



Janus Journal

Thanksgiving 2017

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Thanksgiving

by Carlene Chrumka, Executive Director (interim)

September seems to have gone by in a blur of activity. I'd like to thank all of the staff team who are doing such a great job in welcoming back students from last year as well as those new to our school. As we all know, change in the routine for our students can be difficult and it takes time and effort to help them re-establish school time routines. The Janus staff are working hard at ensuring all the students feel welcomed here.

We had our annual Parent Meeting with new families who have enrolled their children in Janus. What a great turn out! We had parents from all of our new students. Thanks to all of them for showing up and to our Leadership team for updating and answering all the questions the families had. It was really a great night and a pleasure to meet everyone.

We are really excited to launch our Language Arts pilot program. From all indications, this pilot has already had great success and the students who are participating seem to be making some great strides. In June, we applied for funding from the TELUS Community Board grants program to support this project. I am extremely pleased to announce that our application was accepted and we will be receiving the full \$20,000 that we requested. These funds will be instrumental in helping us purchase the equipment and supplies we need to really support this program. THANK YOU TELUS, for your support!

With October upon us, we are full on into Student Workshops and Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are looking forward to working with parents in structuring each student's IPP and ensuring that they have a successful and fun year at Janus.

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Important Dates

Fall 2017

Mark your calendars

- October 2-5 Student Workshops
- October 5 Shoot of the Century Fundraiser
- October 6 Organizational Day (no school)
- October 9 Thanksgiving (no school)
- October 10-12 Parent Teacher Conferences (forms will be sent out via email)
- October 20 Picture Day
- October 31 HALLOWEEN celebrations



Keep your contact information up to date

If you have not filled out and returned the Student Information Form, please do so ASAP.

If you move or need to update any emergency contact information throughout the year, please contact:

Karli Martin @
403.262.3333 or

karli@janusacademy.org

Attendance Reporting Reminder

ALL CAMPUSES

Please report all absent or late students as early as possible by calling:

RAMSAY CAMPUS [Elementary]

403.262.3333

ACADIA CAMPUS [Jr/Sr High]

403.228.5559

Please include:

- Student Name
- Teacher
- Reason for Absence

You may leave a message at any time on our voicemail.

STUDENT WORKSHOPS REMINDER

Please refer to the schedule below to review when your child is required to be at school.

RAMSAY CAMPUS:

October 2 & 3	Timi, Alanna, Keira, Alexander, Noah, Reuben, Dylan, Isaac, Jessica, Kiana, Jack, Ethan, Anna, Gabriel, Khaled, Megan, Christian, Daniel, Sully
October 4 & 5	Eric, Ishaan, Felix, Hoen, Hashim, Gabriel, Joshua, Aaron, Quintana, Attila, Adi, Sebastian, Kye, Elaina, Nadia, Ryan, Marko, Akif

ACADIA CAMPUS:

October 2 & 3	Navpreet, Keira, Lysie, Hannah, Erfan, Eric, Maya and Francis
October 4 & 5	Rowen, Owen, Silus, Charlie, Monchan, Arnold, Marc and Ricky

IMPORTANT: Your child is required to stay home on the days that they are not in workshops



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The October book club catalogues have been sent home.
Please send your completed order form to the school by Oct 5th, 2017.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

<p>PAY ONLINE WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Go to: parentpay.scholastic.ca. Search for Karli Martin. Enter Parent Pay Code: HALLOWEEN Payment reference #: _____ To complete your order hand in this form to your child's teacher. 	<p>PAY BY CHEQUE</p> <p>Return order form to your child's teacher with cheque payable to Scholastic Canada. No post-dated cheques.</p>
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School Training Corner

Targets for group teaching

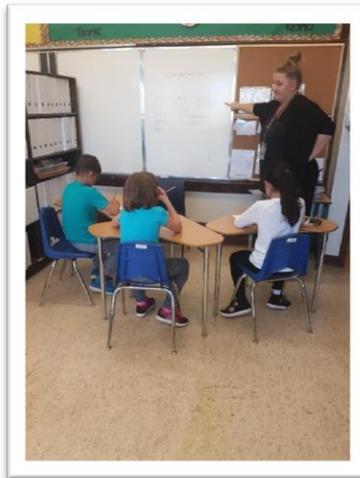
- *Transfer/generalize mastered skills
- *Transfer/generalized instructional control
- *Teach student to follow instructions given to the entire group and not directly to them
- *Teach students group expectations (i.e. raise hands to answer questions, waiting, turn taking skills etc.)
- *Teach joint attention/transfer skills
- *Teach discrimination in a group (i.e. If you are a boy raise your hands etc.)
- *Independence (i.e. not needing a prompter)
- *Listening skills/auditory attention
- *Teach age appropriate skills
- *Maintaining appropriate behaviours

Group Teaching

By Yolande Daley, Training Director

The start of the year has been very successful within classroom group teaching. The new and returning students have settled in quite nicely. Small group teaching allows for independent learning experiences to be generalized. It also helps students build communication skills through group tasks and contributions. Each small group teaching is tailored based on the specific student needs and requirements.

