

January Greeting from Janus Academy

Hello Everyone and Happy New Year

It seems like it was just yesterday when we were welcoming all the students, families, and staff back to Janus after the summer holiday, and now we are ringing in a New Year!

We ended 2022 with an amazing Winter Concert. The students and staff worked really hard to put on a great show and I think they succeeded in giving us a wonderful performance. It was so nice to see so many families and friends attend the event.

We are excited to be starting our community field trips. These types of activities have been put on hold the last few years because of COVID -19 so it is great to be able to give the students the opportunity to practice many of the skills they use at school in a larger environment and to also introduce them to the community. I am sure the classes will be sharing lots of pictures and details on how the outings go.

Since September we have been focusing on one of our core values each month. These values were created during the Organizational Road Map process that we conducted last year. Our theme this month is Accountability. Although we change the focus each month, we continue to incorporate all of our core values into our daily practices.

I hope you all have a safe and healthy 2023.

Carlene Chrumka
Chief Executive Officer

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Kindness is
like snow,
it beautifies
everything it
covers.

Kahlil Gibran



IMPORTANT DATES

Winter 2023

Mark your calendars

- January 9 Non-instructional Day (no school)
- January 10 Classes Resume
- February 6-7-8-9 Student Workshops
- February 10 Non-instructional Day (no school)
- February 14 & 15 Parent Teacher Conferences (school open)
- February 17 Teachers Convention/Staff Professional Development (no school)
- February 20 Family Day
- February 23 **Pink Shirt Day**
- March 24 Early Dismissal – 12:00 pm
- March 27-31 Spring Break (no school)



Parent Lunch & Learn

SAVE THE DATE

Topic: Understanding Regulation

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Online

Presenter: Fiona Perkins, BCBA

[Watch your email to register](#)



SECOND STUDENT WORKSHOPS

February 6 - 9

In February, we will be conducting our last set of student workshops. Student workshops give your child’s educational team the opportunity to discuss student progress, review goals and expectations and practice therapy techniques. Workshops are split into 2 sets: Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday.

Please refer to the schedule below for workshop attendance. If your child is **NOT** listed on a specific day below, they are to stay home.

<p>February 6 & 7</p>	<p><u>Elementary Students to attend school</u> Humayl, Edward, Denzel, Zoha, Luke C, Charlie, Parker, Connie, Liam, Nathan A, Joshua O, Petros, Parsa, Seher, Yuvan, Jayden, Sully, Mason, Nathan T, Andy, Marko, Harrison, William, Jordan, Zoe, Rimshaa, Tawana, Noah S, Afsa, Vlaan</p>
<p>February 6 & 7</p>	<p><u>Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school</u> Josh E, Noah C, Alanna, Ayo, Sebastian, Isaiah, Felix, Sharlene, Cole, Kiana, Nurasyil, Olivia, Nadia, George, Attila</p>
<p>February 8 & 9</p>	<p><u>Elementary Students to attend school</u> Stella, Nayef, Isaac, Cruz, Matthew, Luke Y, Zaviyar, Oliver, Zeehan, Anders, Anahita, Eden, Ekene, Ramis, Mila, Siddhan, Marcus, Chloe, Runo</p>
<p>February 8 & 9</p>	<p><u>Jr/Sr. High Students to attend school</u> Megan, Adi, Mett, Dylan, Ethan, Josh M, Alex, Cesar, Jessica, Jackson, Annika, Jana, Keira, Jack, Zack</p>

If you have any questions regarding workshops, please feel free to contact the school.

Please note, we are unable to change your child’s workshop dates due to scheduling difficulty. We hope by providing advance notice, that you will be able to accommodate these dates.

Thank you for your understanding.



IMPORTANT NOTICES



Calgary Transit Access has changed their Fare Schedule. Children aged 12 and under can ride FREE of charge on Calgary Transit and Calgary Transit Access – no fare is required. We are happy to report that this applies to children attending Janus Academy.



Ban on Single Use Plastics

As you may have heard, The City of Calgary has placed a ban on single use plastics that will come into effect over the next year. What this means for Janus Academy is that we will no longer be providing plastic cutlery for use here at Janus Academy. We will ensure there is some access to metal cutlery for teaching and emergencies, however our students and staff will now need to bring their own cutlery to school each day. Some of our staff have already purchased the following item, which can be found on Amazon.



