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January 22, 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 3 - Bottle Collection Bin On Site

February 8 - In-school/Online Learning Transition

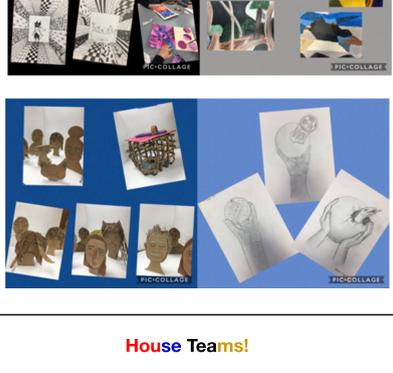
February 11 - Paul Davis Presentations - Online Safety

February 13 - 21 - Teacher's Convention - No Classes

February 22 - Return to Classes

**What's Going On at SMS?**

Art classes are a staple of learning at Springbank Middle School. In grades 5 and 6 Art is offered as part of the Fine Arts program and is required in the curriculum. In grades 7 and 8 our Art teacher, Tish Doyle-Morrow, offers a variety of art classes through the complementary courses (options) each year. Students at SMS have the good fortune to benefit from her expertise and this is evident in the quality of the pieces they are able to produce.



**House Teams!**

Students and staff have had fun this week supporting their teams by wearing their team colours, completing tasks, and going out of their way to support our school culture. Teams are neck and neck in their bead collection and we're looking forward to continuing our mission!!



**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 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.

Please go to the following link to purchase tickets to the parent event:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/paul-davis-social-networking-online-safety-tickets-137641741153>

To read more on Mr. Davis, please go to the following website:

<http://socialnetworkingsafety.net>

**Bottle Drive**

Our Leadership students and Parent Council have coordinated to set up a bottle drive campaign with the proceeds going to Springbank Middle. The funds will primarily be used to purchase sports equipment for the school. In an effort to make donating more convenient, the Springbank Bottle Depot will be dropping off a bin once a month, to be set up in the NE corner of the parking lot. The next date to have a bin on site is Wednesday, February 3rd. The bin will be dropped off at approximately 7:45 A.M. and picked up at 4:15 PM. If you are unable to bring your bottles to the school during that time, you can still take them in to the bottle depot during their regular operating hours and ask to have the proceeds credited to Springbank Middle School's account.

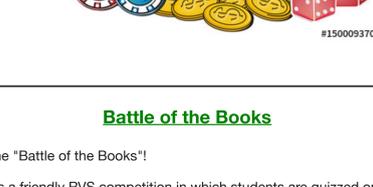


**Casino!!**

Springbank Middle School has been awarded a casino to take place on Friday, March 12th and Saturday, March 13th. In the past, casinos have raised up to \$60,000 for our school and students. It's imperative we have enough volunteers to run the casino to continue to be on the list of eligible participants.

Please go to the following link if you're interested in signing up to volunteer:

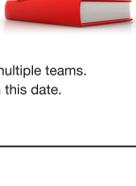
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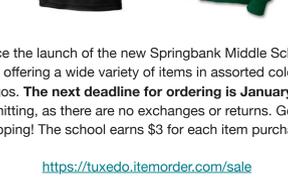
**Battle of the Books**

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.



**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>

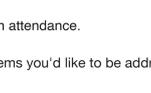
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**FLIPGIVE Fundraiser!!!**

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 \$931 in rebates!

<https://flipgive.app.link/?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](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, 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](mailto:sms_volunteers@outlook.com)

Ariene Abboud & Amal Jormaa  
 On behalf of the SMS Council

**FRIENDS OF SPRINGBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY (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.

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

