



# Joamie School

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## Happy Happy New Year, Joamie Family!

Welcome back, everyone! I hope a relaxing and restful holiday was had by all! We are back into the swing of things at Joamie. Here are a few items of interest for all:

**School Security:** Joamie School has taken the next step in ensuring the safety for all students and staff. Starting this week, the double lobby doors into the main part of the school will be locked. ALL people visiting the school need to check in at the office and sign the clipboard. Joamie School still welcomes all parents and guests to visit the school!

**Drop off times:** Some students continue to arrive at school much too early in the morning and after lunch time. This is a huge safety issue. Teachers are not on duty until 8:25am and 12:55pm. Students are not to be on the playground unsupervised. On days when it is colder than -35 C, we do not send the students outside for recess and we allow students to wait in the lobby early before the bell rings. No students should be in the lobby before 8:25am because no one is there to supervise them.

**Pick up times:** We continue to have students picked up late at lunch time and after school. Please be aware that the bell rings at 11:50am and 3:40pm each day. We expect someone to be there when the bell rings for the safety of all children. Teachers are done supervising once the buses have left the school grounds.

The Joamie IT Committee is currently working on getting a school website up and running. We will let you know the web address as soon as this is complete. In the meantime, all newsletters are sent to the IDEA and are added to the Joamie School blog. <http://iqaluitdistricteducationauthority.com/>

Marsha and Jason are set to start up grade four intramurals for this term (until March). Intramurals will now be on Thursdays from 3:45pm-4:30pm. Please note the end time. Students who are late being picked up will be asked not to come back. Permission forms will be going home by the end of the week.

Please note the following dates:

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| January 25       | Backward Day (spirit day – points toward school team)      |
| February 1       | Staff sessional day (no school for students)               |
| February 15      | Valentine Dance (2:15pm-3:15pm)                            |
| February 18-22   | PD week (no school for students)                           |
| March 15         | Report Card Day (Term II – no school for students)         |
| March 18-22      | Carnival Week (ice sculpting, sliding parties, dance, etc) |
| March 25         | <i>Last day of regular classes before Spring Break</i>     |
| March 26/27      | QSO inservice days (no school for students)                |
| March 28         | Staff sessional day (no school for students)               |
| March 29-April 7 | Spring Break   |
| April 12         | ½ day of school (Toonik Tyme holiday)                      |