Bestseller
8 Pieces Flatware Sets Knife, Fork, Spoon, Chopsticks, SENHAI 2 Pack Rustproof Stainless Steel Tableware Dinnerware with Carrying Case for Traveling Camping Picnic Working Hiking(Red Brown,Dark Green)



Parent's Survival Resource & Connection Society



Inclusion Coffee

You're not alone, Join others like you on our online coffee meet up.

Parent's Survival Resource & Connection Society is holding online **Inclusion Coffee** meetings where you can go and chat with others whose family members are special needs. It is free for everyone and held every other Thursday of the month. There is one coming up on January 19th at 12pm.

If you are interested in joining these discussions, please go to <http://www.parentsurvival.ca/booking> to register.

Around the School – December Flashback

December was time well spent for our Students and Staff to make the holiday season extra special. From fun Spirit Days to our Annual Winter Performance, December 2022 created many wonderful and lasting memories for everyone at Janus Academy



Santa Claus made a special appearance on campus sharing some holiday cheer. He read stories to the Elementary Students and visited with the Jr./Sr. High Students. He even took time for a few snap shots with the staff.



Our first in person Winter Performance was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for participating and look forward to next year's performance.



We didn't plan this, honest!



In honour of hat day!! Luke's Santa to Taylor's reindeer.

Around the School cont...



Room 7 making Ice Cream Cone Trees.



Janus Candygram Elves hard at



Room 4 making graham cracker gingerbread houses.



Creativity was our Core Value for the month of December, and our Students and Staff displayed their talents by decorating classroom & office doors throughout the entire campus for our Annual Door Decorating Contest. The winner was selected by our students. Congratulations! Room 2, your "Home Alone" theme was a big hit.

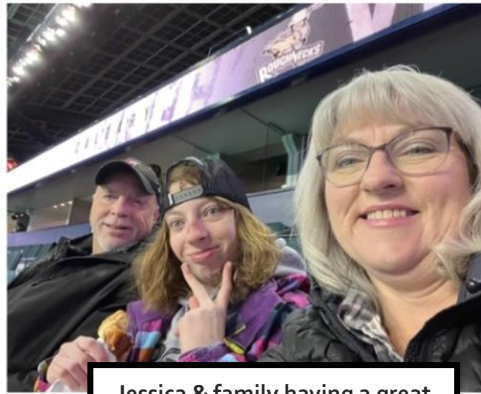


What better way to end 2022 for Students and Staff at Janus Academy than to wear your pajamas to school.



Kids Having Fun

December is always a busy month and 2022 was no different. Kids Up Front gave us many fun event opportunities during the holiday the season, whether it was seeing Calgary's popular sport teams play, or enjoying the Kids Up Front Annual Holiday Party. We even had the opportunity to give back by volunteering for the Kids Up Front Coat Check at the Calgary Glow Festival. Thank you KUF!



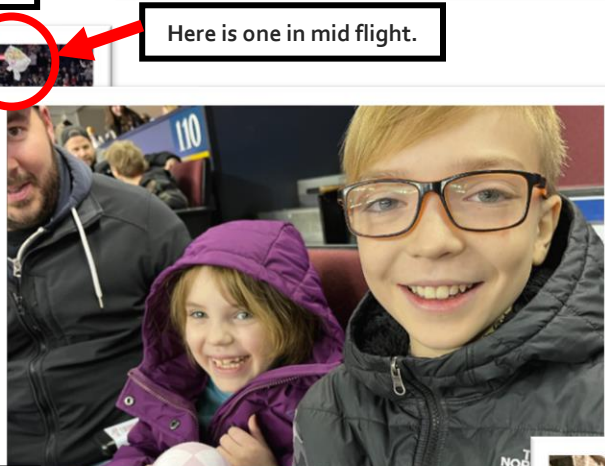
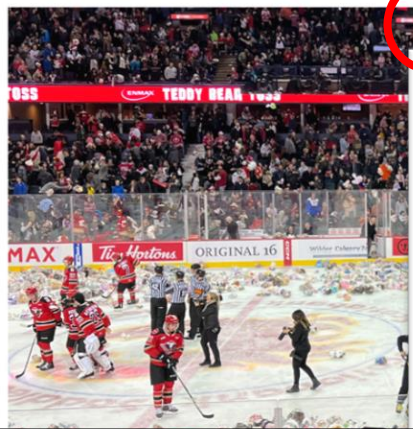
Jessica & family having a great time at the Roughnecks game.



Attila & family on the red carpet at the Little Women Performance.



Thank you to the Janus Families and staff who volunteered for Kids Up Front at the Calgary Glow Festival.



