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Oct. 2, 2020

**Important Dates**

- Oct. 7 - School Council AGM 7pm via Zoom
- Oct. 20 & 22 - 3-Way Conferences via Zoom (Parent/Teacher/Student) - See info below
- Oct. 23 - School Photos (Individual)
- Nov. 18 - Photo Retakes

**Updates:**

**Drop-off/Pick-up:** The parking lot is running much smoother in the mornings. Thank you for quickly dropping your child off along the sidewalk and then leaving.

The afternoon is getting better. Please park inside the parking lot if the sidewalk lane is full.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

**Staffing:** Erin Carriere continues to fill in for Brent Saccucci, class 7.2, while he is absent. Thank you Mrs. Carriere for providing continuous instruction.

**Optional Insurance for Families:**  
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/student-insurance>

**3-Way Conferences (Parent/Teacher/Student) via Zoom**

**Oct. 20 & 22, 4-7pm**

**Conference Manager will be open for booking a Parent/Teacher/Student conference from Oct. 7 - Oct. 16. After bookings close, teachers will send you a Zoom invite for your time period.**



**Pay Fees and Submit Permission Forms Through School Cash Online**

Rocky View Schools (RVS) is committed to the health and safety of students and staff. With visitor restrictions in place in RVS schools, we're continuing our contactless and cashless fee payment and introducing contactless permission forms.

<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/assets/school-cash-online-fees-permission-forms>

**Parent Guide to Real Time Reporting**

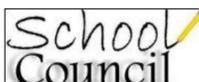
This year, SMS is a Real Time Reporting (RTR) school. This means that you can follow your child's progress on PowerSchool throughout the year. You will receive an electronic report card at the end of the year.

Real-Time Reporting provides up-to-date assessment information which assists teachers in their lesson planning to improve student learning. As students learn concepts, teachers are providing regular feedback for students and parents through an online system called the PowerSchool Public Portal (often referred to as the Parent Portal). The feedback will show students where they currently are in the learning process, and may give suggestions for improvement. Parents and students have access to this feedback at any time.

Real-Time Reporting:

- gives parents and students timely information, rather than information a few times per year.
- informs teacher practice to improve student learning and student understanding of the curricular outcomes.
- gives students the entire year to learn the curricular outcomes which supports the long-range development of a learner.
- aligns with RVS assessment policy and vision of the 4-Year Plan.

[https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/21stC/assessing/real-time-reporting/report\\_card](https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/21stC/assessing/real-time-reporting/report_card)



**School Council** would like to invite all parent/guardians to attend the virtual/in person ... you choose... AGM on Wednesday October 7, 2020 at 7PM. The agenda items for the evening are: nominating and electing our Executive Members, filling our school representative positions, presenting financial statements, reviewing new Operating Procedures (please see attached document).

<https://springmd.rockyview.ab.ca/school-council/sms-operating-procedures-revised-2020/view>

Please RSVP to [sms\\_volunteers@outlook.com](mailto:sms_volunteers@outlook.com) to confirm attendance at the school as we are limited to 20 people max.

For those who would prefer to zoom in, here's the link:

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/92074408874>  
Meeting ID 92074408874

Our school council consists of:

**Executive positions**

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer liaison

**Representative positions**

**Volunteer Coordinator** - Create and distribute Sign-Up Genius invitations for all volunteer opportunities at school.

**Grant Writer** - Research and apply for grants

**Spirit Day** - Unsure if this event will happen this year, but its always best to be prepared. We might need to get creative. Usually happens at the end of the school year and its a day filled with fun activities and treats for the students.

**Halloween** - Last year we did a classroom contest for best costume and students went on to compete for best school wide costume. Plus a huge party that we can't do. Due to Covid, this year we need to get creative. All ideas are welcome.

**Yearbook** - Gather photos electronically from teachers and students via flash drive or email. Organize photos within the book Lifetouch Online website. Communicate with teachers to ensure class photos and names uploaded by Lifetouch are accurate. Will have access to last year's Yearbook Lead contact if mentoring is needed.

**Band** - Be a liaison between School Council and Band

**Athletics** - Be a liaison between Athletics department and School Council

**Fundraising Coordinator**- SMS hasn't had a school wide fundraiser in years and the school's needs keep growing. Being limited with Covid all ideas are welcome.

We are looking to fill the above positions, if you're interested in helping out please email [sms\\_volunteers@outlook.com](mailto:sms_volunteers@outlook.com) before our meeting.

**Friends Of Springbank Middle School Society (FOSMSS)**

FOSMSS had a Special Meeting to vote in new officers on September 30th. Thank you very much to the former directors that gave their time and expertise to the betterment of our school. A special shout out to Kirsten Hunter who served as Treasurer for 7 years. Your dedication to SMS has made a huge impact on the lives of its students.

We would like to thank Tanis Budgell for taking on the role of Secretary and Johnson Tai for taking the Treasurer position.

Our school depends on Casino fundraising monies to procure many activities for our students as well as purchase supplementary learning tools. We are still looking for a Casino Chair and a Raffle Chair.

Without volunteers to fill these positions we CANNOT have a Casino this year or have any fundraising activities.

**FOSMSS Casino Chair (10hrs/casino/18 mo):**

- Is liaison between hired casino advisors and the casino
- Advertises the casino thru the school
- Submits/Files documents to secure the following casino

**Raffle Chair (As needed by school, 5 hrs/yr)**

- Liaison between the school and AGLC
- Complete documents needed to hold/participate in raffles

If you're interested in helping out please email [sms\\_volunteers@outlook.com](mailto:sms_volunteers@outlook.com)

Amal Jomaa & Arlene Abboud  
President & VicePresident



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