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Nov. 13, 2020

Important Dates

November 16 - 29 - Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Nov. 18 - Photo Retakes

Nov. 23 - Professional Learning Day - No School for Students

Nov. 26 - 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:

Leadership

Here at Springbank Middle School we want students to understand the important role Leadership plays in school, communities, and everyday life. We encourage students to ask, "How can I use my own strengths to be a leader?" "What are the needs, and how can I improve my community?" We strive to give students an opportunity to explore and enhance their leadership skills in a hands-on approach.

During the last week our Leadership class has been very busy. They were instrumental in putting together our Remembrance Day video. As presenters, they helped deliver the message on the importance of observing Remembrance Day each year. We hope you were able to join us in watching our virtual Remembrance Day ceremony. If not, it's still available to view at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/yHDN5bUs6IM>

Leadership students were also busy helping collect, sort and count the numerous food items sent in by our wonderful Springbank families. The Veterans Food Bank of Calgary is a service provided by CALGARY VETERANS SERVICES SOCIETY, founded in August 2018, to serve food security and other resource needs of veterans from Calgary and surrounding area. The Veterans Food Bank of Calgary supports veterans who've served in all branches of the Canadian Armed Forces, Reserves and first responders. All are eligible for assistance through these programs.



Veterans Food Bank of Calgary

We want to sincerely thank all the families who donated. We collected a total of 2016 items! Ms. Coffin's 8.3 class was our top collector with 407 items!

Finally, on November 26th, grade 7 and 8 SMS students are invited to attend the Horizons Leadership Conference. This event is open to students enrolled in the Leadership options, however, there will also be a limited number of spots available for other grade 7 and 8 students. 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.

Updates:

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](#).

Photo Retakes:

Photo retakes are taking place on Wednesday, November 18th. If your child requires a retake or if they were absent for our first Picture Day, please send their original photos or a written note with them on Retake Day. They will be asked to give these to the photographer when getting their retake.

School Fees:

Fees for Term 1 and Yearlong optional courses have now been applied and are payable through your School Cash Online account. If you don't yet have an account or need a refresher on how to use it, please click on the following link:

[School Cash Registration](#)

If you have any problems or questions please call our office.

Virtual Book Fair

From November 16th to November 29th, Springbank Middle School will be hold its first **Virtual Book Fair!**

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>



Virtual Book Fairs Family Night

How To Have The Perfect Shopping Night

- 1 Grab some yummy snacks and get cozy
- 2 Shop as a family for your new favourite books!
- 3 Read together, laugh out loud, and share new stories



Our School's Virtual Family Night Is

Wednesday from 6-8pm

FREE SHIPPING

FLIPGIVE!!!

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

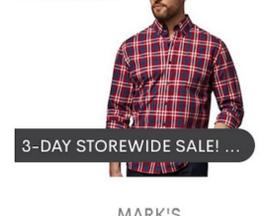
<https://flipgive.app.link/r?code=1375907>

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 \$276 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**

Here are some great offers to take advantage of this weekend and stay tuned for **Black Friday** specials coming soon!!



MARK'S
Gives 6%
Gives 2% Ends in 9 days



ANTHROPOLOGIE
Gives 8%



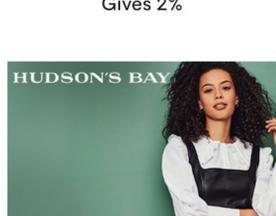
GAP
Gives 5%
Gives 2%



OLD NAVY
Gives 2%



SEPHORA
Gives 2%



HUDSON'S BAY
Gives 3%
Gives 2%

School Swag!!!

Please stay tuned for an exciting upcoming announcement!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

Ariene 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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**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 hmtc.ca/sessions/?p=online"

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



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