



November Greeting from Janus Academy

Over the past couple of months, we've been quite busy at our school. Our students have had the fantastic opportunity to embark on several enriching field trips to enhance their classroom learning experiences. Moreover, they've actively participated in a multitude of engaging, in-school activities.

In October, our school was dedicated to the core value of collaboration. Emphasizing collaboration encourages our dedicated staff to unite, exchange ideas, and combine their expertise to achieve common objectives. This core value cultivates a sense of togetherness and shared purpose, enabling our staff to view themselves as part of a cohesive team working towards a shared vision.

In early October, we hosted our initial series of student-staff workshops, a significant and valued tradition here at Janus. These workshops play a vital role in fostering a collaborative environment for every child's educational team. They serve as a platform for mutual learning, fostering creativity, showcasing the students' knowledge, and establishing new goals for the school year.

We're truly grateful for the time we get to spend with your children, and we can't wait to share their impressive progress during our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. As always, staying connected with our families is not only informative but also underscores the importance of the partnership between our school and your homes. The Parent-Teacher Conference Day is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, with parent-teacher meetings taking place between 8 am and 4 pm. Please note that there will be no classes for our students on this day. If you have any questions or need more information about the Parent-Teacher Conferences, don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher.

As we dive into November, our entire school community is centering its focus on the core value of Individual Growth. When we prioritize individual growth, our staff members recognize the school's commitment to their personal and professional development, fostering a strong dedication to self-improvement and a continuous drive to enhance their skills and knowledge.

This year, we will commemorate Remembrance Day on Wednesday, November 8. Some of our students will honor this day by gathering for our first Assembly in our studio space. We will also mark the occasion with a moment of silent reflection for all students in the studio and in their classrooms.

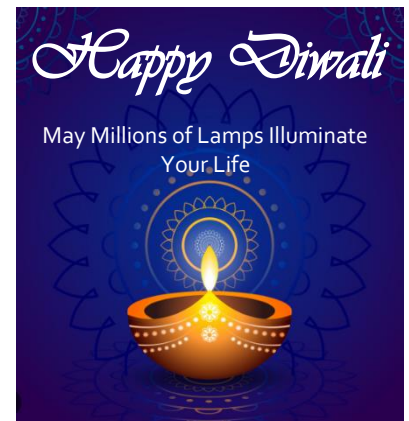
Wishing you all a wonderful and fulfilling month ahead!

Koren Trnka

Program Director – Jr./Sr. High

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IMPORTANT DATES

Fall / Winter 2023

Mark your calendars

- November 7 Healthy Hunger (Edo)
- November 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences (no school)
- November 10 Non-instructional Day (no school)
- November 24 Healthy Hunger (McDonald's)
- December 8 Santa Claus visit
- December 8 Healthy Hunger (Cedars Deli)
- December 13 JHHS Winter Performance
- December 14 Elementary Winter Performance
- December 19 JHHS Dance
- December 20 Ugly Sweater Day
- December 21 Winter Hat / Fun Day
- December 21 Healthy Hunger (Subway)
- December 22 Early Dismissal 12:00 pm & Pajama Day




Fun Lunch Fundraising Upcoming Lunch Dates



Lunch Date		Restaurant	Order Deadline
Monday	Nov. 27, 2023	McDonald's	Wed. Nov 22, 2023 at 11:59 pm
Friday	Dec 8, 2023	Cedars Deli	Sun. Dec 3, 2023 at 11:59 pm
Thursday	Dec 21, 2023	Subway	Sat. Dec 16, 2023 at 11:59 pm

