



October



NEWSLETTER

JOHN N. A. JANVIER SCHOOL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 12: THANKSGIVING DAY

No School Students & Staff

Oct 14: Thanksgiving Mass

Reminder, students will need:

A water bottle

A backpack

Headphones/earbuds

Inside shoes





October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Chicken strips & veggies	2 Sandwich & pasta salad	3
4	5 Hot dogs & veggies	6 Ham & perogies	7 Taco salad	8 Spaghetti & meatballs	9 Sandwich, chips & pickles	10
11	12 Thanksgiving Day No school for Students and staff 	13 Taquito's & veggies	14 Lasagna & garlic toast Thanksgiving Mass	15 Rice & chicken balls	16 Sandwich & pasta salad	17
18	19 Smokies & veggies	20 Ham & perogies	21 Taco salad	22 Spaghetti & meatballs	23 Sandwich, chips & pickles	24
25	26 Hot dogs & veggies	27 Taquito's veggies	28 Lasagna & garlic toast	29 Rice & chicken balls	30 Sandwich & pasta salad	31 Halloween 



SEPTEMBER 30TH

ORANGE SHIRT DAY & NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

Join thousands across Canada on September 30th, by wearing an orange shirt in an annual observance to commemorate the Indigenous children who were taken from their families and forced to attend Residential Schools.

SEPTEMBER 30TH IS A DAY TO:

- Honour Survivors of the residential school system, their families, and remember those children who didn't make it home.
- Raise Awareness of the lasting impacts of the schools and promote the concept that "Every Child Matters."
- Support Reconciliation and commit to learning the truth about Canada's history.

The orange shirt is inspired by the story of residential school Survivor Phyllis Webstad, whose new orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at residential school in 1973.

"I went to the Mission for one year. I had just turned 6 years old. We never had very much money, but somehow my granny managed to buy me a new outfit to go to the Mission School in. I remember going to Robinson's store and picking out a shiny orange shirt. It had string laced up in front, and was so bright and exciting - just like I felt to be going to school! Of course, when I got to the Mission, they stripped me, and took away my clothes, including the orange shirt. I never wore it again. I didn't understand why they wouldn't give it back to me, it was mine! Since then the colour orange has always reminded me of that and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt like I was worth nothing. I finally get it, that the feeling of worthlessness and insignificance, ingrained in me from my first day at the Mission, affected the way I lived my life for many years." -Phyllis (Jack) Webstad

The orange shirt symbolizes the stripping away of dignity and culture from all Indigenous children who were forced to attend. The date, September 30th, was chosen as it reflects the time of year children were historically taken from their homes and sent to the Residential schools. This observance serves as an important step toward Truth & Reconciliation and setting a commitment to a better future for all children, because Every Child Matters!

Checkoutourwebsite - <https://orangeshirtday.org> - formoreresources,videos&activities

EVERY CHILD MATTERS—EVERY CHILD MATTERS—EVERY CHILD MATTERS—EVERY CHILD MATTERS—EVERY

Kindergarten

Kinder News

Happy Fall! In kindergarten we celebrated the first day of fall by going for walks and using our five senses. We listened to the wind rustle the leaves, the birds fly, and the leaves crunch under our feet. We looked closely at different kinds of leaves to compare the colors, size and shapes. We also had fun learning a poem with the grade 1's about how the leaves fall, twirl, dance and float to the ground. We used a pile of leaves to explore all these movements. We then used leaves to create art. We are thankful for the nice fall days and we hope October will bring more sunny days so we can go for more walks to explore nature.

We would like to thank the Grade 1 class for sharing their classroom with us for the first week of Kindergarten. We had so much fun making friends and learning together.

We have now moved to our own space in the portables. We are busy learning new letters with Matman and learning how to hold a pencil when printing and coloring.



We will continue to practice this grip as we learn new letters each week.

In math we will be working on numbers to five, counting forwards and backwards. We will also begin to work on sorting and patterning.

October will be another busy month as we celebrate Thanksgiving and Halloween. We will learn about turkeys and pumpkins by reading both Fiction and Nonfiction books.

With Halloween falling on a Saturday this year we will have fun Friday, October 30th wearing black and orange and doing halloween crafts and games.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Mrs. Bayer



Hello Grade One families,

Welcome to the start of the new school year! We have all been settling in nicely this month and I am very proud of how well students are setting into their new routines. Our focus has been to build a warm, supportive learning community. The students are getting reacquainted, learning classroom procedures and daily transitions and routines. We have spent time reading stories and poems and reviewing printing and counting skills. We have all enjoyed spending time outside exploring and observing the changing season. Remember to look for home reading books in their folders.

some of the things we are thankful for...

