

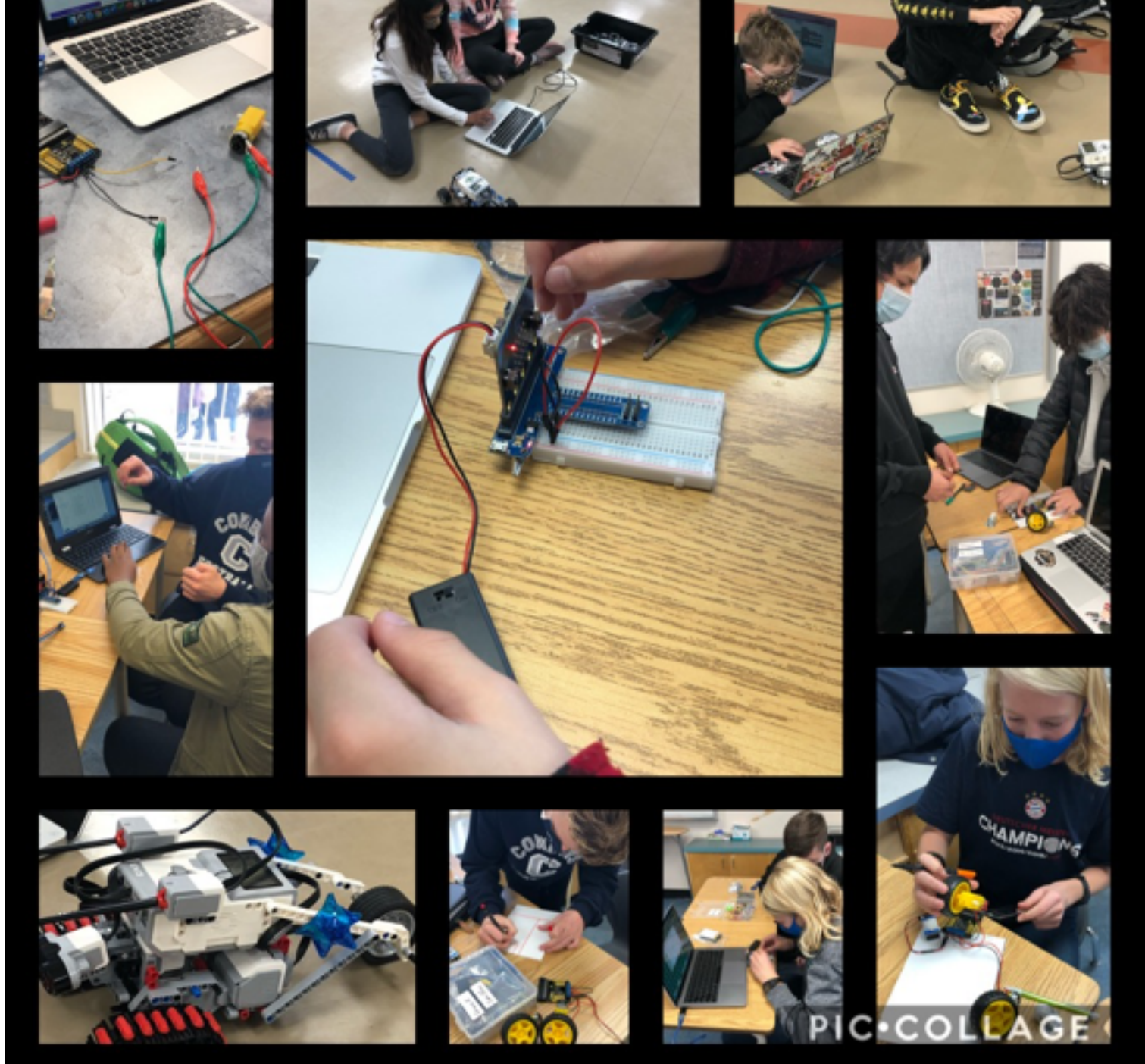
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Nov. 20, 2020

Important Dates

- November 16 - 29 - Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
- Nov. 23 - Professional Learning Day - No School for Students
- Nov. 25 - Grade 6 Immunizations
- Nov. 26 - Horizons Leadership Conference
- Dec. 1 - First Day of Term 2
- Dec. 18 - Last Day of Classes Before Winter Break
- Jan. 4 - Return to Classes



WHAT'S GOING ON AT SMS? This week's feature: Robotics & Coding

Robotics 7
Students have been working on designing and building their own Lego robots to complete different programming tasks. With the use of MakeCode EV3 software, students created & coded robots that moved without the use of wheels and robots that use different sensors to detect objects. Their final task this term is to build and code a robot that walks like a person or animal and can respond to its environment.

