



# LAVAL JUNIOR ACADEMY



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**NEWSLETTER**  
**DECEMBER 2018 / JANUARY 2019**

**STRIVING FOR GROWTH  
AND KNOWLEDGE**

**TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE, PLEASE CALL**  
**Ms. Rose as early as possible at 450-680-3044 ext. 8827**  
**You can leave a message on our voicemail, day or night!**  
**You can also email [rhuss@swlauriersb.qc.ca](mailto:rhuss@swlauriersb.qc.ca)**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT MAY 10th WILL BE A REGULAR DAY 7  
to replace the snow day on January 17th**

## REGISTRATION 2019-2020

The re-registration period for all returning students is from January 28th—February 1, 2019.

**NEW THIS YEAR!** Parents can complete the re-registration process for their children in just a few clicks through the **Mozaik** Parent Portal. Quick, simple, and paperless!

Log in to your account with the email address you gave to the school at <https://portailparents.ca/accueil/en/> and click on **Access to Mozaik Registration**. You will need to verify that all information concerning your child is accurate and up to date. You will

then need to confirm your child's re-registration.

All changes regarding your child may be made in the portal, including address changes. Please note, however, that a new address only becomes effective once it has been validated. To do so, you must provide your child's current school with two proofs of residence. This must be done in person.

All parents must complete the re-registration process to ensure that their child is officially registered for the 2019-2020 school year.

Should you have any questions, you can contact the school.

## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder to anyone who has not yet paid this year's school fees that you can do so by cash, Visa, MasterCard, on-line, or you can call Ms. Dianna @ ext. 8815 to make arrangements.

## Community Breakfast

On December 21st, despite inclement weather, LJA hosted our annual Community Breakfast. Attendees were treated to an awesome full breakfast which was cheerfully prepared by volunteer staff, and then activities were held around the building.

Proceeds went to student activities, and non-perishables were donated to charity.



### Dress Code Reminder

Just a reminder that our dress code is ..

**TOP:** Solid White or Solid Black collared top (may be accompanied by a solid black or solid white cardigan, vest or sweater) or school-issued clothing.

**BOTTOM:** Solid Black pants, track pants (with or without white stripes), jeans (not faded), Capri pants, Bermuda shorts, skirts. Solid black tights or jeggings may be worn with a LONG collared top, covering front and back.

We also remind parents to make sure that students are dressed warm enough for this cold weather.

### Sir Wilfrid Laurier Gala - January 24th

On Thursday January 24, the annual gala of the Fondation Sir Wilfrid Laurier Foundation was held, raising over \$48,000 for the students of the SWLSB. All money raised this year will be given to provide schools and centres with sensory equipment and tools for concentration for all classrooms. This equipment will encourage active student learning and increase engagement with students who may be feeling anxiety or stress, or experiencing behavioural difficulties.



Don't forget to check out our Facebook page for up-to-date news and pictures of our school happenings. Click on the Facebook logo to the left to like us!

We also have a separate Facebook page for our library! Which can be reached with the picture to the right.



*"Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is time for home." - Edith Sitwell*

## Comedy Night Fundraiser

On November 9th, LJA held Comedy Night 2018! It was a great night, hosted by the always hilarious Franco Taddeo. Our other comedians were John Cotrocois, and Pino Pirillo, and our headliner was Freddie James. The PPO did an AMAZING job at organizing the event and we would like to take a moment to thank all of our many sponsors for helping to make the event a great success, helping us raise over \$6000. The money raised will go towards student activities.

Special thanks go to Maria Garliaris and Joanne Iannantuono who went above and beyond.

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to our sponsors



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The Ten Spot - Beauty Bar  
Souvlaki Vieux Grec  
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Zone 19 Collections

### LJA Handball Team

the girls handball team had a spectacular day in Quebec City at the Provincial tournament in Levi, Quebec on Saturday, January 26th, with several stand out performances throughout the day leading to their 4th place finish. Madyson and Coralie were among the top 10 in scoring. We hope to improve on our performance at our next tournament February 16.



### Scholastic Book Fair 2018

LJA held our annual book fair from Nov. 26th - Nov. 29th. We are very happy to announce that due to our sales, we earned over \$1600 in free product from Scholastic!

Huge thank yous to our volunteers, and to Ms. Katiforis' class and Ms. Rudolph's class for helping set up, and take down the fair, your help was really appreciated.