In September, all classroom groups focused on establishing instructional control (such as student sitting appropriately, attending to instructor, folding hands, raising hands, following group expectations and routines). Students are already showing progress in transitioning and following group instructions. Instructors have assessed each student's skill levels in areas of language comprehension, graphic skills, and academics. Motivators and token boards are used to give positive feedback and build independence. Now that students are demonstrating improved group ready skills, October will be the start of core subject units and theme objectives.



Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The Janus Academy Society Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee is a group of individuals who serve the Janus Community. We are dedicated to develop, promote and maintain a safe and healthy environment. We are committed to finding solutions of safety concerns and promote a safe and secure environment for all staff, students and community.

Committee members:

Tara Brady

My name is Tara Brady and I am one of the Adult Program Managers at Janus Academy. I work at our Cornerstone Church location in the Northeast. I've been with Janus for a few years now and have had the pleasure of working with our adults since November of last year. I look forward to serving all staff alongside the OH & S committee members.

Cathrine Petersen

My name is Cathrine Petersen and I am the Program Coordinator for room 15. For the past 10 years, I have had the pleasure of teaching the most amazing Janus students who teach me new things about myself daily. I am truly passionate about my work here at Janus and love to see all the wonderful accomplishments of all the students. I am originally from Norway but moved to Canada with my family when I was 16; I lead a busy and active life with my husband and three boys, who keep me busy with hiking, skiing, camping, cooking, crafting and living life to the fullest! I joined the Janus Academy OHS committee as I also have a passion for health and safety and look forward to improving the health and safety standards for the staff, students and community of Janus.

Kendal Kurta

My name is Kendal Kurta. I work at the Elementary location of Janus Academy. This is my fourth year at Janus Academy and I am currently in the role of Classroom Coordinator of Room 11. I joined the occupational health and safety committee to help establish and maintain a safe and healthy environment for the students, staff and Janus Academy community.

Tom Connell

My name is Thomas Connell and I work at the Ability Hub location of the Janus Academy Adult Day Program (Odessa), which is within the Child Development Centre just opposite the Alberta Children's Hospital. I am a Community Disability and Support Worker, which means that I work with the clients within program block settings. This means that I work with every client either 1:1 or 2:1. As well as programming within the location, we also go on field trips as well as times outside like swimming, grocery shopping, and more. My role on the Occupational Health and Safety Committee is to draft the agendas for each meeting we have and to take notes so we are all kept up to date with the progress of each meeting. As well as this, like other members of the committee for the other adult day program(s), I provide feedback on how my specific program works and how we can incorporate different health and safety awareness within my setting and as a whole for Janus Academy. In addition, I am a big fan of sports, especially NFL/CFL (football), and I am a Green Bay Packers/Calgary Stampeders fan from Liverpool, England.

Roxanne Smigelski

Dana de Bok

Parent Training

PARENT WORKSHOP

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOURS

Date: Wednesday November 15th, 2017

Time: 12:30pm to 3:00pm

Presented by: Yolande Daley

Location: 8516 Athabasca Street SE. (Acadia Campus)

*Workshop is FREE to all Janus Academy parents

This workshop is designed to provide a how to guide in dealing with behavioural challenges at home. Topics will include, identifying the functions of behaviours, proactive strategies to teach alternatives to maladaptive behaviours and reactive approaches for when behaviours occur.

The workshop will include some theory on behaviours and an interactive component for parents to practice these techniques. We would recommend this workshop for new parents. Returning parents are encouraged and welcomed, however, if you have attended my previous behaviour workshop, the concepts will be similar.

To register, please email yolande@janusacademy.org

An Introduction to Sexuality and Disability with Children and Youth with disability

Conducted by: Heather Cobb B.Sc., PGCE

October 19th, 2017 Time 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Location: 8516 Athabasca Street SE (Janus Acadia Campus)

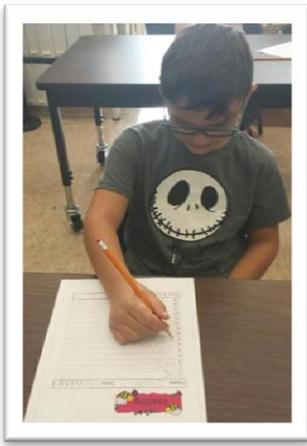
Please join us on October 19th, 2017 for an evening workshop presented by Heather Cobb B.Sc., PGCE, Sexual Health Promotion Specialist. The format of the workshop will be an hour presentation and a half hour for questions. The objective is to develop an understanding of the importance of discussing sexuality with children and youth with disability by identifying and exploring values surrounding sexuality and disability. You will also learn about practical strategies and tools for discussing and teaching children and youth with disability what they need to know about puberty, healthy boundaries and growing up.

