



Sparwood Secondary School
Newsletter
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Provincial Assessments

June 19	Literacy 10 @ 8:30 a.m.
June 20	Numeracy 10 @ 8:30 a.m.
June 20	Literacy 12 @ 12:30 p.m.



Upcoming Events:

May 1	Report Cards
May 2	Parent Teacher Interviews 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 3	Parent Teacher Interviews 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 5	No School – Green Day
May 19	No School – Yellow Day
May 22	No School – Victoria Day
June 2	No School – Green Day
June 2	Graduation Banquet
June 3	Graduation Ceremony
June 16	No School – Yellow Day
June 29	Report Cards



A Message from the Principal

Report cards are being issued from Sparwood Secondary School on Monday, May 1, 2023. Report cards will be issued electronically through MyEd.

Parents

LOGGING IN

Visit the school district website. Click the MyEducation BC link under the featured links at the bottom of the page.



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Students



Look for a button like this on your Portal.

A Message from the Vice-Principal

As we enter the spring season and the close of our third quarter, I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication our students have shown throughout the year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are proud of all that you have accomplished.

I want to remind our graduating seniors that the finish line is in sight. This is a critical time to stay focused, pay attention to and work on the small details of your courses, and continue pushing forward. Your determination and perseverance will pay off as you prepare for the next chapter of your lives, but make sure you take the time to enjoy each other's company as well. Capstone presentation dates have been emailed to seniors who have yet to present. Please be prepared to present on the date you are scheduled for.

I have greatly appreciated seeing our students' commitments to extracurricular opportunities over the course of the year, and I would like to encourage our students to come out for the new activities spring brings, such as badminton, golf, girls' soccer, and mountain biking. Additionally, I would like to thank our students for their respectful and positive participation in our ski/snowboard and activity days through the month of March.

Though we have seen major improvements in attendance through the months of January and February, we have also seen an uptick in unexcused lates and absences in the month of March. It is important for our students to develop strong habits of character, such as punctuality, responsibility, persistence, accountability, and trust, as they continue to grow and mature. Being on time for class and attending classes consistently can help our students build toward those characteristics. If your child is going to miss class, please use the school messenger app to excuse their late or absence, or phone the office.

Outdoor Education

This past month, students in the Outdoor Education class demonstrated their leadership skills. Groups worked collaboratively together to teach the class a new skill. Skills taught included fire-building, water sanitation, and what has quickly become an Outdoor Ed favorite treat, the making of Bear Scat Brownies.



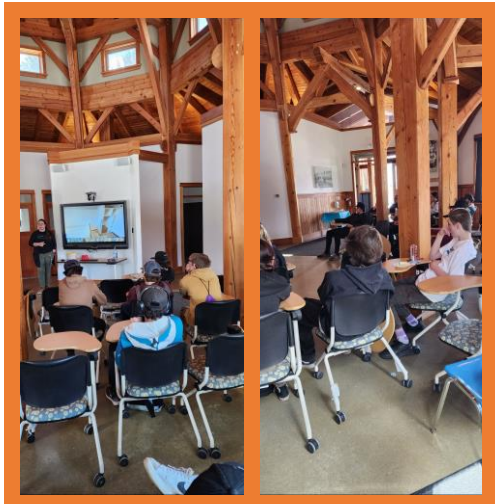
Contemporary Indigenous Studies



The Contemporary Indigenous Studies class used the District's Indigenous Floor Map to locate the various Residential Schools they are studying, and the distances students would have traveled to the attend the schools. Doing so brought to life the isolation these children would have experienced on their journeys to the schools.

Aboriginal Education

The grade 10 and 11 Indigenous students went to the COTR for a day. They participated in a tour, spent time in the Indigenous gathering place for a presentation and got lots of great information about the college. Faye O'Neil came a shared the Blanket Exercise with all our grade 9 students. The purpose of the Blanket Exercise is to build understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. We have lots of fun field trips and class presentations coming up in the next two months! Before we know it, summer will be here!



PAC

TWO PAC FUN Student activities coming May 1st and May 8th.

PRIZES TO BE WON! Details coming soon.