The winner of the Parent Teacher Night draw was a student in Mr. Marra's class, and the final page count for the "Guess How Many Pages in the Stack" contest was 2,144.

### WHO IS THE FASTEST AT LJA?

#### Fastest Overall ... Dylan Da Silva

Sec. 2 Boys  
1st Dylan Da Silva  
2nd Luca Della Sela  
Sec. 2 Girls  
1st Mariana Staric  
2nd Marissa Mastrangelo  
Sec. 1 Boys  
1st Austin Brown  
2nd Matthew Ciampa  
Sec. 1 Girls  
1st Susana Trapani



### Hour of Code Challenge

On the occasion of the Computer Science Education week, I took all my students to the Apple Store for the HOUR OF CODE CHALLENGE. It is an initiative to get younger students initiated to the language that virtually powers everything around us: CODE - the language of computers. The outings were a real success! The outings took place between December 10th and December 19th, one class at a time. They were all initiated to the coding educational app from Apple "Swift Playgrounds". The SWIFT coding language from Apple powers several 100 of thousands of apps for iPhone and iPad.



### SCREEN SMART PRESENTATION

On December 6th there was a presentation called "Screen Smart" given to the entire student population organized by the ABAV (Anti Violence & Anti Bully) committee and Student Council. The purpose of the presentation was to inform students about cyberbullying, sexting (legal implications), and how to engage in the safe use of technology in today's digital world. The presentation was given by **Alissa Sklar, Ph.D.** who runs risk (within) reason, a Montreal consultancy project focused on kids, technology and risky behaviors. Dr. Sklar has a Ph.D. in communications and cultural studies, taught in the Communication Studies Department at Concordia University and worked in the field of adolescent risk prevention at McGill University. In addition to her academic and consulting work, Dr. Sklar is a mom of three teens, and a multiple award-winning feature writer, with a particular interest in parenting, youth and digital technology issues. Below you will find a link to her website.

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### Let's talk about...

- Curating your digital footprint
- Netiquette
- Privacy
- Your "second self"
- Managing time online
- Stress & anxiety
- Security

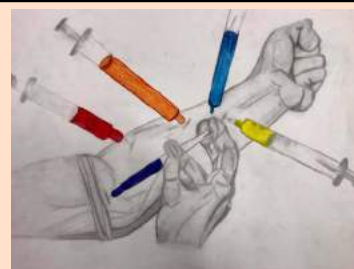
Some great projects from Ms. Bressi's Géographie Class .....



**Secondary 2 Art Activism Projects with Ms. Diachidos**

The goal was to create art about something that mattered, pick a topic they felt should be talked about, what did they want to make people think about, ask questions about, feel something about? Why should art matter? What should art make us think about? What should it make us feel? What should it make us question?

They were asked to make a clear statement and utilize whatever medium they felt most comfortable with! They used everything from pencils, markers, paint, plywood, stencils, cardboard, wood flooring, lighting, wiring, spray paint etc to make these projects work! And the results impressed me!



**Cookie Dough Fundraiser**

Our fabulous PPO is organizing a cookie dough fundraiser! You can purchase tubs or boxes of cookie dough from January 15th to February 15th. Delivery is set for March 14th. Click [HERE](#) for the website, our group # is 4876090



**Vipers Cheerleaders Win Gold!**

On Sunday, January 27th, our Vipers Cheerleading team competed at the regional finals and won GOLD! Congratulations to the team, and special thanks to our coaches!

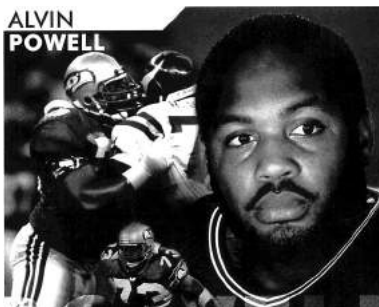


**Green Club News**

GREEN CLUB will continue throughout the New Year, and we continue to meet on Day 3 and 5 during lunch in room 246. We will focus on recycling in the cafeteria and preparing for the spring community garden setup and whatever interests you most! A new CHESS CLUB will begin this January. Whether you are beginner or expert, you are welcome. Challenges will be organized according to skill levels. We will meet in 246 on Day 8 only with Mr. Gray during lunch.