- my Grandma
- fresh water and food
- money for presents
- to play basketball
- for toys
- my house and toys
- fun with friends
- to be able to bike with my brother and sister
- for his VR

Ms. Desiree- for all of the laughs we have together

Mrs. Schaub- for my JNAJ family

Mrs. Williams- a classroom of children



Grade 1

Grade 2



Dear Grade 2 Families,

What a great start to our school year! We are back in the portables and have been busy getting settled, learning our routines, and getting to know each other.

The first few weeks of school are always about building our classroom community, learning how we work together, and finding out what makes each of us unique. I have really enjoyed getting to know the students and seeing their personalities, interests, and strengths come through. We are off to a great start, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year together.

With Thanksgiving coming up, October is a great time to slow down and think about all the things we have to be thankful for. We will be talking about gratitude, family, friendships, our community, and the things that make us feel fortunate.

What We Are Learning...

English Language Arts

We are spending time with both imaginary and real stories. We will be looking at how stories are organized and practicing listening carefully and following three-step directions. We will continue building our phonics, vocabulary, reading fluency, and comprehension skills. Students will practice finding details in what they read and using those details when answering questions. In writing, we will experiment with different forms of writing and learn how pictures and other features can help add meaning to our work.

In Math, we are extending our understanding of numbers to 100. We will be working with place value, even and odd numbers, and different ways to group and partition numbers. We will also be working with calendars and duration, including the relationships between days, weeks, months, and years. In Geometry, we will explore 2-D and 3-D shapes and learn how to sort and describe shapes based on their attributes.

In Science, we are learning about land forms and the different features found on Earth's surface. We will explore Alberta's land forms and use words such as flat, steep, rocky, hilly, large, and small to describe them. We will also take a look at some of Alberta's significant land forms and natural sites and learn more about the landscape around us.

Social Studies

We are beginning to explore Canada's physical regions and what makes each region different. We will learn about Canada's natural resources and compare the resources found in our local area with those found in other parts of Canada. This will give us an opportunity to think about the land around us and how it connects to the people and communities who live here.

Looking Ahead

October is going to be a busy month in our classroom. We will continue working on our routines, building relationships, learning new things, and becoming more comfortable as a classroom community.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to all that this school year will bring and to seeing the students continue to grow, learn, and become more confident each day. Have a wonderful October!

Mrs. Gillis



GRADE 3

We have been so busy learning in the grade 3 classroom! We have been learning about our traditional knowledge and medicines, as well as Treaty 6 and stories about residential schools. Students are also learning about the gradual and sudden changes of the Earth, and the layers that are below us, comprising the whole planet. In Math, we are also studying place value and students are challenging themselves to read 9 digit numbers and beyond. With a whole new bunch of books, these kids are so eager to read as well. We are off to such a great start and looking forward to October!!



GRADE 4



OCTOBER NEWS

A message from Mrs. Muskego

What a great first couple of weeks we have had in grade 4. Students are working hard, transitioning well back to school routines and are eager to learn each day. We are looking forward to seeing what October brings.



Learning

This month in Grade 4 we will be continuing to work on our Number unit in Math. We will be using different strategies for adding and subtracting. In Science we will be continuing our living systems unit. Students will explore Rights and Responsibilities in Social Studies and what it means to be a Canadian Citizen. In Language Arts, we will continue to work on sequencing, phonics and paragraph writing. We will also be looking at different themes such as Thanksgiving and Halloween.



