities included the review and approval of the school's ABAV Plan, the allocation of funds from grants and measures, subject-time allocation, the approach for the new Sexuality Education program, the School Code of Conduct and Safety Measures, fees charged to parents, and school supply lists. The governing board also adopted the School Budget and the Educational Project for Laval Junior Academy. Several consultations were presented by the School Board including the Safe and Caring Schools Policy, the Policy of School Fees Charged to Parents, and the Policy Regarding Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs. These were in addition to annual consultations on the Deeds of Establishment of our school and the Criteria for Selection of a Principal. The governing board also began a review of the cafeteria service at Laval Junior Academy which will be continued in the next school year. Finally, many field trips and fundraisers, as well as the occasional rental of the school facilities by outside organizations, were reviewed and approved by the governing board.

PARENT PARTICIPATION ORGANIZATION

Our LJA PPO was very active this year, holding fundraising activities including the sale of Aunt Sarah's chocolate, QSP cookie dough, TCBY frozen yogurt, and baked goods during school events. Other activities included a successful Comedy Night, a fundraiser "opt-out" form, and bagging groceries at Super C. With the strong support of our LJA parents and the community, our PPO was able to support social and cultural events at LJA as well as updates to the LJA Game Room. A very special project supported by funds from the PPO was the annual care, certification, and follow-up training of LJA's beloved ASISTA therapy dog, Wall-E.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ACADEMICS

- *Tutorials and workshops*
- *Robotics, Coding*
- *Math Club, History movies*
- *Moot Court (court simulation)*
- *Apple Store programming workshops*
- *Institut Armand Frappier visit*
- *McGill Redpath Museum visit*
- *Honour Roll and Student Awards Night*

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- *Terry Fox Run*
- *Student Council*
- *Community Holiday Breakfast*
- *Remembrance Day Parade & Video*
- *Green Club*
- *Denim Day for Breast Cancer*
- *Community Service / Volunteering*
- *Food Drive for AGAPE*
- *Snacks For Students Table*
- *OSEntreprendre –Lest We Forget Light*
- *Raize Craze - Pink in the City*
- *Orange Shirt Day for Indigenous Peoples*

ANTI-BULLYING / ANTI-VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

- *Mindfulness*
- *Alissa Sklar Cyberbullying Student Guide*
- *Girl Talk program*
- *SWLSB Mentoring program*
- *Vista Room*
- *Chilling Lounge*
- *Extra-curricular activities*
- *Community police officer activities*
- *Heathy Minds / Healthy Bodies*
- *Advanced Student Leadership Summit*
- *ASISTA therapy dogs*