**Alvin Powell Presentation - January 16th**

Sponsored by The Saving Station, a registered Canadian charity dedicated to the elimination of youth substance abuse, LJA was visited by Alvin Powell, a former NFL offensive lineman for the Miami Dolphins and Seattle Seahawks. Mr. Powell spoke to our Secondary 2 students. He spoke of his compelling life story of how drugs ruined his NFL career, his life, and brought him to the brink of death. Mr. Powell is dedicated to the prevention of substance abuse and addiction.



**"Drugs do not care who you are", he says, "they do not discriminate against colour, creed, race, size, economic background, or even age".**



**STAINED GLASS PROJECT**

Our art students, have been hard at work on projects to beautify our school. Their latest venture is plexiglass "stained glass" that was installed on the glass around the front entrance. Five panels in total were created.





# LJA CALENDAR

## February - March

|                                    |   |   |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
| 27<br>Cheerleading Regional Finals | 28 <b>PED DAY</b><br>Arundel Winter Sports Trip<br>Hockey LJA2 5:00 HOME vs. Leblanc                  | 29<br>Arundel Winter Sports Trip<br>Brigades (healthy snacks)<br>Governing Board                          | 30<br>Arundel Winter Sports Trip<br>Futsal Boys 4:00 away vs. ODJ<br>Ice Hockey A @ Forum de la Plaine . ESC, SS & C, 9, 11:20, & 13:40 | 31<br>Arundel Winter Sports Trip<br>Dress Down Day  | <b>FEBRUARY</b><br>Basketball Girls 4:45 HOME vs. St. Martin             | 2  |
| 3                                  | 4 <b>Teacher Appreciation</b><br>Hockey LJA2 3:45 away vs. P-J<br>Ski Club @ Mont Avila               | 5 <b>Teacher Appreciation</b><br>Brigades (challenge - eat local prep.)<br>Futsal Girls 5:15 HOME vs. P-J | 6 <b>Teacher Appreciation</b><br>Brigades (challenge - eat local degustation)   | 7 <b>Teacher Appreciation</b>   | 8 <b>Teacher Appreciation</b><br>Basketball Girls 4:45 HOME vs. Letendre | 9  |
| 10                                 | 11 <b>PED DAY</b>   | 12<br>Brigades (brownies w/ salted caramel)<br>Futsal Girls 4:45 HOME vs. Laval                           | 13  | 14<br><b>Valentine's Day - wear pink or red</b><br>Futsal Boys 5:00 away vs. Laval            | 15<br>Deadline for Cookie Dough Fundraiser                               | 16<br>Handball Tournament @ LJA          |
| 17                                 | 18<br>Basketball Boys 5:15 HOME vs. MDL<br>Hockey LJA2 5:00 away vs. Leblanc<br>Ski Club @ Mont Avila | 19<br>Brigades (fish)<br>SWLSB ASL Leadership Summit  | 20  | 21<br>Futsal Girls 3:45 away vs. Letendre<br>Basketball Boys 5:30 HOME vs. Leblanc            | 22   | 23                                       |
| 24<br>Handball Tournament @ LJA    | 25<br>Report Cards<br>Hockey LJA1 5:00 away vs. Leblanc   | 26<br>Brigades (strip loin steak)<br>Governing Board  | 27  | 28<br>Dress Down Day<br>Parent / Teacher Night  | <b>MARCH</b><br>Fl. Ped  | 2  |
| 3                                  | 4<br>Spring Break   | 5<br>Spring Break   | 6<br>Spring Break   | 7<br>Spring Break   | 8<br>Spring Break  | 9  |
| 10<br>Change Clocks                | 11  | 12<br>Brigades (calzone)<br>Basketball Boys 4:45 HOME vs. St. Martin                                      | 13  | 14<br>Ice Hockey A @ Forum de la Plaine v. ESC & C, 1:10 & 11:20<br><br>Cookie Dough Delivery | 15   | 16                                       |
| 17<br>St. Patrick's Day            | 18<br>Ski Club @ Mont Avila   | 19<br>Brigades (multicultural fair prep)  | 20<br>Brigades (multicultural fair event at lunch)  | 21  | 22   | 23                                       |
| <b>CARNIVAL WEEK!</b>              |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| 24<br>Handball Tournament @ TBD    | 25  | 26<br>Brigades (touski)   | 27  | 28<br>Dress Down Day  | 29 Fl. Ped   | 30                                       |
| 31                                 | <b>APRIL</b>  | 2<br>Brigades (extra)   | 3   | 4   | 5  | 6<br>Handball Tournament @ Drummondville |