Here is one in mid flight.

Stella & her family are all smiles at the Hitmen Teddy Bear toss, which saw 20,000 stuffed toys going to 65 organizations around the city.



Jordan & family enjoying the Stone Soup Opera.



Anders & his family laughing with the Grinch and getting a photo op at the same time during the New West Gift Back: Sharing Christmas Joy!

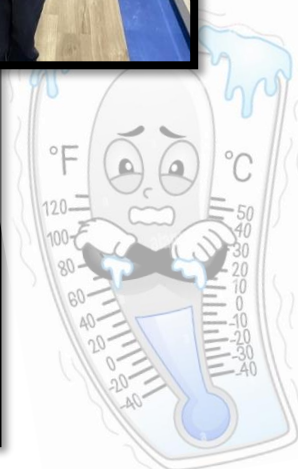
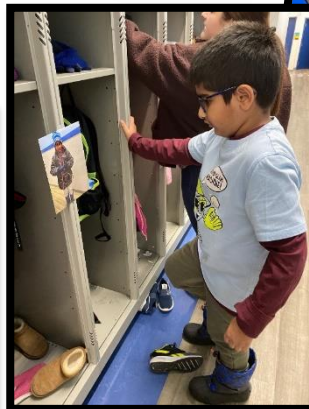
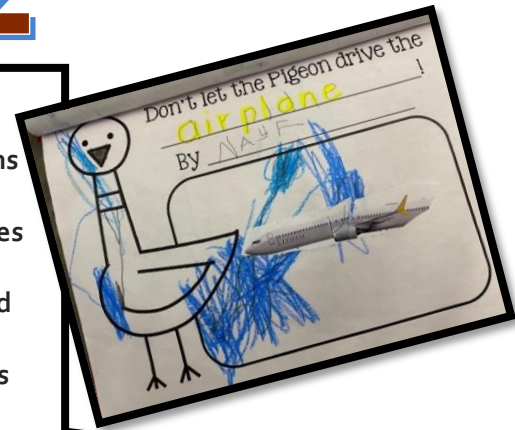
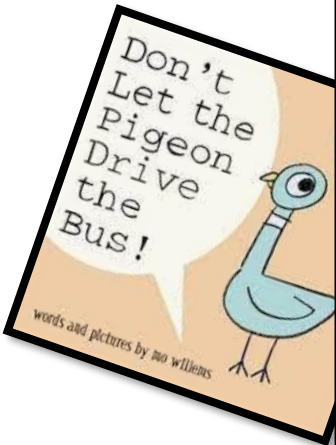


Denzel & his family having lots of fun at the KUF Annual Holiday Party. It brought back childhood memories for the parents and the kids had a wonderful time eating pizza & doing crafts!

Classroom 2

Language Arts

Students have been participating in Language Arts lessons that target phonemic awareness, letter recognition and letter sound production. The Lively Letters program makes learning letter sounds fun! As a visual cue, Students are presented with a card that has a picture of a letter dressed up as a character. Students then listen to a story that explains how to pronounce the letter and why the letter is dressed up in a certain way. Finally, they practice making the sound and listen to a unique song that goes along with the story. In addition to the development of letter sound recognition and production, the students of Room 2 are participating in an author study of Mo Willems, the writer of "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus". It has been fun exploring the different character traits of our favourite blue pigeon as we read a comedic story.



Life Skills

For the month of December, Room 2 has been learning about the different seasons and how to properly dress for each season. Some of the students have been practicing getting dressed for the cold winter weather by using a visual of themselves all bundled up!

CLASSROOM NEEDS

We are looking for complete play sets of a barn w/animals, vet w/animals or a doctor play set, as well as a barbie/dollhouse playset and a restaurant play set. These will be used to set up play centers around the Classroom to teach appropriate play with a range of different play sets.



Play Sets



K'Nex Toy Sets

Bluetooth Wireless Headphones

These headphones will be used to support student learning, for Students who have sensory issues with wires. It will also help with portability of electronics when necessary.



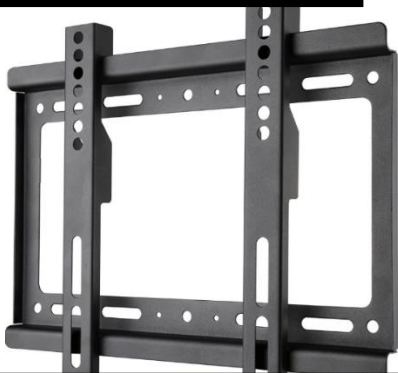
A high reinforcement tool, K'Nex is very popular among our students, and develops their creativity, collaborative play and social skills.

