



# SPVA Newsletter

Your bi-weekly newsletter about our school!

## Principal's Message



We hope you have had a fantastic September! To those students who are new to the Virtual Academy, we hope that the first two months of the school year have been productive and a good experience.

We will be having our first round of Student-Parent-Teacher interviews soon, and if you are behind in some of your work, don't fret! There is time to catch up and get back on track. If you need help with an assignment, or a plan to get caught up, please reach out to your teachers or connect with Mrs. Lapierre, our School counsellor. We are here to help all students to be successful in their programs!

We always welcome your comments and feedback. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk with your teacher, our academic counsellor, or phone us at 780-939-4341 Ext 1625 or 1626.

Christy Filgate, Principal  
SPVA/SLC/MLC



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## Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews

**November 3rd 3:00-6:00 pm**

**(BBQ from 4-5 pm)**

**Click on the link below to book!**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.ca/code/hgf3t>

**School Council**

**For ALL programs!**

We meet from 6-7 pm once a month online! Come join us on November 15th!

[meet.google.com/eds-njbg-ncr](https://meet.google.com/eds-njbg-ncr)



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## Flex Friday!

SPVA students came to our school to engage in a bunch of in person activities including a blanket exercise, Popcorn Science, a Science presentation from the U of A, and a Pot-Luck lunch! A special thanks to Taryn Donald for leading the Blanket exercise and for Trustee Buga for joining us!

## October Field Trip!

Prairie Gardens!! Afternoon- October 31st! Wear your costume! \$16.50/ student payable through PowerSchool. Please bring an extra \$2.00 if you would want to bring a pumpkin home!

**Continue to read to see what is happening in our classes!**

## Math with Mr. Kaya!

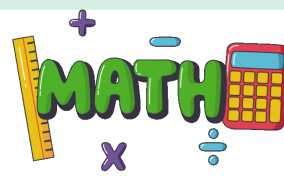
Here is a summary of what we have been learning this month!

Our grade 5's and 6 class have been using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve problems involving large numbers with the aid of technology (if needed). They have been learning to identify multiples and common multiples, and then solve problems involving multiples and common multiples!

The Grade 7 Students have been working with fractions and decimals! (Mixed numbers; add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals; and percent).

### Learning Activities:

Students explored and use the concept of benchmarks for the use in ordering fractions, patterns of division by multiples of 10, and skills to find the cost of items that have been reduced or taxed.



## Math with Ms. Savin

In Math 8 students completed their unit on Integers and now we are beginning to study perfect squares and square roots.

In Math 9 students completed their unit on rational numbers and now we are beginning to study coordinate planes and solving and linear equations.

After that, we will be graphing linear relation on coordinate planes.

## Science With Ms. Poliqui



Students have been working hard in Science this month! Here is a list of everything we have been learning about!

Sci 5 – Human impacts on wetlands, adaptations for wetlands and food webs

Sci 6 – Branching patterns, leaves and parts of a tree

Sci 7 – Food webs, energy pyramids, and invasive species

Sci 8 – Density, buoyancy, and pressure

Sci 9 – Reproduction, genetics, natural and artificial selection

Health 8/9 – Time management and resumes

## LA/Social/Health with Ms. Senych!



In Language Arts and Social Studies for Grades 5-7 we have been:

- Reading our Classroom Novel - Holes and exploring new vocabulary and character traits
- Talking about what it means to be a good Digital Citizen
- Discussing democracy and our Local Government

## Social with Mr. Christensen!

Grade 8 - We have been studying the Renaissance with a focus on the changes that occurred in how man began to view their purpose in a more humanistic view. With this focus, we have looked at developments in the arts, science, mathematics, travel, and economics that affect us to this day. Time is also spent every class on current events, and analyzing sources to develop media interpretive skills.

Social 9- Social Studies 9 is an achievement exam course that introduces students to the workings of the Canadian government. In these first two months we have focused on the executive power, legislative power, and judicial power of the federal government. In the most recent weeks we have looked at the YCJA and how it affects them as youth.

Parents of 8's and 9's - you have great children!

## LA with Ms. Wood!

ELA grade 8/9 are working on reviewing elements of literature - students who were here last week can name all 6! We will be going over these elements in more detail over the next few weeks while we analyze short stories. We are also learning about figurative language. We read, we discuss, and we view videos so all types of learners can engage with the material. We also practice it. The students will be doing the required Read Theory practice. The plan is to do this a minimum of 3 times before the deadline to get a relevant assessment. So far, this is where we are at!

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# Staff Announcements

We just want to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr. Christensen who has been looking after Ms. Waller's students while she has been away on leave. Thank you fo all your hard work! We will miss you!

We also want to thank Ms. Stephanie Wood who has been looking after Mrs. Woodford's English 8/9/ class while she is on leave to the end of November.

We also wanted to welcome Ms. Catherine Savin who is covering for Mrs. McLean while she is away until after the Christmas break.

## Important Dates:

- November 3rd- Student/Parent/Teacher interviews
- November 4th- Remembrance Day Ceremony- Live Stream link to come!
- Fall Break- November 5th- 13th- Schools are closed

Thank you to our students for all your hard work this far,  
and to our parents for all your support!

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