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January 29, 2021

Important Dates

January 29 - Professional Learning Day - No Classes

February 3 - Bottle Collection Bin On Site

February 3 - Parent Council Meeting

February 8 - In-school/Online Learning Transition

February 11 - Paul Davis Presentations - Online Safety

February 15 - No Classes (Family Day)

February 16 & 17 - No Classes (Vacation)

February 18 & 19 - No Classes (Teachers' Convention)

February 22 - Return to Classes

March 12th and 13th - FOSMSS Casino Fundraiser! Volunteers needed

What's Going On at SMS?

House Teams!

Our House competitions continue! This week Mr. Bolduc was kind enough to craft a beautiful display board for our bead collections! The numbers continue to be close but teams are starting to rev things up! Students are noticing and performing more acts of kindness, showing initiative, and bringing extra school spirit to the building! Next week there will be a new Challenge but what it will be is a well-kept secret (hint.....students should wear their toques)! Current Team standings are as following:

Wind - 166

Rock -163

Water - 160

Fire - 158



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 P.M.** 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.



Paul Davis - Online Safety Presentation

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 7:00p.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>

FRIENDS OF SPRINGBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY (FOSMSS)

Fund Raising Casino!!

Springbank Middle School fund raising society 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.

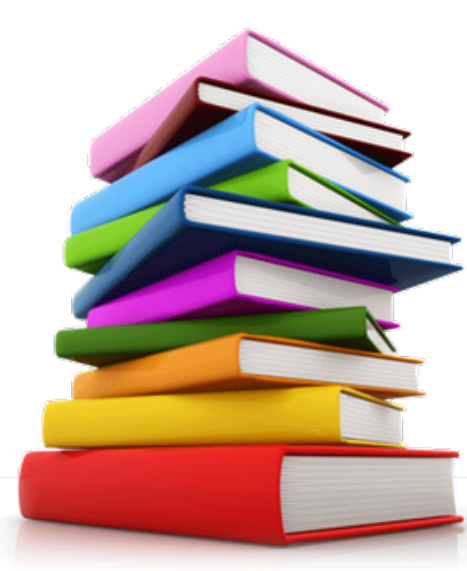
Please go to the following link if you're interested in signing up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054fa8af29a0fc1-smscasino2>

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 \$936 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**

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Gives 1.5%
Gives 1%



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SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of School Council is Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00 P.M. Until further notice, there will be no in-person attendance.

Zoom link:

Topic: School Council Zoom Meeting

Time: Feb 3, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/99791340042>

Meeting ID: 997 9134 0042

Passcode: 896396

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

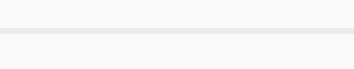
Arlene Abboud & Amal Jomaa

On behalf of the SMS Council

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>



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