To register, please email yolande@janusacademy.org



Language Arts Program

The Language Arts Project at the Elementary site has successfully launched for the 2017-2018 school year. Seventeen students are grouped according to their learning level in the Alberta Education Language Arts curriculum, taking into account their ability to sit and learn within a small group setting.



There are typically four students with one instructor and one prompter. The student agenda communicates to the parent(s) the matrix with regards to what areas are being focused on. There are weekly write ups with specific skill targets for each student. We have watched the students become familiar and comfortable in their new classroom setting with the Language Arts Specialist, Rozina.

Classroom Focus

In Room 11, we have a new teaching session called "Healthy Living." The students will learn about a variety of ways to live a healthy lifestyle and how to keep their bodies healthy and strong. Some of the topics include the four food groups, making healthy food choices, proper hygiene (i.e. brushing teeth), and exercise. The students will engage in different activities throughout the year such as crafts, Science experiments, cooking, Yoga, community walks, and physical activities.



Fundraising

2017 Shoot of the Century Charity Event

October 5th 11:30 am to 5:00pm.

Silver Willows Sporting Club

We are officially **SOLD OUT!** We will have 14 foursomes joining us for a day of "golf with a shot gun" in our **Shoot of the Century** charity event in support Janus Academy! The day will begin with an overview of clay shooting and the course we will be using. Then it's off to the range where each foursome will traverse the course and win some prizes along the way!

We would like to thank the following participants:

- Sagium Health
- Maxfield Inc.
- Sinneave Family Foundation
- Vantage Point
- Steel Reef
- McDaniel & Associates Consultants Ltd.
- TSGI

We are hopeful for sunny weather and grateful for an amazing turn out! Stay tuned for pictures from the event!

21st Annual Spring Gala & Charity Auction

Saturday March 10, 2018

Commonwealth Centre



Parents should have received their solicitation and sponsorship packages via email and in your child's backpack.

Early Bird Draws for Janus Parents:

We will be having 2 Early Bird Draws. Each draw will be to win **2 FREE tickets** to the Gala (value of \$300.00), leaving you with only 6 tickets (min.) to sell. To qualify for the first draw, parents must solicit sponsorship(s) before the deadline to be entered (you can be entered more than once). To qualify for the second draw, parents must submit their 10 auction items before the deadline to be entered (you can only be entered once).

The deadline for both draws is **December 22, 2017**. Good luck to all the parents!

For more information, contact: teresa@janusacademy.org or carlene@janusacademy.org

JANUS SOCIAL

Hello Janus Parents,

My name is Christine Tracey and I am the Casino Chairperson and a member of the Gala Committee. In June, I reached out on a social level in hopes of bringing our parent community a little closer. Over the past year, a small group of Ramsay campus moms have gathered for breakfast, coffee or walks. We always enjoy lots of conversation and laughter and it would be fantastic to have more of us gather as well as gathering more frequently.

I have begun to organize the Janus Mom's Group and have heard from some of you already! We will try to meet monthly – alternating between morning and evenings to accommodate our ever-hectic schedules. At the end of the year I'd like to organize a larger get together including our families. You can choose to attend as many or as few of the group meetings as you wish!

My hope is that we can each grow our support networks in a more personable and reachable way. We would be able to better assist our children as well by expanding their friend groups! Even though we all have children at the same school, we often don't have the opportunities to encourage their peer relationships with classmates. We can share information, share stories and, most importantly, share laughs!

Please reach out if you are interested with your name and contact details. This information is not shared with anyone except myself. I will email out some dates and activities as well as create a Google Calendar invite for our confirmed meets.

You can reach out to me via email catracey77@gmail.com or cell 587-897-8740!

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Christine Tracey

Calendar of Events

Dinners :

Sept 24th 5:00 pm at The Blue Star Diner

Oct 18th - 5:00 pm dinner location TBA and then

"I Mom So Hard" show at 7pm Jack Singer Concert Hall

Breakfasts :

December 22 - Benny's (Deerfoot Meadows)

March 23 - Red's (Ramsay)

June 28 - Blackfoot Market



AMAZING KIDS, AMAZING FAMILIES KIDS SOCIAL SKILLS & PARENTGROUP



Helping families create their own success story.

Our Amazing Kids, Amazing Families groups fosters children’s success while empowering parents and connecting them with other families.

Presented in partnership by:



Amazing Kids is an 8-week course designed to promote children’s social development. Topics include self-esteem, managing emotions, friendships, conversation, and more! Our curriculum includes essential components for long-lasting outcomes, including parental involvement and tools to generalize skills to the real world.

At the same time, parents will learn how to support their child and family’s well-being while connecting with other parents.

Babysitting available upon request.

**WEDNESDAYS 6-7:30
STARTING OCT. 18, 2017**

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Calgary, AB

Space is limited, so book your spot today!

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asiap@autismpartnership.ca

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Our Vision
To be recognized as a leader in specialized education and the facilitation of lifelong community integration of children and youth with autism

Our Mission
To empower and support children and youth with autism and their families, maximizing their quality of life by providing excellence in innovative teaching techniques that meet their academic, social and emotional needs

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