

BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

J. ADDISON CONNECT



IMPORTANT DATES FOR November & December

- Nov 5 - Elementary School Curriculum Night
- Nov 7 - PA Day
- Nov 11 - Remembrance Day
- Nov 14 - High School Mid-term Report Cards
- Nov 21 - Open House
- Nov 24-27 - Parent-Teacher Interviews (Elementary)
- Nov 26 - Parent-Teacher Interviews (High School)
- Nov 26 - Grades 10-12 OSSLT & PA Day (High School)
- Dec 11 - Last day of FFS
- Dec 18 - Last Day of Class
- Dec 19 - PA Day
- Dec 20 - Dorm Move Out
- Dec 22 - Start of Winter Break

Open House

October 24, 2025

J. Addison School was delighted to open its doors to prospective families for our recent Open House. Families had the wonderful opportunity to tour our campus, meet our dedicated teachers, staff, and students, and learn more about our diverse programs and scholarship opportunities. The day was filled with engaging conversations, warm connections, and an inspiring showcase of why our school continues to be a place where learning and belonging thrive.



Day School

September, 2025

Shining a Light on Sustainability: Our New Solar Initiative

The school is thrilled to announce the successful completion and activation of our new rooftop solar panel system. This exciting upgrade represents a significant investment in both sustainable infrastructure and our school's commitment to environmental stewardship.

The positive impact is already being realized; for the month of September alone, the system's clean energy production has yielded remarkable environmental benefits. Our efforts are equivalent to planting approximately 11 trees, reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide by an estimated 19.6 tonnes, and saving nearly 8 tonnes of coal. This initiative not only lessens our carbon footprint but also serves as a powerful, living laboratory for our students, providing a real-world example of innovation and responsibility in action. We look forward to sharing more updates on our green energy journey.



In-house University Fair

September 24, 2025

A world of opportunity came directly to our students during our wonderfully successful In-House University Fair. Our gym was transformed into a vibrant hub of higher learning, hosting over 30 representatives from a distinguished array of universities and colleges across Canada and overseas.

The gym hummed with excited conversations as our students, armed with thoughtful questions, dove into discussions about unique programs, campus culture, and admission details. They were not just collecting brochures; they were crafting their futures, one conversation at a time. We are so proud of our students for embracing this opportunity with such open minds and determined spirits. Parents, acting as supportive partners, listened intently and shared in the momentous decision-making process. It was incredibly inspiring to see so many students walk away with a newfound sense of direction, their notebooks filled with notes and their minds buzzing with inspiration.

A monumental thank you to all the representatives who brought their passion and expertise to our doors. We are already counting down to next year's fair!



Elementary Spaghetti Tower STEM Lesson

September 9, 2025

The Spaghetti Tower Challenge was a delightful blend of creativity, physics, , offering our elementary students a hands-on opportunity to explore the world of engineering. Using only dry spaghetti and marshmallows, students worked in teams to construct the tallest free-standing tower possible.

Through this engaging activity, students discovered the importance of structural strength, balance, and stability while developing essential collaboration and communication skills. More than just a fun challenge, the experience provided valuable insight into how engineers approach real-world problems with curiosity, experimentation, and teamwork.



Student Council Election

September 30, 2025

Excitement filled the air as J. Addison School successfully held its Student Council Election for the 2025–2026 term. Each candidate worked tirelessly to share their vision, engage with peers, and contribute to building a vibrant school community. From spirited campaigns to the presidential debate and final voting day, the process truly reflected the students' leadership and teamwork.

Congratulations to our newly elected President Sarkis C. and Vice President Aung S. B. on their well-deserved victories. We also extend appreciation to Kiran B. and Sienna P. T. for their outstanding dedication and enthusiasm. The Student Council has already begun organizing new activities, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact they will continue to make at J. Addison School.



Oasis Zoo Run**Jackie H. (Grade 9 - Myanmar)**

The Oasis ZooRun is an annual, family-friendly running event held at the Toronto Zoo. Participants can choose from a 10k, 5k, or a children's race, making it accessible for all ages. This year's event attracted a huge number of participants, making it the largest event I have ever volunteered for.

Many runners came well-prepared, and you could see their happiness and passion for running. The atmosphere was full of energy, with people of all ages showing not only their dedication to fitness but also to community service. As volunteers, we worked alongside friendly and patient staff who taught us how to help organize the event and interact effectively with the runners. What I really loved about this event was the welcoming, positive vibe of the zoo. It wasn't just about the competition—it was a community celebration. People ran or walked with friends and family, and the unique setting allowed participants to enjoy views of the animals while on the course, which made the experience even more fun and entertaining.

