

## BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

# J. ADDISON CONNECT



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR May & June

May 19 - Victoria Day (school is closed)

May 30 - Graduation Ceremony & Prom (High School)

June 6 - Graduation Ceremony (Elementary)

June 9-12 - Final Exams (High School)

June 13 - Last Day of School (Elementary)

June 13 - Last Day of School & Exam Review (High School)

June 14 - Dorm Move Out Day

June 16 - PA Day

To enhance the festive spirit, our teachers also crafted charming bunny ears for all the students, adding an extra layer of joy and excitement to the celebration. As a memorable conclusion to the day, every child received a sweet surprise of bunny-shaped chocolate bar from their teachers. The happiness, plus the lovely atmosphere were radiating around the classroom. This day will certainly hold a special place in the heart of both students and teachers.

## Day School

### Easter Egg Hunt (Elementary)

April 17, 2025

The students from Grades 3 to 6 experienced a delightful Easter Egg Hunt that brought joy and excitement to the school playground. With the warmth of the sun shining brightly, our teachers transformed the playground into an Easter wonderland, with incredible Easter-themed decorations and hidden chocolate eggs everywhere. The students explored every corner of the playground, and collaborated with their friends as they searched high and low for the colorful treasures. Laughter echoed throughout the area as they shared moments of discovery and friendly competition with their classmates.



### 905 Raptors Basketball Game

**Gassim Savane (Grade 11 - Guinea)**

March 17, 2025

On Monday, March 17th, 2025, a group of dorm students from our school had the incredible opportunity to attend a Raptors 905 basketball game. The energy, excitement, and overall atmosphere made it a memorable experience for everyone involved. From the moment we entered the Paramount Fine Foods Centre, the buzz of anticipation was contagious. Many of us had never been to a professional basketball game before, so seeing the players up close and experiencing the crowd's roar in real time was something truly special. The Raptors 905 did not disappoint as they played with passion and intensity, keeping us on the edge of our seats throughout the game. One of the highlights of the evening was witnessing the Raptors 905 secure a well-deserved win. The team's strong defense and fast-paced offense showed why they are such a competitive force in the G League. Every slam dunk and three-pointer was met with loud cheers from our group, adding to the already electric atmosphere. Beyond the game itself, the trip was a great way to bond with classmates, enjoy time away from the routine of school, and appreciate the sport from a new perspective. It reminded us of the value of school trips—not just as fun getaways, but as meaningful learning and social experiences. A big thank you to the staff who organized this event. It is safe to say that this trip will be talked about for a long time!



### Cineplex Movie Trip

**Sarkis Chan (Grade 11 - Hong Kong)**

April 22, 2025

On Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025, my dorm-mates and I had the opportunity to visit the local Cineplex theatre to watch an action-horror film called "Sinners", which we selected. This movie, starring Michael B. Jordan, depicted a chill cinematographic arrangement with some African-American traditional music, such as "Rhythm & Blues Soul". Based on my perspective, this horror movie did not showcase many jump scares but did highlight sudden, heavy, and ephemeral beats. Overall, this movie provided a relaxing opportunity for my dorm-mates and me, especially after a long day of school.



March 25, 2025

### Field Trip to Little Canada

Our elementary students embarked on an enriching field trip to Little Canada, where they stepped into a world of captivating miniature cities. This immersive field trip offered a unique opportunity for them to learn about Canada's culture, politics, geography, and innovation through intricately designed displays and interactive experiences.

One of the highlights was visiting Miniature Mission Control, where the professional staff explained how cars and trains moved through the displays, how they were charged, and even how traffic issues were managed behind the scenes. Students also explored the Story of Little Canada Wall, the Makers Studio, and the charming Little East Coast Exhibit.

Excitement peaked with a scavenger hunt and a playful search for hidden Canadian moose, blending fun with education. The trip inspired wonder, deepened their knowledge of our country, and demonstrated how creativity and technology work together to tell Canada's story in miniature.