Carousel Spinner Chair

This chair is an instant reinforcement tool and the one we have is in high demand. A 2nd chair would be welcomed by everyone in Elementary.



Wall Mount TV Bracket



Through the generosity of one of our Janus Families, we received a 40" TV and now we need to get it mounted. If anyone has a wall mount bracket that will accommodate a 40" TV, we would be happy to give it a new home.

Contact

If you or anyone you know has any of the above items that they would be willing to donate to our school, both the staff and the students would really appreciate it.

If you have any questions, or wish to make delivery arrangements for your donation, please contact Tamara at

403-262-3333

SOCCABILITY



ADAPTIVE SOCCER - ADULT AND YOUTH

- ⚽ WINTER: JAN 8 - MAR 12 - 9 SESSIONS / \$215
- ⚽ SUNDAY FROM 1-2 PM - YOUTH
2-3 PM - ADULT



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MISSION: POSSIBLE

Gala tickets on sale now!

Purchase your table of 8 before Jan 15 2023
and receive 2 bottles of wine on your table



JANUS ACADEMY PRESENTS:

MISSION: POSSIBLE OPERATION TRANSFORMATION

*Gift of Education
Holiday Campaign*

THANK YOU!

for helping to raise over **\$14,000** in support
of specialized education for Janus students!

This generosity also makes us eligible for the
matching funds from the Government of
Alberta which I expect to bring in apx \$4,000
which gives us a grand total over **\$18,000!!!**

We are deeply grateful for your generosity
and support.



THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals and corporations:

DONATIONS

THANK YOU to The Warnick Foundation for their generous funding support of our program for children with autism.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported us with a holiday or year end gift. We are truly grateful for this caring and dedicated community.

THANK YOU to our alumni families for their continuous support of the programs we offer.

THANK YOU to our current families for your fundraising efforts thus far through auction donations, ticket sales, sponsorships and corporate matching programs.

THANK YOU to our staff for raising over \$500 from their holiday candygrams.

THANK YOU to our monthly donors for your commitment to supporting our students year round!

VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU to Stephen Schiwy for helping to fix our iPads, Chromebooks, and laptops!

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

THANK YOU

Janus Academy is the successful recipient of the following grant opportunities:



ELS FOR AUTISM

THANK YOU to Els for Autism for awarding Janus with \$12,500 towards our music program for all students.

This is the third consecutive year that Janus has been a successful recipient of this grant. With our increasing enrolment, we asked for more funding support and they approved! This grant allows all 79 students to access weekly music classes.

UNITY FOR AUTISM

THANK YOU to Unity for Autism for providing \$11,000 in funding support for specialized education for children with autism with aggressive behaviors.

This successful grant allows Janus Academy to purchase an online data tracking software, additional BCBA hours for training/consultation, additional self defense and restraints training for new staff, allows 2 Program Coordinators to receive Low Arousal training and the purchase of additional safety mats to keep students and staff safe.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL AS THIS FUNDING SUPPORT IS CRUCIAL TO PROVIDING CURRENT AND NEW PROGRAMMING NEEDS.

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ALBERTA FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS

THANK YOU to Alberta Foundation for the Arts for awarding us this matching grant in the amount of \$1,940 towards an art residency for all students.

The Visual Arts Project with Clay for Kids includes a community tile mural with each student contributing to its entirety, classroom sculptures that incorporate curriculum and art, and glass tiles that allow for individual creative expression. This project will run from January to February.

We look forward to seeing the beautiful art pieces!

FRIENDS OF JANUS ACADEMY ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU to FOJAA for providing the other half of the funds, \$1,940, needed for the art residency.

FOJAA has also approved funding support for the 2022-2023 school year for the following:

Dance - approx. \$7,500/yr

Soccer - approx. \$5,000/yr

Sportsplex rental - approx. \$4,000/yr

With higher than anticipated casino funds, we are looking into other programming opportunities. Stay tuned!

THANK YOU FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR STUDENTS.

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Our Vision

To be recognized as a leader in specialized education and the facilitation of lifelong community integration of persons with autism

Our Mission

To empower and support persons with autism and their families, maximizing their quality of life by providing the model learning environment that meets their academic, social, and emotional needs.

And now we
welcome the
new year.
Full of things
that have
never been.



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