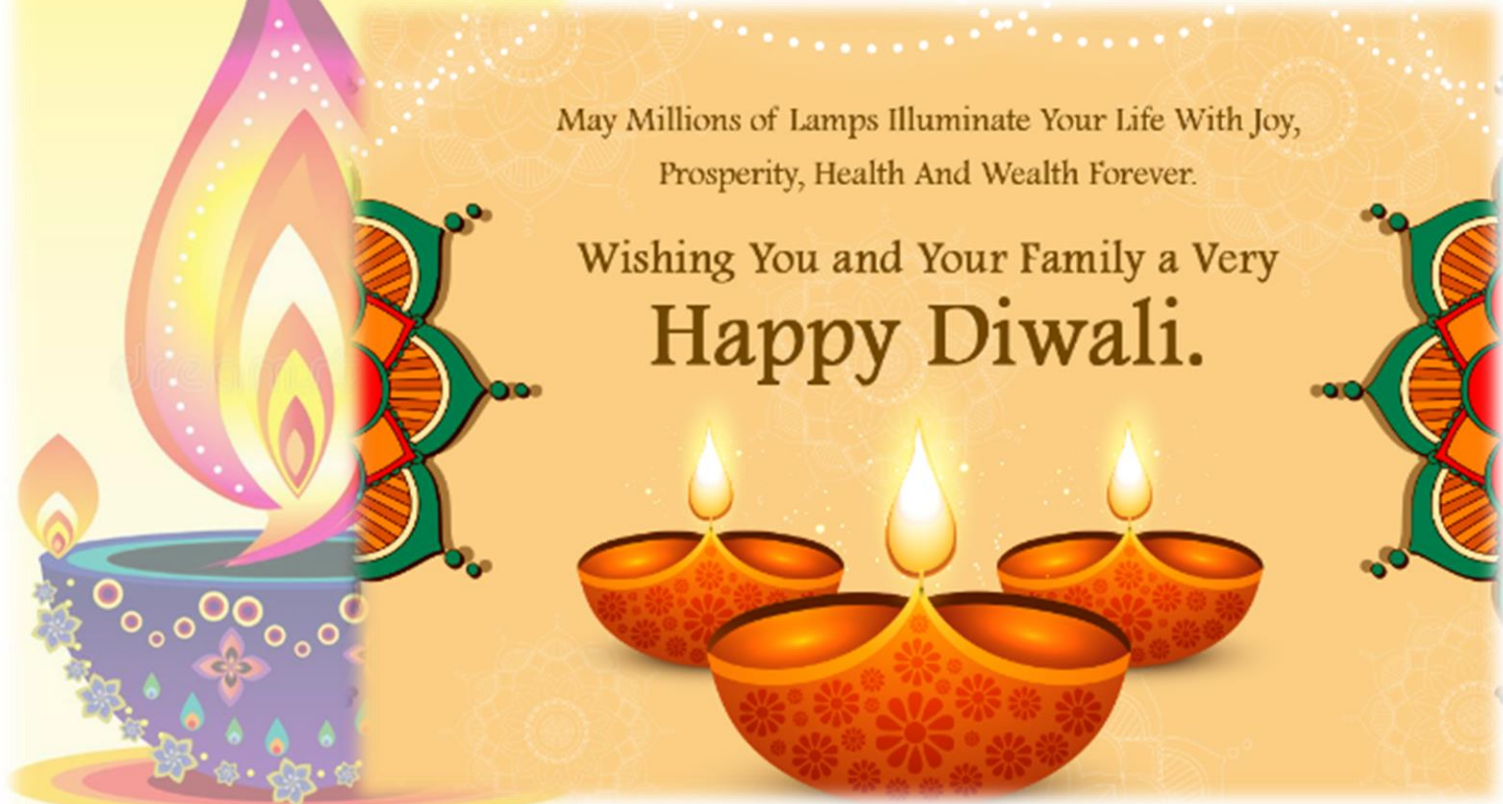
November's Special Days

A composite image for Remembrance Day. On the left, a silhouette of a soldier in a trench coat stands in front of a large Canadian flag. To the right, there are several large, stylized pink poppies with green leaves. The text 'Remembrance Day' is overlaid in large white letters.

Remembrance Day

"We honour those who have given their lives serving Canadians and helping people of other nations."

Poppy

A festive Diwali greeting card with a warm orange and yellow background. On the left, a large, stylized flame in shades of purple, pink, and yellow rises from a blue and purple decorated diya. At the bottom, three lit orange diyas with intricate floral patterns are arranged. The text is centered in a dark brown font.

May Millions of Lamps Illuminate Your Life With Joy,
Prosperity, Health And Wealth Forever.

Wishing You and Your Family a Very
Happy Diwali.



