



SPVA Newsletter

Your newsletter about our school!



Principal's Message

Welcome to 2023! We hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break!

The year 2023, in the Chinese zodiac, is the year of the Water Rabbit. The sign of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope. Sounds like a great place to start!

SPVA is finishing up units and the first half of the school year will be over before we know it! Flex Friday will be on January 20th. We hope everyone from Grades 5-9 will be able to join us in person that day!

For MLC and SLC, it is nearly the end of the first semester. For those that are writing diploma exams, exam sessions will be at the Morinville Learning Centre. If you are writing this month, please make sure you have logged into MyPass and have booked your diploma exam.

As always, your teachers and counsellor are but a phone call, Google Meet, or an email away; don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it! We hope you have a wonderful year with joy and success.

Sincerely,

Christy Filgate, Principal

SLC, MLC and SPVA.



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

Math with Mr. Kaya!

Grade 7: Here is a summary of what we have been learning this month!

Throughout the month of December we have been completing the Integers Unit. Students modeled integers with colored tiles. They solved problems involving adding integers using colored tiles and number lines, subtracting integers using colored tiles and number lines, and finally adding and subtracting integers.

I Can Statements

9.1 Explore Integer Addition

- ☐ I can add integers using integer chips

9.2 Add Integers

- ☐ I can add integers using a number line.

9.3 Explore Integer Subtraction

- ☐ I can subtract integers using integer chips.

9.4 Subtract Integer

- ☐ I can use addition to subtract integers.

9.5 Apply Integer Operations

- ☐ I can decide when to add and subtract integers in solving problems.

Grade 5/6: In the first three weeks of December we completed the Patterns and Equations unit and started the Angles and Polygons unit.

Students learned:

- Describe patterns and relationships using graphs and tables.
- Use equations to represent number relationships.
- Use relationships within tables of values to solve problems.
- Identify and plot points in a Cartesian plane.
- Demonstrate the preservation of equality.



Math with MS. Savin

Math 8 : In December students learned how to :

- Demonstrate an understanding of multiplying and dividing positive fractions and mixed numbers, concretely, pictorially and symbolically.
- Apply the order of operations to fraction problems.

Students completed the unit with a unit test.

Math 9 : In December students learned how to:

- Generalize a pattern arising from a problem-solving context, using a linear equation, and verify by substitution.

- Graph a linear relation, analyze the graph, and interpolate or extrapolate to solve problems.

Students completed the Linear Relations Unit with a unit test.



Science with Ms. Poliquin!

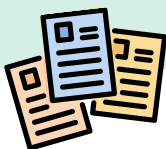
Sci 5: In December we completed our Electricity and Magnetism unit. In January we are starting a unit focussing on Mechanisms using Electricity.

Sci 6: We are close to completing the Sky Science Unit. We have two more topics to complete in January and then we will be moving on to Air and Aerodynamics.

Sci 7: We finished the Plants for Food and Fibre unit. In January we are focusing on Heat and Temperature.

Sci 8: We completed the Cells and Systems unit in December. In January we will focus on Light and Optics.

Sci 9: We completed Chemistry in December. In January, our focus will be Environmental Chemistry.



Grade 8/9 Health



Health 8 & 9: Students learned how to create a resume, looked at career choices and reviewed personal safety. Our next focus is on healthy relationships.



LA/Social/Music/Health with MS. Senych!



LA 5-7 : We wrapped our Novel Study on A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens! In January we will be focusing on our reading skills and beginning our next Novel Study, Refugee!

Social 5-7: We are wrapping up our Ancient Athens Unit. In January we will be studying The Iroquois Confederacy.

PE 5-7 : We are continuing to find ways to keep our bodies healthy and move!

Health 5-7 : We are talking about the importance of being safe online and making friends in a digital world!

Music - 5-7 : We are exploring the genre of JAZZ!



Social 8/9 with MS. Waller



The Social 8 and 9 students are just beginning new units. After finishing three months of study on Renaissance Europe, Social 8 is beginning a unit on Aztec and Spanish history and culture. Social 9 students have completed their unit on individual rights and are now learning about the collective rights that the founding nations in Canada have.

January is a good time to reflect on the previous year and the biggest stories in the news. Take the time to listen to or watch the news as a family, as this will provide topics for discussion in class.

LA with MS. Wood!

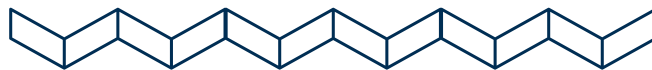
LA 8/9: We have had a busy December – students started poetry, and also completed a Christmas Carol unit.