Microbit Coding & Circuitry 8
Students have discovered how to code their microbit (microcomputer) to complete various programming functions & tasks. Students then took this knowledge to code their microbits to control basic electronic circuits using General Purpose Input/Output boards, LEDs and motors. As a wrap up to our course, students are now attempting to build a robot using motors, LEDS & sensors that will be coded and controlled by their microbit.

Updates:

New Staff:

We would like to welcome three Learning Assistants to our staff. We're excited to have them at Springbank Middle School. Cindy Baak & Rachel Williams have been here for a few weeks and we welcome Elsa Roets on Monday, Nov. 23rd.

Athletics:

Due to new restrictions from Alberta Health Services, all team sport activities are currently suspended. Please watch for updates.

Grade 6 Volleyball teams will tentatively start in early December. Please watch for upcoming announcements.

If you have any questions or need further details, please contact [Mr. Lee](#).

Springbank Middle School Online Store!



We are very excited to announce the launch of the new Springbank Middle School Online Store! In partnership with Tuxedo Sports, we are offering a wide variety of items in assorted colours and styles, sporting the Springbank Middle School logos. **The first deadline for ordering is December 4th.** Orders will be available for pick up at the school on December 16th and 17th. Please ensure your order is correct before submitting, as there are no exchanges or returns. Go to the following link to start shopping! The school earns \$3 for each item purchased.

<https://tuxedo.itemorder.com/sale>

Access Code: springbank

Horizons Leadership Conference

On Thursday, November 26th, grade 7 and 8 SMS students are invited to attend the Horizons Leadership Conference. This is a virtual event hosted by the Canadian Student Leadership Association. The goal of the conference is to provide participants with motivation, inspiration, and information to make their school a better place to live and learn. Keynote speakers will be Cody Deaner, Levi Stanford, and Lauren White.

The event will take place from 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.. Parents are asked to pick their child up from the school at 4:30. We request you also send an extra snack (optional) to eat during a nutrition break.

Please contact Mme Chung at schung@rockyview.ab.ca by Monday, November 23rd if you want to enroll your child or have any questions. Space is limited and spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Virtual Book Fair

Our **Virtual Book Fair** continues until November 29th.

This is a fantastic way for our students to access books! Families will be able to shop together, selecting the books that inspire the young readers in their household, from the comfort of home.

All purchases benefit our school and earn **Rewards** that can be redeemed for books and **Education Resources** for our school's classrooms and library.

Please use the following link to check out our **Virtual Book Fair**.

<http://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5149171>

FLIPGIVE!!!

New Fundraising Initiative by Friends of Springbank Middle School Society - no extra cost! Simply make your purchases via Flipgive!

<https://flipgive.app.link/r?code=1375907>

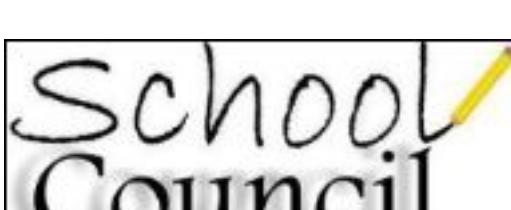
Thank you to those families who have already signed up for Flipgive! We continue to see new members joining who are taking advantage of the convenience of shopping from home while helping raise funds for our school! So far we have \$433 in rebates!

Please join the Springbank Middle School team and encourage your friends and family to do so as well. Join today by clicking on the following link:

https://flipgive.app.link/teams/join?fundraiser_name=Springbank+Middle+School+&joincode=7V9MZM

If you're prompted for a "Join Code" please enter this code: **7V9MZM**

Go to the website and check out this weekend's specials! Stay tuned for **Black Friday** specials coming soon!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of School Council is Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

If you'd like to attend in person please email sms_volunteers@outlook.com. Zoom meeting information will be published at a later date.

Please email Council in advance with any items you'd like to be addressed at an upcoming meeting.

If you're interested in volunteering, please email sms_volunteers@outlook.com

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa
On behalf of the SMS Council

FRIENDS OF SPRINGBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY (FOSMSS)

Springbank Middle School has been awarded a casino in the early part of 2021. In the past, casinos have raised up to \$60,000 for our school and students. We will be sending out a sign-up to recruit volunteers as soon as we have the dates finalized. It's imperative we have enough volunteers to run the casino to continue to be on the list of eligible participants.

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On behalf of FOSMSS

Alberta Health Services Community Education Service

Please click on the following link for a list of upcoming, free webinars offered by AHS, Community Education Service. Sessions include topics such as: "Taming Anxiety Gremlins"; "Overcoming Mental Health Challenges in a Global Pandemic"; and "Everyday Banking and Budgeting"

<https://community.hmh.ca/sessions/?p=online>