### Dorm Bingo Night

**Nicole Hlaing (Grade 12 - Myanmar)**

March 6, 2025

On the evening of Thursday, March 6th, 2025, the school cafeteria was transformed into a lively hub of excitement as the Residence Council organized a Bingo Night for all dorm students. As attendance was mandatory, the room quickly filled with energy and anticipation, setting the stage for a memorable evening. Additionally, to keep the vibes fun and relaxed, dorm students were treated to snacks and drinks, including chips, pop, and ice cream sandwiches. Moreover, the classic game of bingo took center stage, and the crowd's enthusiasm was infectious. With each number called out, cheers and laughter filled the crowd. Apart from this, the distribution of game prizes kept the excitement high throughout the night. A few lucky winners received gift cards, but the highlights were the grand prizes, which were a new smart Roku TV and a pair of headphones. Overall, Bingo Night was a hit, reminding everyone that sometimes, a few numbers and a little luck can bring a whole lot of fun. It was also a chance for dorm students to connect, have fun, and make memories.

### Toronto Zoo Trip

**Elaine Zhang (Grade 12 - China)**

April 19, 2025

Dorm students enjoyed a lovely day at the Toronto Zoo on Saturday, April 19th, 2025. This fun activity allowed me, as well as other dorm students, to explore a wide range of wildlife exhibits. From beautiful flamingos to majestic lions, the Toronto Zoo trip offered a perfect break to relax for dorm students during the Easter long weekend. In summary, thanks to Residence Council 2024-2025 for organizing a wonderful and refreshing outing that was filled with nature, laughter, and great memories!



## Markham's Youth Science Exhibition

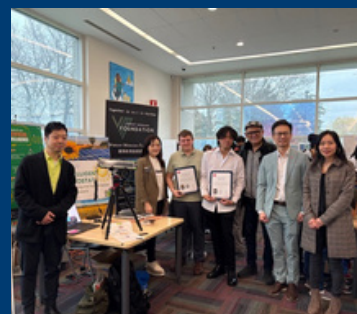
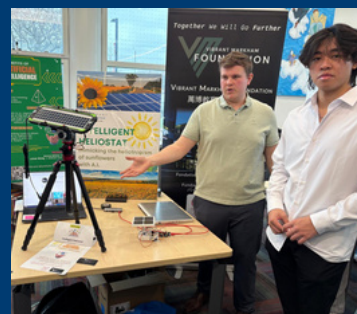
### Johan Wong (Grade 11 - Hong Kong)

April 26, 2025

I got the opportunity as a student volunteer to join the Intelligent Heliostat Project organized by Vibrant Markham Foundation, that uses the help of AI to optimize solar energy collection through solar panels by tilting towards the sun's position, ensuring maximum sunlight is shone on the panels. This is important to the environment as it promotes the efficient use of renewable energy, which reduces reliance on nonrenewable ones such as oil and coal. Working on this project has made me realize that innovation is about creating smart and simple solutions that can solve real-world problems like making renewable energy easier to use and accessible for everybody.

My favorite part of this project is the testing of the prototype. Seeing it actually tilted towards the flashlight of an iPhone was incredible. It really surprised me when I was told that the heliostat took inspiration from the heliotropism of plants when they responded to sunlight.

This experience has taught me the value of using technology to solve problems. It has shown me that AI can be used to assist people in their everyday lives and make everyone's job easier.



## Persian New Year Celebration

March 20, 2025

At J. Addison School, we were delighted to celebrate the Persian New Year, embracing the values of diversity and inclusivity that enrich our community. A festive corner, filled with tradition and color, welcomed students and staff to learn about the cherished customs of Nowruz.

One of the highlights of our celebration was the Haft Seen Table, where each item on the table carried a symbolic wish for the new year, from health, happiness to prosperity. Through this meaningful display, we gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for the rich culture and traditions of Iran.

It was a truly joyful occasion that brought us together in celebration and fostered a spirit of global friendship. We take pride in sharing the traditions of our diverse community and look forward to continuing to honor and celebrate the cultures that make J. Addison School such a special place.



## School Open House

April 12, 2025

J. Addison School was delighted to open its doors once again for a successful Open House event, warmly welcoming prospective families and students after a long pause brought by the pandemic. The day was filled with lively conversations and enthusiastic exploration as visitors toured our campus and engaged with our staff and students.