There were plenty of supporters and casual runners, creating an atmosphere of encouragement and care. I'm especially grateful to my school for allowing me to be part of this amazing event. It was truly a fun and meaningful experience, and I hope to return one day—not just as a volunteer, but as a runner!



September 13, 2025



September 14, 2025

**Terry Fox Run (Markham/Unionville)****Aneeqa S. K. (Grade 12 - Hong Kong, China)**

On Sunday, September 14th, the J. Addison community proudly participated in the annual Terry Fox Run in Markham/Unionville, a day filled with purpose, unity, and inspiration. Under sunny skies and perfect weather, students, staff, and volunteers came together to walk in support of cancer research and to honour the enduring legacy of Terry Fox. The two-hour walk took participants through scenic local trails, surrounded by serene ponds and nature. The journey was made even more enjoyable by the incredible energy of student volunteers and fellow participants, whose encouragement kept spirits high every step of the way. Water stations were thoughtfully placed along the route, and the sense of camaraderie was truly heartwarming.

One memorable moment was when Mr. Brendan brought his dog, Jaxon, to join in the walk, adding a touch of fun and excitement for everyone. As participants crossed the finish line, they were greeted with enthusiastic cheers, free refreshments, and a lively post-run atmosphere. A variety of booths were set up, featuring book sales, clothing items, and raffle tickets, all contributing to the fundraising efforts.

This meaningful event not only supported an important cause but also brought the J. Addison community closer together. We are proud to have walked in Terry Fox's footsteps and to continue his mission of hope and determination.

**"Fall Fest" Thanksgiving Celebration****Aneeqa S. K. (Grade 12 - Hong Kong, China)**

On Friday, October 10th, our school was filled with a wonderful spirit of gratitude and community. The energy was amazing as students poured in and discovered a variety of tasty treats. From freshly popped popcorn and ice cream sandwiches to fluffy cotton candy and a chocolate fountain with crisp apples for dipping. To make it a truly complete feast, our fantastic cafeteria staff prepared a special Thanksgiving meal featuring all the classics: roasted turkey, savoury stuffing, and delicious pies.

A vibrant photobooth was also provided for students to take pictures with their friends. Mr. Brendan truly outdid himself, creating a stunning natural ambiance outside the cafeteria using real tree branches. The Residence Council team also helped with the decorations inside the cafeteria.

Out of all the stalls, the popcorn stall has to be my favourite. Preparing the popcorn was such a fun and unique experience, seeing the faces of students when they get the popcorn we made was such a fulfilling experience.

October 10, 2025

Residence Council Table Tennis Tournament
Nicky Y. (Grade 12 - Hong Kong, China)

October 24, 2025



On Friday October 24th, 2025, the Residence Council held an exciting Table Tennis Tournament that brought dorm students together for a fun and energetic evening. Many students came to watch and cheer for their friends, filling the dorm with laughter and applause. The matches were intense, and all the players showed great skill and sportsmanship in the games. After the matches, Jackie, Ethan, and Howard proved to be the strongest competitors. I really enjoyed watching the players give their best and see everyone support each other. The energy in the room encouraged all of us.

CIBC Run for the Cure

Cristiano S. (Grade 9/10 - Trinidad & Tobago)

The CIBC Run for the Cure in Richmond Hill Park on October 5th, 2025, was an electric activity that our J. Addison students volunteered for. In this activity, we combined teamwork and perseverance to provide support to the marathon runners with a rewarding experience. The event started at around 7:00 AM, when the students were given jerseys to better represent the event. They were then guided around the track by the hosts and placed in strategic areas to direct and cheer on the marathoners.

As the race started, Mr. Brendan, Anthony, and Jaxon (Mr. Brendan's dog) loudly cheered on the marathoners as they began the run. As I walked throughout the race taking photos of our students, I was met with loud cheers and applause with marathoners showing appreciation for the students. Coming down to the last couple of kilometres, I saw Mr. Dasan shouting and cheering on the marathoners, saying, "Let's go, guys!". As the last few people finished the marathon, the volunteers started their clean up and walked back to the start point of the race. They helped pick up tables and chairs, tear down tents to be packed away in the truck, and pop balloons that had been placed around the area with the help of other volunteers.

To conclude the day's activity, we were given food and drinks as a thank-you from the CIBC Run for the Cure hosts. Since the volunteer activity did not include transportation, many students took rides back to school or home, concluding the event for the day at around 12:30 PM. In conclusion, the CIBC Run for the Cure was an unforgettable event. It was lively, exuberant, and thrilling—an experience that all dorm and day students at J. Addison enjoyed.

