



# Winter Newsletter

## St. Lawrence Academy



CELEBRATING TOGETHER, REACHING HIGHER, MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Saying 'Hello', Saying 'Goodbye'

By Madeleine Joannis, Gr. 8

The St. Lawrence Academy was thrilled to visit the Wellington House Retirement Home again this year to share our Christmas Musical songs. As is the case every year, we got a chance to see and speak with the residents afterwards. I was glad to see an old friend, Mr. Lawn. There are not enough words to describe him in my vocabulary; smart, funny, kind, loving. I know just from the eight years that our family has lived across the street from him, that he was a good role model and loved by everybody who knew him, including me. It was devastating news to me when I heard that he had passed away. He and his wife, Mrs. Lawn, have always been so kind to us and we are definitely going to miss going over to their house and visiting and listening to their stories and memories. When I visited with Mr. Lawn at our school's visit, he was so happy to see our school perform that

he was overcome with emotion. Although he didn't recognize me at first, he soon placed me and we had a wonderful talk together. Mr. Lawn was a gentleman and I am glad that I had him as a part of my life.



*Robert Lawn was a Board Member at the St. Lawrence Academy from 2014-2016. We were sad to learn of his passing in February. He will be sorely missed*



### Snow Days are Full Days!

At SLA, Snow Days aren't all fun and games. Turn to page 3 to find out more!



### Christmas Musical Fun

Mrs. Jo has a little fun with the students as they prepare themselves for the Christmas Musical. See page 4 for more.



## Students of The Month Artists and Character Traits



# Wholehearted Caring Open-Minded



## Speech Spectacular

By Benjamin M. Gr. 4

In December, we [began work] on our speeches. We had to be finished writing, corrected, and practiced. We were doing this because we were going to present our speeches to the school. The final results for the school were:

Primary (Gr. 1-3) 1<sup>st</sup> Emma N., 2<sup>nd</sup> Jasmine B. and tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Yuvveer S., Jaden L. and Nallina N.

Junior (Gr. 4-6) 1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chloe M. and tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ebba C., Erin C. and Evie C.

Intermediate (Gr. 7&8) 1<sup>st</sup> Madeleine J., 2<sup>nd</sup> Warren M. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ronan B.

All of SLA did very well.

Twelve students from SLA participated in the 2018 Prescott Legion Speech Competition with 3 students from SLA placing! Elizabeth M. came in first and Benjamin M. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Madeleine J. 1<sup>st</sup> as well. My speech was about Chris Hadfield this year. Chris Hadfield was the first Canadian to leave the space shuttle and float freely in outer space. I love writing speeches every year. Good Luck Lizzy and Madeleine in the zone!



*Every student from SK to 8 wrote and presented a speech in front of staff, students and parents. Practicing their writing and oratory skills, those in attendance were amazed at the calibre of the presentations this year.*

**St. Lawrence Academy**  
**OPEN HOUSE**

We invite you to join us for our Spring Open House to tour our K-8 classrooms, take advantage of the **Early Bird Discount**, and meet students and staff.

**When:** Thursday April 12th  
5:30pm – 6:30pm

**Who:** All families interested in knowing more about the St. Lawrence Academy

Enrolment applications for the 2018-19 school year be available at this event. Take advantage of the Early Bird savings - **\$250.00 off enrolment deposit fees!**

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**\$25/day**  
**Every Wednesday in May**  
8:00-3:30

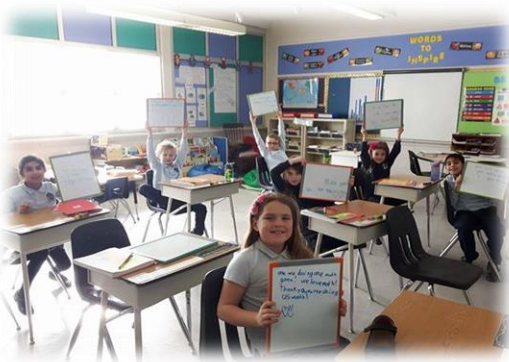
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**Call or email us now to register**

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## IN THE CLASSROOM



## Math is FUN? We think so!

Mrs. Nandoo's  $\frac{1}{2}$  Math class welcome her every day with a special note on their white boards. "I love Math", "Can we do Math games", and "Thank you for teaching us Math" are just a few of the messages. We love Math at SLA!



