

# J. ADDISON PRESS

Monthly Newsletter of J. Addison School



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

**March Break**  
**Mar 11-12/2024**

**OSSLT**  
**Mar 26/2024**

**Good Friday**  
**Mar 29/2024**

**Easter Monday**  
**Apr 1/2024**

## FEBRUARY 2024 HIGHLIGHTS & PHOTOS



## DAY SCHOOL

The month of February is upon us and we are officially halfway through the school year already as high school students enter their third term.



Despite the cold weather and a shorter month, February is often a busy month, filled with warmth and fun activities at J. Addison. Also, we said goodbye to our Winter Class of 2024 graduates and welcomed several new students joining us for the second half of the school year. They will rejoin their friends in June for the graduation ceremony. We also celebrated Black History Month, Valentine's Day, Family Day and welcomed the Year of the Dragon. Meanwhile, despite basketball season nearing its end, our boys and girls basketball teams have been extra busy as they battle it out to make it to the finals.

# Year of the Dragon



This month, we also welcomed the Year of the Dragon at J. Addison School. In honour of the New Year, our students received red pockets from our staff. Some of our students even dressed up in traditional outfits to honour the occasion.

## Black History Month Celebration - An Ineffable Experience By Enitan B. (Grade 12) (Nigeria)



On Wednesday February 7th, 2024, J. Addison school students attended York University's black history month celebration and to say the least, it was truly an ineffable experience. I was beyond honored to have been part of the many students who were present at this event, as it was quite frankly one of exceptional enlightenment. The event started off with dance performances from high school students, showcasing their culture and aspects of their heritage through their different attires, the songs they danced to and their respective dance moves. These performances brought extreme elation to those around and produced a sense of empowerment and proudness within me. Further into the event, many other performances took place, like stepping by a high school step team called "Miss Steppers", singing, choir performances, musical ensembles, different sorts of poetry, and a couple others. Watching all these performances helped to not just educate but truly communicate the meaning of black history and its relevance to history as a whole. From my perspective, each performance acted as an individual representation and interpretation of what black history signifies to us all and being able to witness such powerful presentations, cultivated a feeling of genuine understanding amongst myself and I'm sure many others as well. During this celebration, many well accomplished civil rights persons were present along with the Honorable Jean Augustine (the first black Canadian woman to serve as a federal Minister of the Crown and Member of Parliament) who we were fortunate to see and receive a speech from. Mrs. Augustine's speech was one I'd describe as raw, as she was beyond efficient when communicating the significance of black history and its relevance in Canadian history as a whole. In summary, Wednesday February 7th, 2024 was truly a life changing experience for J. Addison students and one we will never take for granted.



# BOARDING SCHOOL

## “The Beekeeper” Movie-‘A Buzzing Adventure!’

By Bryan E. (Grade 12) (Nigeria)



On Friday February 2nd, 2024, a group of movie enthusiasts, including dorm staff and dorm kids embarked on an exciting field trip at Cineplex Markham (VIP) to watch “The Beekeeper,” starring Jason Statham, an eagerly anticipated action thriller with a unique environmental twist. The film follows an ex-MI6 agent turned beekeeper who uncovers a dangerous operation threatening innocent individuals. As they settle into the Cineplex Cinema, renowned for its excellent audiovisual experience, they are immersed in a world of espionage and action. Statham’s nuanced performance surprises the audience, portraying a man driven by a noble cause. The movie highlights themes of empathy, compassion and vengeance. Moreover, it raises awareness of fraudulent practices and promotes positive change in the human population. Overall, I would like to thank the dorm staff for a spectacular trip!

## Roller Skating Adventure (Dorm Activity)

By Rafiat A. (Grade 12) (Nigeria)



On Saturday February 3rd, 2024, nearly 15 dorm kids headed to Union Station Roller Express for a roller skating adventure in Downtown Toronto. Personally, I can confidently state that it was an absolute blast for everyone. Despite the long wait in line, lasting about an hour and a half, once we stepped inside, all the stress melted away. It marked a special moment for me as it was my first time roller skating. Though I fell countless times, I pushed past my fears to join in on the fun. With the support of my friends, I managed to skate a bit, creating memories even in my tumbles. It was heartwarming to witness everyone enjoying themselves, skating freely, falling, and getting back up. This day was undeniably filled with laughter and joy, and we extend our gratitude to the dorm staff for taking time out of their busy schedules to make it happen.



# ATHLETICS



Another basketball season has come and gone just like that. This year feels extra special with so many of our players moving on. We hosted a Senior's Night on the final week of January to celebrate our graduates. Our graduates received flowers and special awards while our boys played another victorious game against Bill Crothers.

In the final OSBA regular game for our girls on February 14th, our Lady Jaguars won 73 to 51 against another great team Orangeville Prep. Our girls did not get the chance to take a break as they headed off to North Carolina the following day for a four day tournament. They played 3 spectacular games, winning 2 of them and losing 1 by only 1 point.

Meanwhile, our boys also headed to the USA. They played 4 games in total, winning 2 of them. In the final week of February, our girls played against Essa Prep, winning 92 to 41 and making the OSBA semifinals against Excel Hoops. They defeated the team with a score of 75 to 59, officially advancing to the finals. We have one more final game to go in the month of March!



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# STUDENT OF THE MONTH

## RESIDENCE LIFE STUDENT OF THE MONTH



ENITAN B.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



EVA Z.



MAKSOU D R.



PRECIOUS A.

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

February's virtue is WISDOM with the following traits:

- I will use my conscience as my guide.
- I will use my words to help not harm.

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



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Grades 9 to 12



**Boarding Program**  
Grades 7 to 12