So much figurative language that the students were quick to point out! January should be a great month filled with more poetry. LA 8/9 is doing an impressive job increasing their vocabulary base and answering questions with specific evidence. Well done, everybody!



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Powerschool update



An exciting update to PowerSchool SIS is underway! Check out our Student Contacts FAQ here: (<https://www.sturgeon.ab.ca/how-to>)

What is Student Contacts?

Student Contacts is an update to PowerSchool SIS that allows for greater flexibility in the type and amount of Parent/Guardians and Emergency Contacts that are connected to your child(ren). It will also unify your contact information across all of your children in the Division.

What will change for me?

Your information will now be unified across all schools in the Division that you are connected to (as a parent/guardian or emergency contact). Instead of having data entered at each school, you will have one set of contact information. Schools will be able to connect your information to your child(ren) at each school, whether you are a Parent, Guardian or Emergency Contact.

Why is this change happening?

There are many benefits of consolidating and updating student contact data:

- Data accuracy is important to ensure we can reach the correct person.
- Additional relationship types.



KISEPÎSIM

Great Moon

Pronounced- Kiss- ee-pee-sim



Happy New Year and Welcome to 2023! This year is promising to be an exciting New Year filled with possibilities and hope. Traditionally, during this time and for the next few months, we experience the harshest weather of the year. This is a time where all living things require extra kindness and care to survive.

So far in our moon journey together, we have discovered that the Cree language is very descriptive. Words are chosen to create a picture in your mind. Each moon's name has been based on what we see happening on the earth around us. This explains why various groups of First Nations people have different names for the moons depending on where they are located. For example, in Eastern Canada where the Mohawk live, they call this moon TSIOTHOHRHKÓ:WA, which means BIGGER COLD MOON. If you could name this moon using descriptive language what would you call it? Once you have come up with a name for the moon, try doing some research to find all the different names for this moon. Have a beautiful month.



Created by: Indigenous School Counsellor Katie Holubowich



Important Dates

- January 12-27 Alberta Diploma Exams
- January 10: School Council-6PM
- January 20: SPVA grade 5-9 Flex Friday
- January 31: PD Day- No School

January 2023

Diploma exams **must** be administered in accordance with the scheduled dates and times.

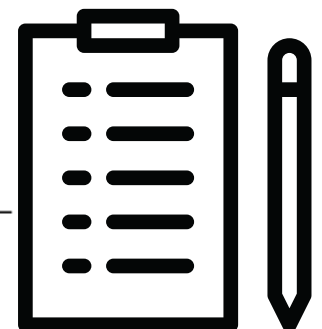


All diploma exams remain SECURED before and during the administration.

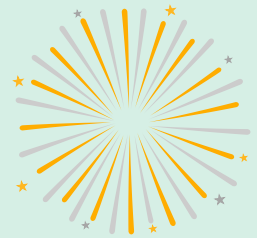
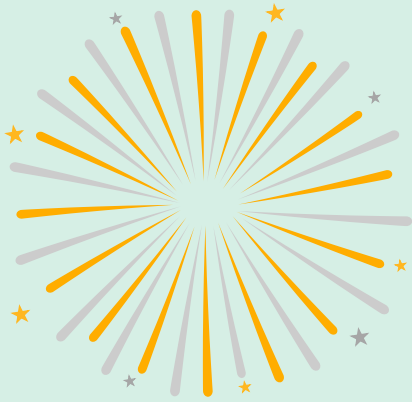
All diploma exam except those that are asterisked (*) remain SECURED after the administration and returned to Alberta Education.

Thursday, January 12	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part A* English Language Arts 30–2 Part A*
Friday, January 13	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) A* Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) A*
Monday, January 16	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie A French Language Arts 30–1 Partie A*
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Français 30–1 Partie B French Language Arts 30–1 Part B
Thursday, January 19	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Mathematics 30–1 Mathematics 30–2
Friday, January 20	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	English Language Arts 30–1 Part B English Language Arts 30–2 Part B
Monday, January 23	9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.	Social Studies 30–1 Part(ie) B Social Studies 30–2 Part(ie) B
Tuesday, January 24	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Biology 30
Wednesday, January 25	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Chemistry 30
Thursday, January 26	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Physics 30
Friday, January 27	9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.	Science 30

All students are provided with up to double the official time noted above, if they require it.



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



Happy
2023
NEW
Year

