

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

J. ADDISON CONNECT



IMPORTANT DATES FOR December

Last Day of FFS
Dec 5/2024

Last Day of Class
Dec 19/2024

PA Day
Dec 20/2024

Dorm Move Out - All Residents
Dec 21/2024

Winter Break
Dec 21/2024

The visit not only helped demystify the university experience but also sparked excitement and inspiration among J. Addison students, encouraging them to think critically about their future academic goals and the possibilities of pursuing higher education. This experience fostered a sense of ambition and curiosity, motivating the students to begin considering their potential university options in the coming years.

Day School

November 7 & 21, 2024

York University & Wilfrid Laurier University Trip

In November, students from J. Addison School had the exciting opportunity to visit York and Wilfrid Laurier University. The visit aimed to introduce the students to university life, allowing them to explore the diverse programs, cutting-edge facilities, and vibrant campus environment. The students took a guided tour of the campus, including state-of-the-art labs, libraries, and lecture halls, where they gained a deeper understanding of the resources available to university students. They also had the chance to attend a presentation by admissions officers, which covered the application process, scholarships, and various academic pathways. During the visit, students interacted with York University professors and current students, who shared their experiences and provided insights into student life and academic expectations.



**Operation Christmas Child Volunteer Activity
by Bryan Tran (Grade 12) (Hong Kong)**

On Monday November 18th, 2024, I had a meaningful experience being able to volunteer for Operation Christmas Child at Unionville Alliance Church. This volunteer activity allowed myself as well as my dorm peers the opportunity to work together and pack shoeboxes filled with gifts for children in need around the world. My dorm peers and I worked together in an efficient manner to increase our productivity for the volunteer organization. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to help others and meet new people in the community during this volunteer activity.



**Cineplex Movie Day: "Venom-The Last Dance"
by Elaine Zhang (Grade 12) (China)**

On Thursday November 28th, 2024, dorm students at J. Addison School had the opportunity to venture at the Cineplex Markham Movie theatre for an electrifying evening to watch "Venom-The Last Dance"! With free popcorn and soft drinks, We relaxed completely and enjoyed watching the movie with our friends. The action-packed blockbuster kept everyone on the edge of their seats, with thrilling visuals and a captivating storyline. A big thanks to all the dorm students who joined this fun activity which made this trip quite memorable and I can't wait for the next movie adventure!



**Willowgrove Outdoor
(Elementary, November 6, 2024)**

The elementary students of J. Addison School embarked on an exciting outdoor adventure at Willowgrove Outdoor Education Centre. The trip provided a unique opportunity for students to connect with nature while engaging in a variety of hands-on, educational activities. Surrounded by the beauty of the outdoors, the students participated in team-building exercises, nature walks, and environmental exploration, all designed to foster teamwork, problem-solving, and a deeper appreciation for the environment. The visit encouraged students to learn about local ecosystems, wildlife, and sustainability, while also enjoying some fun and physical activity in the fresh air. This memorable experience not only enhanced their understanding of the natural world but also helped them develop important life skills such as cooperation, communication, and respect for nature. It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and lasting memories, making it a truly enriching experience for all involved.



**Terry Fox Pie-In Face & Kiss The Pig Challenge Assembly
by Natalie Chan (Grade 10) (Hong Kong)**

"Who says fundraising can't be fun?" On Friday November 29th, 2024, J. Addison School hosted their annual "Terry Fox Assembly", which highlighted the major accomplishment from the school community of fundraising \$1,000.00 for the Terry Fox Foundation. The objective of this foundation is to shed light on funding innovative cancer research, which will hopefully lead to a world without cancer. With that being noted, the "Terry Fox Assembly" at J. Addison school had students, faculty and staff screaming with laughter and cheer at some staff who participated in the "Kiss the Pig and Pie-In Face" challenge. It was so delightful, to witness the students having the opportunity to smear whipped cream on the staff faces. Not to mention, the lively pig in the gym that caught everyone's attention. I must say we have some brave teachers at J. Addison School, who were able to kiss a live pig. This fun school assembly not only inspired the students to donate to a worthy cause, the school spirit and the atmosphere was incredible! What a nice way to end the school day!

Markham Santa Claus Parade by Sarkis Chan (Hong Kong) (Grade 11)

On Saturday November 30th, 2024, I had the opportunity to be a part of the Markham Santa Claus Parade for a second time. During the parade, the weather was so cold like last year and I noticed that there were only a few snowflakes falling this year. Last year, my role in the parade was wearing a "Winnie the Pooh" costume, however this year, I wanted to be the handler of the individuals who were wearing costumes for a different experience. Apart from this, it was extremely exciting to witness families and kids taking pictures with dorm students who were wearing costumes and I found great joy in helping them to interact with dorm students who were wearing Disney inspired costumes. Upon the end of the parade, I can attest that my dorm friends and I were exhausted, however it was such an awesome experience!

Fun Times





