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**Dec. 18, 2020**

### Important Dates

January 4 - Return to Online Classes (All Grades)

January 11 - Return to In-School Learning (All Grades)

January 11 - 15 - Grades 1-8 Select Learning Mode for the Remainder of the Year.

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## [What's Going On at SMS?](#)



Grade 5s have been busy learning about electricity and creating circuits!  
Hands-on learning at it's best!

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**Happy Holidays!!**

It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of 2020! It's been a year of ups and downs and incredible learning! We're so fortunate to have an amazing team of people at Springbank Middle School who have worked together and supported each other during a time we could never have imagined.

We are also very grateful for the support and patience shown by the families of Springbank Middle as we've waded into uncharted water on several occasions.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and hope you are able to take advantage of the time to rest and rejuvenate. We look forward to seeing all our students returning in January and continuing to support and care for each other for the remainder of the school year.

**Joyeux Noël from our families to yours!**

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### **Exciting New Opportunity for Grade 8's!**

Yearbook Option:

Photography/Yearbook is a new grade 8 option that will start on January 11. This year we are unable to have volunteers come into the school to help with the Yearbook, resulting in the addition of the Photography/Yearbook complementary course(option). This option will provide students with photography opportunities as well as planning and creating pages for the SMS 2020-2021 yearbook. It will be offered in the 8A option block on Day 2,4, and 6 during the second period. All grade 8 students currently registered in an 8A option for term 2 will be offered the opportunity to move into the Yearbook option. If your child is interested in making this change, please contact Ms.

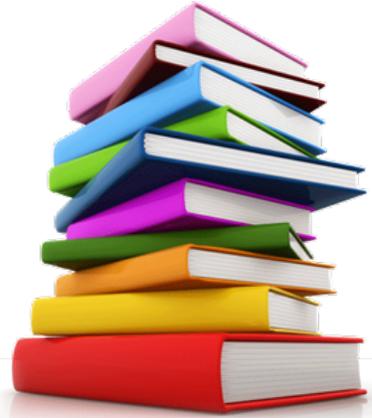
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### **Battle of the Books**

This week we launched the "Battle of the Books"!

- Battle of the Books is a friendly RVS competition in which students are quizzed on books they've previously read.
- It is a team effort, so students from any level of reading or genre interest can join.
- Even if they are alone they can sign up! We usually create teams of 5 or 6 on the first meeting.
- Students are provided with the list of books to read.
- We provide copies of the books for the students to read.
- The virtual competition will allow everyone to participate this year, so we can have multiple teams.
- The Battle takes place on April 23 so students must make sure they are available on this date.



The first meeting was held in-person and on Zoom on Friday, December 11th.

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## **Grade 5 & 6 Online Learning Update**

Thank you for your support throughout these tumultuous months. We appreciate all that families are doing to help students to continue to navigate the learning process.

Our grade 5's and 6's will be joining the at-home learning community from Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>-Jan-8<sup>th</sup>. During this week, students will be joining their teachers over Zoom during regular lesson times for core subjects and a modified schedule for Fine Arts and PE. Teachers will send a learning plan to parents and students by Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> to help you understand what this will

look like. To provide more detail, we've attached the "Kindergarten to Gr. 6 Temporary at-Home Learning Parent/Student Guide"

[ParentGuide-K-Gr6TempAt-HomeLearning.pdf](#)

We hope all goes well for everyone during the break and we look forward to seeing students back in the school on January 11th!

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## 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 next deadline for ordering is January 9, 2021.** Orders placed before December 4th 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

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### **FLIPGIVE Fundraiser!!!**

There's still time to take advantage of the convenience of shopping with Flipgive. Purchase your Christmas gifts and gift cards using Flipgive and it's a win/win; your Christmas shopping is made easy and Springbank Middle School increases its rebates! Please go to the following link to start shopping:

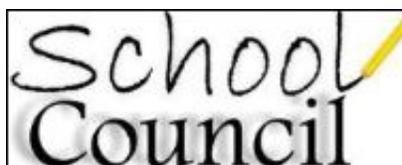
<https://flipgive.app.link/r?code=1375907>

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 \$795 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](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**



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of School Council is Wednesday, January 6th at 7:00 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/5159279527?pwd=N2NQanc5b0JLZlIKOERmQnNRTVlyZz09>

Meeting ID: 515 927 9527

Passcode: 273767

Until further notice, there will be no in-person attendance.

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](mailto: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.

Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa

On behalf of FOSMSS

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## **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.hmhc.ca/sessions/?p=online>

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