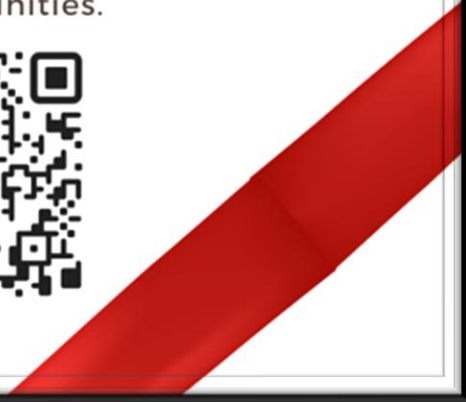
JANUS ACADEMY
JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH
STUDENTS PRESENTS

HOLIDAY ENTERPRISE



Start your holiday shopping early with these student made gifts and support our youth with these opportunities.

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NOVEMBER 17, 2023
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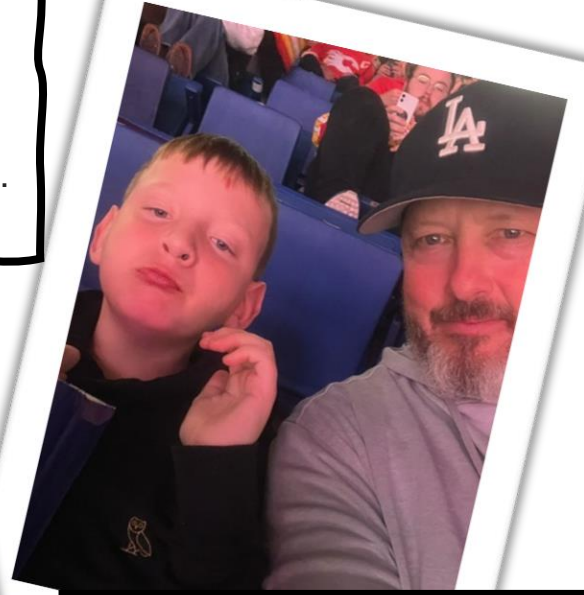


Kids Having Fun!

October saw the snow come early, but that did not stop our Janus Families from heading out to some fun events. From football to hockey Janus Families braved the snowy weather to enjoy these sporting events. Watch for more exciting opportunities from Kids Up Front in November.



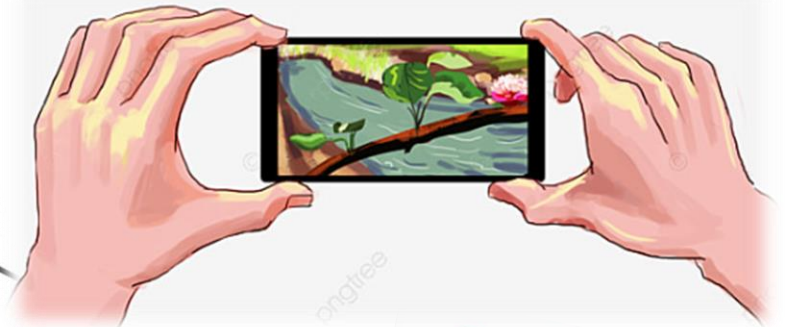
Jessica had a super night at the Hitmen game with her friends from Superhero's Hockey and a Janus Alumni Student in a suite at the Saddledome. From left to right, Naomi, Jessica, Samantha, and Lysie. Everyone had a great time.



Harrison and his Dad had a blast watching the Flames play against the Jets. Not only does Harrison love the popcorn, but he also enjoys the music, cheering and high energy at the Saddledome. Having the home team win is an added bonus.

CLASSROOM NEEDS

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Cameras Needed!

We are looking for gently used Digital Point & Shoot Cameras, or Cell Phones with cameras in working condition for our Yearbook Club and our Photography Club. Many of our current cameras are well loved and no longer charge properly.



Our Classrooms Thank You

Thank you everyone!

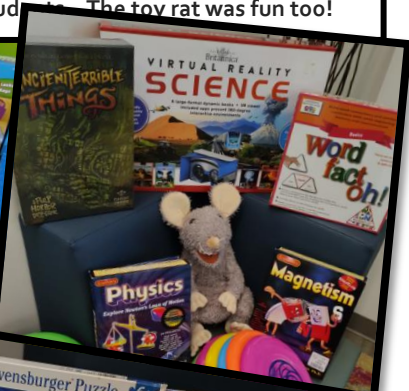
October was an amazing month for donations and all the staff and students at Janus Academy wish to thank the families, friends, staff, and anonymous donors for all the wonderful games, puzzles, toys, classroom needs and learning resources received. They are greatly appreciated and have found happy homes in all our classrooms.