Important Dates

October 12- Thanksgiving Day- No School

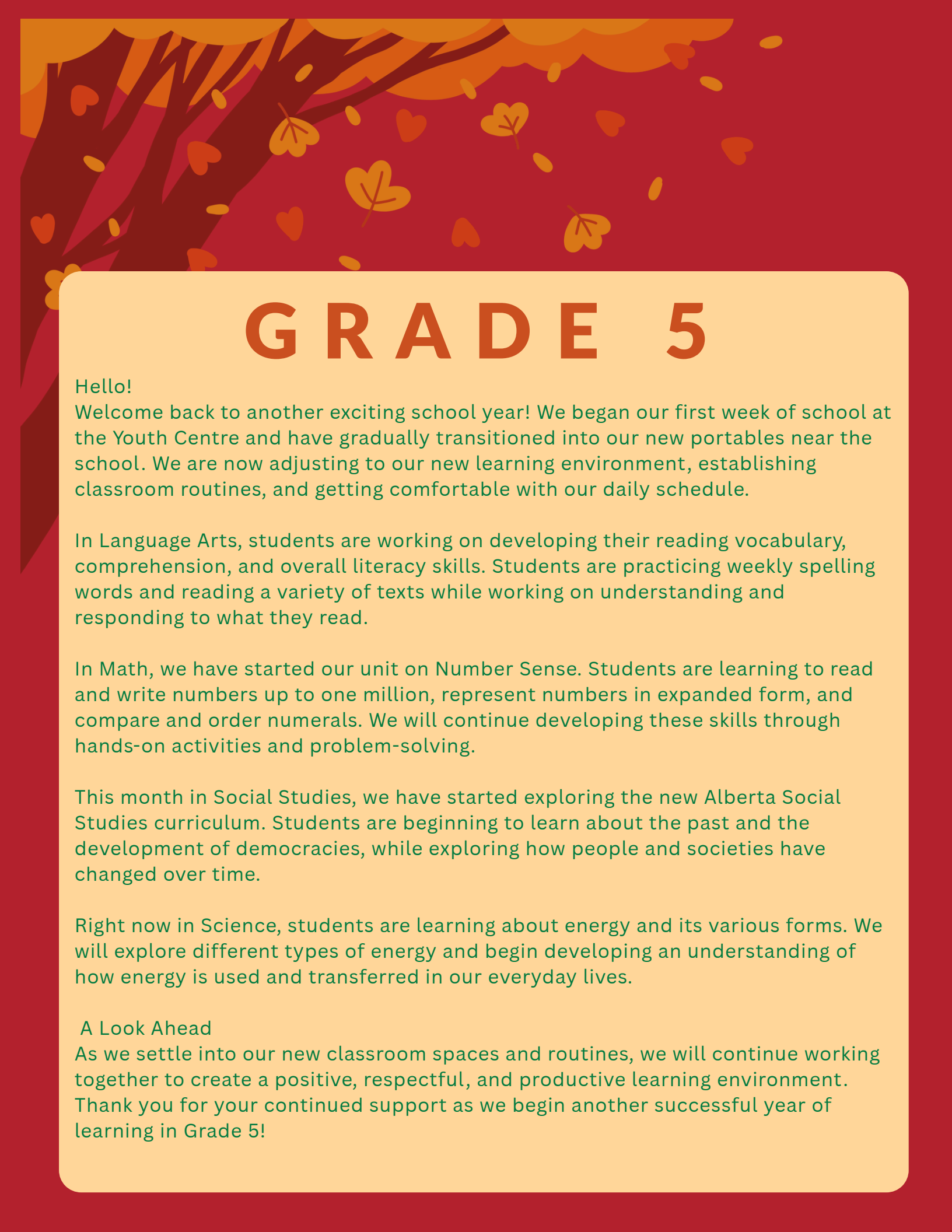


What we are thankful for

We are thankful for...

- my puppy
- my mom
- my cat
- my family
- my house
- my dad
- Takis
- my kittens
- everything in my house
- Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. V





GRADE 5

Hello!

Welcome back to another exciting school year! We began our first week of school at the Youth Centre and have gradually transitioned into our new portables near the school. We are now adjusting to our new learning environment, establishing classroom routines, and getting comfortable with our daily schedule.

In Language Arts, students are working on developing their reading vocabulary, comprehension, and overall literacy skills. Students are practicing weekly spelling words and reading a variety of texts while working on understanding and responding to what they read.

In Math, we have started our unit on Number Sense. Students are learning to read and write numbers up to one million, represent numbers in expanded form, and compare and order numerals. We will continue developing these skills through hands-on activities and problem-solving.

This month in Social Studies, we have started exploring the new Alberta Social Studies curriculum. Students are beginning to learn about the past and the development of democracies, while exploring how people and societies have changed over time.

Right now in Science, students are learning about energy and its various forms. We will explore different types of energy and begin developing an understanding of how energy is used and transferred in our everyday lives.

A Look Ahead

As we settle into our new classroom spaces and routines, we will continue working together to create a positive, respectful, and productive learning environment. Thank you for your continued support as we begin another successful year of learning in Grade 5!

GRADE 6

Happy October! Our class has been busy transitioning back to portable life, as we first started off the school year being in the Youth Centre. Students have been busy learning in all subject areas.

Literacy- Students have been working on spelling, and at the end of every week is a spelling test. Words are sent home at the beginning of the week. Please ensure your student is studying nightly. Work is also being done in the vocabulary unit, students are working on pre-fixes, sentence fragments, checking reading fluency, and identifying a clause or simple sentence. The first novel studies of the year have started, and the students are finding it very interesting to read.