A variety of informative booths showcased key programs such as the Focus for Success (FFS) Program, Guidance, Dorm Life, Athletics & Wellness (Leadership, Sports, Health & Nutrition), and our vibrant Summer Program. Families were also treated to personalized tours led by our Admissions Officers, while our teaching staff shared insights into classroom life and the heartwarming ways they connect with students.

The day not only celebrated our community's resilience but also rekindled the excitement for learning and growth. We eagerly look forward to welcoming new students in the coming school year. We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our teachers, staff and students who helped make the day truly remarkable.

## Toronto FC Soccer Game Anson Kwong (Grade 12 - Hong Kong)

April 12, 2025

On Saturday April 12th, 2025, my dorm peers and I attended a soccer match. The two soccer teams that were competing was the Toronto FC and the Minnesota United FC. Despite the soccer match not producing a winner due to both teams not scoring, the atmosphere in Bank of Montreal Field upon entry was simply electrifying. Based on my experience, I noticed that there were large crowds of individuals that were chanting for the Toronto FC team as well as waving huge flags while adorning their hot red Toronto FC jerseys. Being that I am an avid soccer fan, having the opportunity to watch a live MLS soccer game was a dream come true. Personally, I was literally on edge of my seat for the whole entire time anticipating a win by the Toronto FC. I must expressed that both teams gave it their all, and there were moments when it seemed like a goal was about to be scored, particularly at the end. Every close-play to score by the Toronto FC team made the crowd gasp or cheer, which added to the thrill of the experience.

Moreover, I can attest that without objectives, there were a lot of good plays, wonderful defense, and some excellent footwork by both teams. Emphatically, I can state that the outing experience with my dorm friends made us closer and gave us something awesome to talk about afterwards. All things considered, it was an adventure that I would never forget. It was so much fun and I am already anticipating the next event!



Toronto FC VS Minnesota United FC



## Hydraulic Model Lesson Miss Dora (Elementary Teacher)

Grade 8 students were learning "Systems" in their Science lessons. Science is FUN with experiments and STEM projects. In this hydraulic STEM project, our kids investigated the application of hydraulic system in real-life situations. They applied their creativity and created hydraulic small-scale models of elevators, car auto lifts, and hydraulic arms, etc.

I was so impressed to witness their learning progress during the presentations. The students gained an understanding of the power of hydraulics through this project.



## Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Friendly Games

April 8 & 10, 2025

Congratulations to our Boys' and Girls' Volleyball teams for winning their friendly matches against C.O.D.E. Sports Academy! It was a proud moment for our school, highlighting the skills and progress our athletes have made. Special thanks go to our amazing coaches, Ms. Keisy and Mr. Walter, whose guidance has helped our athletes grow into stronger, and more confident players.

These games not only celebrated success but also contributed to the teams' growth and experience. We are excited to see how far their passion and hard work will take them. Stay tuned and keep cheering them on!



# Fun Times









## Students of the Month (March)



**Xixi B.**  
**Grade 5**  
**Elementary School**



**Ziyang L.**  
**Grade 9**  
**High School**



**Christina Z.**  
**Grade 12**  
**Dorm**

**March's virtue is Perseverance with the following traits:**

- Work hard toward goals
- Overcome obstacles
- Do not give up easily
- Are resourceful in reaching a goal

**Character Education Virtue:**  
**PERSEVERANCE**

## Students of the Month (April)



**Alvis N.**  
**Grade 8**  
**Elementary School**



**Allen Z.**  
**Grade 10**  
**High School**



**Antoine B.**  
**Grade 12**  
**Dorm**

**April's virtue is RESPECT with the following traits:**

- Care about others' feelings
- Are courteous and polite
- Honour roles of authority

**Character Education Virtue:**  
**RESPECT**

# STEM & SPORTS DAY CAMP

## HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT COURSES



- Ages 8 - 13, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (Extended Care available).
- Learn the skills of various sports including soccer, volleyball, floor hockey, badminton, basketball and more.
- Enjoy half-day activities such as Science Experiments, Arts and Crafts
- Limit of 20 campers per group.

**Camp A: July 7<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Camp B: July 21<sup>st</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Camp C: August 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>**



### IMPORTANT X

Summer High School Credit Courses are now open for registration. Scan the QR code to apply now!

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**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