Who knew Play-Doh was such a great learning tool! Thank you to Isaac's mom for the wonderful Play-Doh accessories.



From Lego to Laser Tag, Science to Social, Math to Magnetics and Flash Cards galore! Thank you to the anonymous donor who brought Janus Academy a diverse range of learning resources for both our Elementary and Jr./Sr. High Students. The toy rat was fun too!



Thank you to Attila's mom for the board games and toys, especially the floor puzzles, as the elementary students were delighted to their kitchen setups in science.



Thank you to Shaira in Rm 2 for her aunt's wonderful donation of toys. They were snapped up fast.



Thank you to Farmer Greg, part of our extended Janus family, who fixed one of our trampolines. The students were happy to see it returned to Room 1.



Thank you to Pat Clendon, a Janus dad, for his carpentry skills. His craftsmanship and creativity made it possible for our new multi-use sensory light to be installed into the studio.

Around The School

Collaboration was our Core Value for the month of October however it is a value that Students and Staff embrace daily. Here are just a few highlights from October.



Team Work and Collaboration! During Independent Living Skills class students worked together to achieve tasks. Great Job Avo &



PD Day saw our JHHS staff participate in a workshop with our OT and PT. Funded by the ECLS Grant. The focus of this in-service was to enhance our instructor's knowledge in the areas of life skills and pre-employment skills, so they may better



Student workshops in October were a huge success. Staff enjoyed the opportunity of one on one time with students from various classrooms.



Collaboration was demonstrated when Rm 2 students built a cool marble run in the NET Room that looked exactly like the picture. They exchanged different pieces with each other, shared the marbles and asked for a turn. We are so proud of all of them working together so flawlessly with almost no staff assistance. Well done Janus Students!



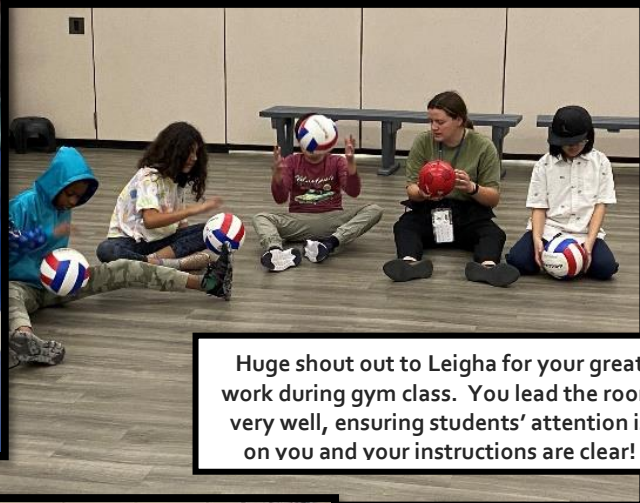
October saw Student's settling into their learning routines, as well as those fun little extras, like Reading Buddies with our Jr/Sr High Students.



At Janus Academy the learning is not restricted to the classroom only. Our Sr. High students were out and about practicing their transit and restaurant skills. Looks like the weather smiled on them this day.



It's not all fun & games at Janus. Our Elementary students have been practicing their reading and writing skills and doing a great job!



Huge shout out to Leigha for your great work during gym class. You lead the room very well, ensuring students' attention is on you and your instructions are clear!



Our Studio was temporarily turned into a curling arena (no ice though) during October, giving both Elementary and JHHS Students the opportunity to discover and learn about this great sport.

