

[View this email in your browser](#)



January 15, 2021

Important Dates

- January 23 - Conference Manager Closes for Booking Three-Way Conferences
- January 25 & 27 - Three-Way Conferences (Parent/Student/Teacher Zoom session 4:00 - 7:00pm)
- January 29 - Professional Learning Day - No Classes
- February 8 - In-school/Online Learning Transition
- February 11 - Paul Davis Presentations - Online Safety
- February 13 - 21 - Teacher's Convention - No Classes
- February 22 - Return to Classes

What's Going On at SMS? House Teams!

On January 15th we launched our House Teams! Students gathered in their Homerooms and it was revealed to each student which House Team they will be a part of for the remainder of the year.

- Fire (red) 🧯
- Water (blue) 💧
- Wind (gold) 🌪️
- Rock (black) 🪨

While remaining in their Homerooms, team members were faced with their first Challenge! Grades 5 and 6 had to navigate the "Escape from Wonderland Digital Escape Room" and Grades 7 and 8 explored the "Space Explorer Digital Escape Room". Results will be available as soon as the tabulations are complete!!!



3-Way Conferences (Parent/Teacher/Student) via Zoom January 25th and 27th

Three-Way Conferences will be taking place on January 25th and 27th from 4:00 - 7:00. Conference Manager will be open for booking a Parent/Teacher/Student conference from January 15th - January 23rd. Please go to the following link to book your appointment and/or confirm you have an account.

<https://springbankmiddle.schoolsoft.ca>

Once bookings are complete, teachers will send parents a Zoom invite for your appointment time.

Paul Davis - Online Safety

In collaboration with Elbow Valley Elementary and Springbank Community High School, we're pleased to be hosting Paul Davis, a renowned speaker on online safety. Mr. Davis will be doing in-class presentations, via Zoom, to our students on Thursday, February 11th and a virtual presentation for parents in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

Paul Davis has spoken to over 620,000 students in Canada and the US in the past nine years. The following is his mission statement:

"Protecting children and empowering parents on the topic of online safety"

With 28 years of experience in information technology/cyber and a father of two teenage daughters, his message is factual, direct, and caring.

More information on tickets for the parent event will be available in the coming weeks. To read more on Mr. Davis, please go to the following website:

<http://socialnetworkingsafety.net>

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.



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 29, 2021.** 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**

FLIPGIVE Fundraiser!!!

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 \$913 in rebates!

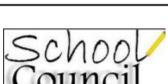
<https://flipgive.app/link/r?code=1375907>

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**

This Weekend Only!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of School Council is Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 P.M. A link to the Zoom meeting will be posted at a later date.

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

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

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.

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