Students who attend school on a snow day get to wear casual clothes or their pajamas. Teachers share duties and we work on Math, Language and have Gym, Music or Art and Games too! It is a good time to practice and catch up.



## Family Day at SLA

Even though students were not at school on Family Day, SLA staff organized special Family Day events at the Brockville Arts Centre and at Pakenham ski hill. Here are a few of their experiences:

By Liam Schurmans Gr. 2

On Friday, I went to go see Willy Wonka. Holly fell asleep. She told me that she didn't wake up 'til the middle of the show! The show was cool.

By Emma Nandoo, Gr. 3

All I needed was one golden ticket to get in to Mr. Wonka's factory for a tour! There were 5 golden tickets so 5 kids and their Mom and Dad could [enter]. My favorite song [in the show] was Oopma Loopma. My favorite scene was in Mr. Wonka's factory It was funny when Grampa Joe and Charlie floated up into the air. Then when they saw a fan, they had to burp to get back to the ground. At the end, Grandpa Joe and Charlie won and got to be a member of the factory. They also got a lifetime supply of chocolate.

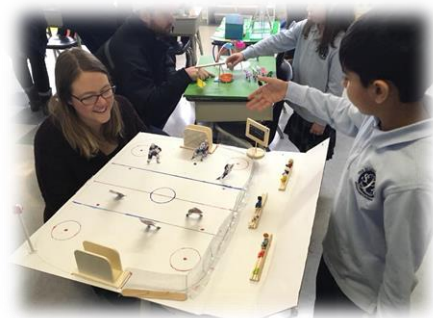
Mrs. Jo and Madeleine were a part of the play and it was funny to see them on the stage.

By Ella Leonard, Gr. 4

A few people went skiing from our school. First, we had to do a test for our lesson. We either got a square or a circle. A square is a higher level. My friend's dad talked to somebody and we were able to skip our lesson, so Lizzy, Nalina and I went straight to the chair lift. We went to black diamond (the hardest level) We were having so much fun! We had lunch in the lodge. I had fries and a hot dog. It was so, so, so good. We had lots of fun, but one part was not so fun. I went on a huge jump and ended up diving down onto my belly. I really enjoyed skiing and hope to go again next year.



Miss Paquette  $\frac{1}{2}$  Social Studies class shares their ideas for new community features with representatives from the Town of Prescott.



By Shalean Sheridan, Gr. 5 and Ebba Cumming, gr. 4

On Valentine's Day this year, we [jumped for a defibrillator]. There were 7 groups that rotated every 10 minutes. My group [started] with Mrs. Nandoo and we did long rope jumping. There was also dancing, single skip and double skipping.

After 1 hour of skipping non-stop, we were tired. After counting all of our donations, we still didn't have enough money, until we got 2 checks from Mrs. Bhatt in memory of Grandpa Bhatt and the Prescott Family Medical Centre. That brought us almost \$1000.00 over our goal! The school went crazy! We had enough money to buy a defibrillator and a first aid kit for every classroom!



# Baa Baa Bethlehem – The Perfect Gift

By Shiraaz Sandhu, Gr. 4

This was the name of our special play about a flock of sheep trying to follow their shepherd's orders, but it was hard for them to understand. I just loved the characters and songs because it felt so cheerful and catchy. Being an actor really changed my perspective on plays, movies and other shows. My favorite thing about [this year's] play was the ending. It has a sad tone and just looking at the baby Jesus coming in to this world made me shed a tear or two during a few rehearsals. Baa Baa Bethlehem won't be our only play [this year]. We are [putting together] another play called "Joseph and the Amazing Techni-colour Dreamcoat" and I can assure you that you will have your socks blown off by this play. I hope to see you there!



## Spirit Week 2017

By Chloe McCann, Gr. 4

On the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, the whole school dressed like we were 100 years old. We did a writing assignment looking back on our life and all that we had accomplished now that we were 100 years old, how our families helped us through the tough times, what our career and our biggest accomplishment was. I think it was unfair that we had to do it – what 100-year old has to do school work? It was so funny to see everyone's costumes.

100 Day Jump Rope Sports Day  
Crazy Hair/Hat Day

