

# J. ADDISON PRESS

Monthly Newsletter of J. Addison School



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

Focus For Success (FFS) Starts  
October 3/2023

Thanksgiving (School Closed)  
October 9/2023

University Fair  
October 18/2023

Halloween  
October 31/2023

## SEPTEMBER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS & PHOTOS



## DAY SCHOOL



Hello, JAS Family! Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. 2023 has certainly been a beautiful summer, but the weather has begun to turn chilly, which signals the start of another new school year. The 2023-2024 school year has officially arrived and we would like to extend our warmest welcome to both new and returning students. To our returning students, we hope you have another wonderful year here at J. Addison making lots of memories with old and new friends. To our new students, we hope you have a wonderful experience and make lots of new friends. We hope that our school will make you all feel at home.



# Terry Fox Assembly (September 21)



"If I don't make it, the Marathon of Hope better continue." This was the sentence Terry Fox said in 1980 when he was forced to stop his Marathon of Hope in Thunder Bay after it was determined his cancer had spread to his lungs. 43 years later, people across the country have continued his legacy by taking part in the annual Terry Fox Fundraiser for cancer research. This year, we had a special guest from the Terry Fox Foundation come in to speak to our students about Terry Fox and the legacy he left behind. For many of our international students, it may be the first time hearing Terry Fox's incredibly inspiring story, so whether this is your first time taking part or the tenth time participating, we are all looking forward to carrying this legacy in this year's annual Terry Fox School Fundraiser.

# Orange Shirt Day (September 29)

Listen, learn, and reflect. While the official day is September 30th, J. Addison wore orange on Friday, September 29th in honour of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also known as Orange Shirt Day. We wear orange to honour the lives of Indigenous children lost to the residential school system, the survivors, their families and communities. Orange Shirt Day is a day to recognize the horrific legacy this system has left behind and promote the concept of "Every Child Matters".



# BOARDING SCHOOL

## Oasis Zoo Run Volunteer Activity (September 16)

By Sarkis C. (Grade 10) (Hong Kong SAR, China)



On Saturday September 16th, 2023, I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Toronto Oasis Zoo Run as a water station attendant. When I was walking to the water station, I saw a group of arctic wolves at the Toronto Zoo, which was amazing! During my volunteer opportunity, my teammates and I prepared 3 layers of filled water cups, which we had to distribute to over 10,000 runners. Personally, this was not my first-time volunteering at a water station during a marathon which made my volunteer experience quite an easy feat. As I reflect on my volunteer experience at the Toronto Oasis Zoo Run, I can attest that the runners as well as the organizers made us feel appreciated as they thanked my peers and I for doing an awesome job. Overall, having the opportunity to witness the energy and endurance of the runners competing, created such a positive and exciting experience for myself to never give up, no matter how difficult life may seem!

## Terry Fox Run Volunteer Activity (September 17)

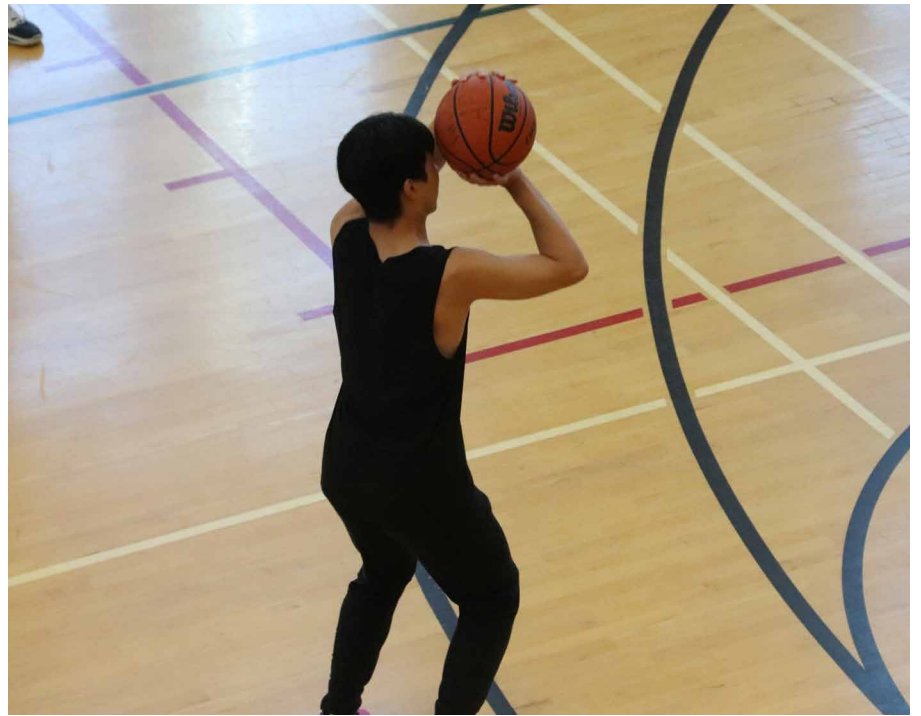
By Precious A. (Grade 12) (Nigeria)



On Sunday September 17th, 2023 was truly a memorable experience for myself as well as my peers. On this day, J. Addison School's day and boarding students willingly volunteered and participated in Markham's Terry Fox Walk/Run. From my personal perspective, this volunteer experience brought a sense of immense pride due to the notion that I was able to participate in this marathon of hope and be counted amongst the participants of over 100 individuals. Additionally, the enthusiasm of the people at this event was truly exhilarating. For example, there were adults and kids who were full of energy and eager to run. Not to mention the coordinator of the event was friendly and created a supportive environment that insighted volunteers and participants to put forth their very best in honoring the legacy of Terry Fox. In essence, I must express that this event highlighted a great zeal amongst the participants, a burning desire and dedication from the volunteers to facilitate an awesome event that would make Terry Fox, extremely proud!



# ATHLETICS



The school year may have just begun but basketball season has already started. In fact, many of our students were already seen practicing in the final weeks of summer. It shows exactly how dedicated they are to a sport that they love.

On September 22nd, J. Addison hosted our first game of the season with the boys playing against CODE Academy. It was another intense and incredibly close game, but our boys led the whole way to a remarkable victory of 81 to 75. Meanwhile, the girls played headed over to Crestwood on September 29th. It was an incredible game and our girls fought hard, but despite their hard efforts, they lost 87 to 66. However, we know our Lady Jaguars are unstoppable and they came back to win their second game just 2 days later by 29 points!



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# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## RESIDENCE LIFE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**PRECIOUS A.**

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



**AYLIN M.**

**This month the Character Education Virtue is: COURAGE**

September's virtue is COURAGE with the following traits:

- I will stand up for what I know is right and just.
- I will face challenges, fears and difficulties with fortitude.
- I will take responsibility for reaching my potential.

## it all comes together in the fifth... that's the Addison Advantage™



**JASX Early Learning**  
Ages 3.8 to 6 years of age



**Elementary School**  
Grades 1 to 8



**Secondary School**  
Grades 9 to 12



**Boarding Program**  
Grades 7 to 12