Our meetings are the third Wednesday of each month @ 6:00pm in the SSS Library, all parents welcome.

Next meeting is Wednesday May 17th.

Also join the PAC Facebook page, Sparwood Secondary School Parent Advisory Council.

If you have any questions or concerns you can email ssspac@hotmail.com



Careers Department

This month careers students in grade 8 and 9 completed training sessions from World of Choices focusing on careers in the trades. Grade 7 careers students completed Design projects combining woodwork with technology and art. Grade 12 students should be aware of their Capstone presentation schedule, be completed their CLC booklets, and be well on their way to completing their capstone project.

The highlight of our term 3 capstone presentations was Teddie McCartney's presentation on the spaying she did of her dog. Her volunteer work at Tanglefoot Veterinarian Clinic allowed her the opportunity to be a full participant in her dog's operation where she administered drugs, prepared equipment, and monitored her dog's progress throughout the operation. Great job Teddie.

Electives Department

So many cool things are happening in our electives department! Here are a few of them:

Foods Department

Mrs. Podrasky's Grade 8-9 Foods class made some delicious and healthy pizzas.



YUMMY!



All of the Foods classes got into the Easter spirit with some colourful Easter cookies and cupcakes:



Woodworking Department

Mr. Lund's woodwork class loading up the bat boxes that they built for Teck. They will work with them in the spring to install 12 bat boxes and 20 bluebird nest boxes on Teck property:



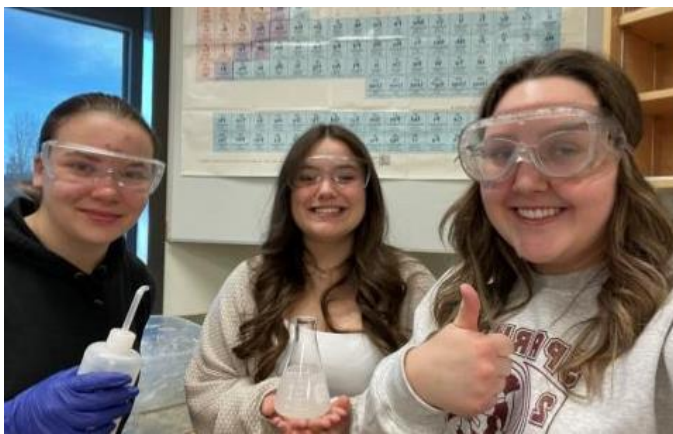
Math and Science Department

Mr. Powell Science 10

Mr. Powell's Science 10 Class had a great time participating in lab experiments that helped students learn about acids and bases, as well as reaction rates.



Mr. Faucher Chemistry 12



Ms. Nimmo Science 8

Ms. Nimmo's Science 8 class participated in a sheep's eye dissection to learn about the major structures of the eye and how the eye focuses light and collects visual information to create an image in the brain.



Athletics

Spring Sports season is here!

This is an exciting time for our sports program as there is a lot of activities happening.

Teams aren't quite set in stone yet, but we will be fielding a golf team, mountain bike team, badminton team, Junior Girls soccer team and as usual a Track and Field Team. Sparwood Secondary School has a reputation for having a strong Track and Field team, and this year is no exception. If your child can throw, jump and/or run, they are more than welcome to join the team.

Badminton

The Badminton team is being coached by our own Ms. Wagner and Mr. Parker. The athletes have been practicing twice a week and will be playing in some upcoming games as well as the final zone tournament.



To stay up to date on games and schedules and other important information with Sparwood Secondary School sports, please follow us on Facebook and like our page.

Girls Soccer

We have a Junior Girls Soccer team that is being coached by Miss Duffy. The team has already competed in a tournament Invermere and Cranbrook and are looking forward to playing in a meet in Creston. The final Zones will take place in Fernie in May.



Sparwood Secondary School will also be fielding a Golf team and a Mountain Bike team. It's going to be an exciting spring season!!

GOOOOOOO SPARTANS!

Badminton practices are Tuesday and Thursday after school till 5pm! See Ms. Wagner or Mr. Parker if you want to sign up! All students welcome!

Remember the Core Covenants of our Athletic Program