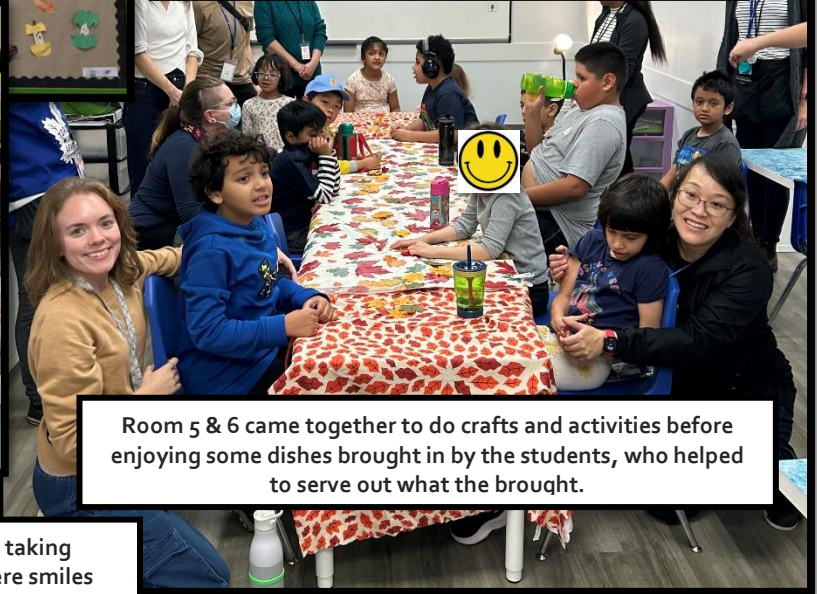


At Janus we take pride in our school, and so do our wonderful students. After finishing his instructed activity, Sam noticed Rm 4's floor was a bit messy, and he asked if he could "clean it up". Sam, your kindness doesn't go unnoticed.

Special Events



October was an exciting month. At mid-moth we hosted our Friendsgiving Event and then finished up with Halloween. Students and Staff had a great time and now we are looking forward to field trips in November and the upcoming holiday season.



Room 5 & 6 came together to do crafts and activities before enjoying some dishes brought in by the students, who helped to serve out what they brought.

A BIG SHOUT OUT to the JH/SH Classrooms for taking Friendsgiving to another level this year! There were smiles everywhere and full bellies thanks to the teachers and staff for preparing an amazing feast to share amongst friends.



Halloween was a great success with costumes, games, fun activities & the JHHS Dance, but our staff ensured learning blocks were maintained, and students completed their lessons.



Even our staff like Play-Doh. Well done Room 7!

Room 3



Welcome to Room 3

In a classroom, bright and wide, Curiosity can't be pushed aside. With every lesson, every tune, Dreams balloon, beneath the moon.

Students growing, day by day, In games they play, in words they say. Flourishing like trees, tall and grand, With the nurturing of a teacher's hand.

Books sprawl open, tales unfold, Of brave knights, and dragons bold. Eyes dart across lines so neat, Hungry minds, every treat they eat.



In corners, whispers of stories shared, Adventures, secrets, dreams bared. Giggles bubble, laughter spreads, Joy in learning, where life treads.

With pencils dancing, ideas flow, On paper, imaginations glow. The joy of discovery, the thrill of the find, Fueling the heart, empowering the mind.



Room 3



Smiles are the language, often spoken here,
 In this realm of hope, drawing near.
 For in this space, both fun and wise,
 Dreams take flight, and spirits rise.

So here's to the classroom, where futures are spun,
 A place of growing, laughter, and fun.
 Where every child, come rain or sun,
 Learns they're unique, second to none.



INSIGHTS

YOLANDE DALEY, TRAINING DIRECTOR

PARENT LUNCH AND LEARN HIGHLIGHTS

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Janus Alumni dads Charles Cook, Sarit Sengar, Scott McDonald, and Trevor Prior, who shared their journey as dad's of an autistic person. I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to watch the recording that was sent out. The session was authentic, insightful and educational.

We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt —

UPCOMING SIBLING AND PARENT EVENT

- Siblings Only ages 10 +



Sibling and Parent Meet Up
Date: Wednesday November
22nd, 2023

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. Caroline Buzanco
Sibling Facilitators: Keelin Wolf,
Chazz Choi, and Monica Khozam

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IT'S OFFICIAL... Save the Date



Check out our 27th Annual Spring Gala event theme and name! Inspired by a live Beatles Tribute band called "All You Need is Love."

READ ALL ABOUT IT

If you have not received the gala solicitation and sponsorship documents, please check your junk folder. They have been sent out to all parents via email. If you would like hard copies, please send your request to Teresa Reynolds.

SPECIAL DATES

Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more information.



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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.



"When you go home, tell them of us and say, for their tomorrow we gave our today."



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