Numeracy- Students have been immersed in two units so far; patterning and using positive and negative integers on a number line or thermometer. The second unit is number, where students are using input/output with increasing or decreasing numbers in charts and graphs. Students should also be practicing daily their fact fluency for multiplication up to 12.

Science- The first unit is living systems where students will investigate the characteristics and components of and interactions within an ecosystem. Students have been creating a zoo enclosure, where they had to research which three animals can survive together. They had so much fun!

Social Studies- The first unit is citizenship and students will begin to understand local, national, and global issues empowers individual and collective action toward an inclusive society. Students had to propose a new freedom or responsibility and debate on each other's proposals.

Health- Students are learning about healthy eating; what is healthy and unhealthy to eat.

Phys.Ed- Students have learned a new outdoor game called Bunnock (bones) and all students had a great opportunity to play and have fun!

Art- Students have been creating their names in 3D in black and white using shading.

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A few things we are thankful for...

Alayna- for her cat and family
Tyris- for her family
Tenielle- for water
Minoh- for my house and video games
Hunter- for my family

GRADE 7

Hello Parents/ Guardians,

Despite the jumpy start to the year we are getting settled and moving forward. The class has had a good attitude and we've been making the best of our time so far.

We started the year with some fun activities like mouse trap cars for Science and an interview challenge for Language Arts. There'll be more fun, engaging, and challenging activities to come as we jump deeper into our studies in the coming months.

If you haven't done so already, please remember to send headphones and a water bottle with your child as these are no longer being provided. Any other questions or concerns please reach out to me by email at darcy.haineault@tcef.ca, or call me at the school cell phone (587) 334-3169.

GRADE 8 / 9

Our class has started off the year running and are settling nicely to our new space. We have been deepening our understanding of short stories and are even trying our hand at writing original stories. The weather has been cooperative so that we have been able to have our gym time outside, working on personal fitness and soccer skills. Culture camp was a great learning experience from learning about medicines to preparing a fish for smoking, it was great to be able to spend some time learning on the land. We have a great year of learning ahead of us.



FROM THE DESK OF OUR HOME LIAISON

September was a busy and exciting month at John N.A. Janvier School! We were pleased to host our Annual Golf Tournament, bringing together staff, families, community members, and generous supporters for a great day of fun and fundraising.

This year, funds raised through the tournament will support our Student Union bank account, helping provide selected students with the opportunity to travel to Toronto for an inspirational school trip. We are grateful to everyone who sponsored, donated, participated, and helped make this event possible. Your support helps create meaningful opportunities and experiences for our students!

Looking Ahead to October

In October, we will be holding our first Student Union meeting of the school year. Students will have an opportunity to come together, share ideas, discuss upcoming school activities, and begin planning events and initiatives for the year ahead. We are looking forward to seeing our Student Union leaders take an active role in making our school community a welcoming, positive, and fun place for everyone.

World Mental Health Day - October 10

World Mental Health Day is an opportunity to remind our students that their mental health and well-being are important. This day encourages open conversations about mental health, reducing stigma, supporting one another, and reminding students that it is okay to ask for help.

Throughout the school year, we will continue to promote positive mental health, healthy connections, and access to support within our school and community.

**Home Liaison
Ms. Favel**



COUNCELLOR'S CORNER

Giving Thanks, Showing Kindness & Building Connection

As the leaves change and Thanksgiving approaches, October is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and think about the people, experiences, and small moments we are grateful for.

This month, Student Counselling will be celebrating Thanksgiving with activities designed to encourage gratitude, kindness, connection, and positive mental well-being.

Throughout October, students will have opportunities to participate in:

- Gratitude Activity: Students will be invited to share something they are thankful for and add it to our Thanksgiving gratitude display.
- Acts of Kindness: We will encourage students to look for simple ways to brighten someone else's day through kind words and thoughtful actions.
- Thanksgiving Display: Students can contribute messages of appreciation or gratitude to help create a positive and welcoming school community.
- Community & Connection: We will focus on the importance of reaching out, including others, and recognizing the people who support us.

A Moment to Reflect

Thanksgiving can be a happy time, but we also recognize that holidays can bring different emotions for different people. If you are feeling lonely, stressed, worried, or simply need someone to talk to, Student Counselling is here for you. You don't need to have a big problem to ask for support. Sometimes, talking with someone can help make things feel a little easier.

Mrs. Desjarlais