Oct 5, 2025



Elite Boys' Basketball Team

Dominant Home Victory

October 23, 2025

In a powerful display of skill and teamwork, the Elite Boys' Basketball Team opened their home schedule with a resounding 108-45 victory over Future Hope Academy. Leading the charge was Soren N., who lived up to his billing as one of Canada's top two-way players. His game-high 28 points were a testament to his offensive versatility and defensive tenacity. Orchestrating the flow was point guard Cassidy G., who not only scored 20 points but dictated the tempo, creating opportunities for his teammates with pinpoint accuracy. Providing the explosive energy was Saleem I., whose aggressive, attack-mode mentality netted him 22 points and kept the opponent's defense on its heels all day.

This dominant victory sets an exciting tone for the season. Be sure to join us and support the team as they build on this incredible start!



Boys' Soccer Team Friendly Game

October 23, 2025

We are delighted to extend our sincerest congratulations to our Boys' Soccer Team for their outstanding performance in the friendly game against École secondaire Norval-Morrisseau. From the first whistle to the last, our students demonstrated exceptional skills, unwavering determination, and truly commendable sportsmanship. The game was fantastic with every player contributing to a strong and spirited effort. Their hard work on the training field was evident in their execution on the pitch, and we could not be prouder of the passion and dedication they represent.

We commend each player and Mr. Amr for their hard work and for representing our school with such excellence.



Canada's Wonderland Halloween Haunt Natalie C. (Grade 11 - Hong Kong, China)

October 12, 2025

On Sunday, October 12th, both day and dorm students visited Canada's Wonderland with excitement because the Halloween season was here. During October, the park has haunted houses and real-life actors to scare you at night, which is super fun—just like a huge Halloween party with all the villains! In this trip, my buddies and I went to all the haunted houses. I had to hold my friends' hands really tight because I was so afraid! The park was filled with smoke and glowing purple lights, creating a spooky and mysterious atmosphere. It really took the Halloween spirit to the next level. Before I left, I asked an actress if I could take selfies with her. I love their makeup so much, so impressive.



Besides all the fear and screams, we also had a lot of fun at the other attractions. As thrill-seekers, we went on all the fastest rides, like the Yukon Striker and Leviathan. Even though the lines were long, the experience was so enjoyable and totally worth the wait. The ups and downs, the 90-degree drop, and the centrifugal force made all of us fired up. We spent a whole day in Canada's Wonderland, from 1:00 pm to 12:00 am, from day to night. Time flies when you are having fun. I didn't notice we played 12 hours in total. Overall, I was so glad I signed up. I would have really regretted it if I didn't. Such a fun activity!

Niagara Falls Trip

September 20, 2025

Sarkis C. (Grade 12 - Hong Kong, China)

On Saturday, September 20th, our school organized a wonderful trip to Niagara Falls, a place I hadn't visited in six years. My last memory of the Falls was filled with childlike wonder, standing in awe as the water thundered down with breathtaking power. I remember being completely captivated by its natural beauty. This time around, the experience took a slightly different turn. After arriving and taking a quick look at the Falls, which still looked as magnificent as I remembered, I headed with my friends to the outlet mall nearby. The mall had a wide variety of stores, and I was excited to finally buy a pair of pants I had been wanting for a long time. While exploring, I also discovered something new: Dubai chocolate, which has recently become quite popular. I hadn't tried it before, and to my delight, it completely satisfied my sweet tooth!

Later in the day, we returned to the Falls to regroup with everyone. As we gathered, the sun was beginning to set, casting a golden glow over the water. A beautiful rainbow appeared above the Falls, creating a magical moment that reminded me of the wonder I felt as a child. In that quiet moment, I realized something important: while the Falls looked the same, they felt different, more meaningful, more nostalgic. Though the trip began with shopping and laughter, it ended with reflection and a deeper appreciation for the beauty of Niagara Falls. It's a place that continues to hold a special place in my heart, no matter how many years go by.



Residence Council "Uno Tournament"

October 10, 2025

Lily Y. X. (Grade 12 - Peru)

Last Friday, dorm students gathered in the common room of Erie Hall for the Residence Council's Uno Tournament, filling the evening with energy and friendly excitement. The Uno Tournament was a fun experience. I had the chance to connect with other dorm students and get to know them better while laughing and cheering together. For me, the game was full of strategy and luck. It was exciting and enjoyable, but what really mattered was having fun instead of worrying about winning. I could see everyone smiling, laughing and enjoying the game, which made the atmosphere warm and lively. It truly brought a positive vibe within our residence. One moment I will never forget occurred when I was about to win first place, but the player beside me changed the deck. In the end, I lost, even though he still had about ten cards. It was a truly entertaining moment. That was really fun.

Through this experience, I learned that genuine connection and appreciation of the moment can turn something simple into something really special.





Elementary “Trick or Treat”

October 31, 2025

The hallways were transformed into a festive Halloween pathway for our special Trick or Treat celebration. The students had a wonderful time displaying their imaginative costumes and traveling from door to door within the school to receive a generous variety of sweets and snacks from our staff members. The joy on each child's face was unmistakable, not only from receiving an abundance of candies and chocolates but also from the sheer fun of celebrating together as a school family.

This activity beautifully showcased the positive and nurturing environment we strive to maintain, highlighting the strong sense of community and school spirit that we cherish.

TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon

October 19, 2025

Jackie H. (Grade 9 - Myanmar)

The TCS Waterfront Marathon volunteer activity took place on Sunday October 19th, 2025 in downtown Toronto. Indeed, it was an exciting and electrifying activity that dorm students as well as dorm staff enjoyed.

The underlining themes of teamwork and perseverance were evident at this community outreach activity and it served as a catalyst for varied participants to have a rewarding experience. I can attest that the workers at the event were friendly and welcoming. They always smiled and guided us politely while making the atmosphere positive. For example, there were many community outreach leaders that visited myself as well as other student volunteers to ensure that we had food and water while completing our volunteer service assignments.

Apart from this, their cheerful attitude made the whole activity welcoming for both runners and volunteers. I really like how they treated both the volunteers and spectators with respect. During the volunteer event, I stood along the road and cheer for the runners. I clap, shout as well as encourage them, which by the way, brought joy to my life! Personally, the passion from the runners was truly astonishing to the point that they were so focus in achieving their goal. Moreover, the sheer fact that they gave me a wave and a triumph hand gesture, truly made my day!

Overall, I would describe this volunteer activity as a meaningful experience which taught me the importance that kindness and cheer can have a positive impact on others. With that being stated, I would like to thank the school for providing myself with the opportunity to be of service to others.



Halloween Spirit Week

October 27-31, 2025

Our amazing Student Council did an exceptional work in planning and executing a truly memorable Halloween Spirit Week. It was packed with an array of engaging activities, including Door Decorating Competition, Halloween Movie Session, Pajama Day, Bake Sale, and a spectacular Costume Contest. The tremendous participation from both students and staff across all grades was a joy to witness and served to strengthen the bonds within our school community. This event was a powerful demonstration of our vibrant school spirit and the collective effort that makes our school such a special and connected place to learn and grow.

Students of the Month (SEPTEMBER)



Max H.
Grade 5
Elementary School



Jason S.
Grade 7/8
Elementary School



Allen Z.
Grade 11
High School



Vanessa L.
Grade 12
Dorm

Character Education Virtue:
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

Students of the Month (OCTOBER)



Yingtong L.
Grade 6
Elementary School



Mackenzie M.
Grade 8
Elementary School



Ashley L.
Grade 12
High School



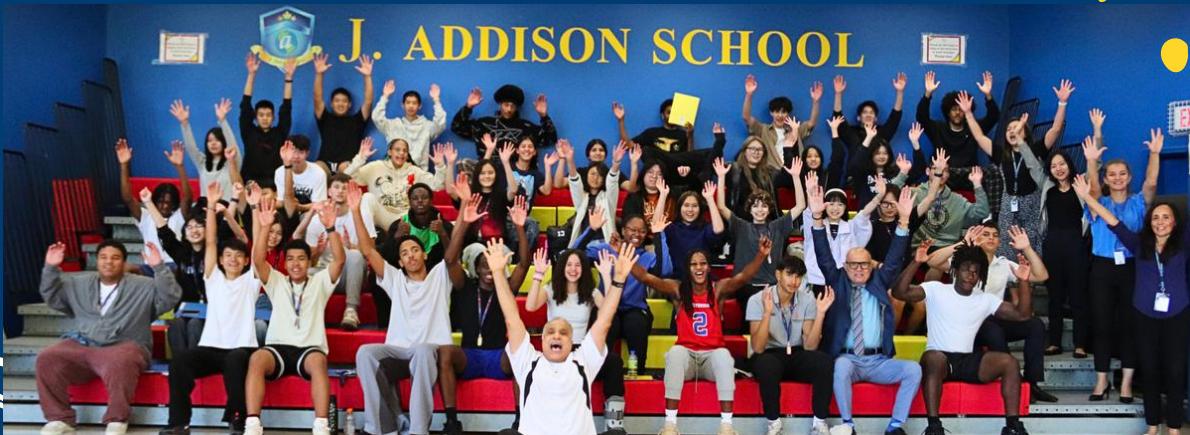
Cristiano S.
Grade 9/10
Dorm

Character Education Virtue:
FAIRNESS

October's virtue is **Fairness** with the following traits:

- I will be impartial
- I will be without prejudice
- I will be just

Fun Times







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