



## Grade 9 Update

### Semester 2- Feb 2025

#### **Ms. Babyn**

- **Foods 9**

Students have begun the semester working in a group to create a boardgame project focused on food and kitchen safety and sanitation. They will present their games to the class and students will have the opportunity to play each group's game. Students will complete a quiz prior to getting started in the kitchens.

- **Leadership 9**

We started the semester discussing qualities students felt make a leader. They reflected and identified which qualities they currently possess that enable them to be leaders and set a goal on how they'd like to develop as leaders by the end of the school year. Our class has been busy organizing, selling and preparing candy grams for the whole school which will be delivered to each classroom on Feb. 21.

Please email me at [olesia.babyn@eips.ca](mailto:olesia.babyn@eips.ca) if you have any questions.

#### **Mr. Maripain in for Mr. Brzezicki**

- **Social 9**

Students are examining Canada's immigration policies and the key issues surrounding them. This unit sparks engaging discussions as we analyze how the system operates and weigh the pros and cons of current policies. Looking ahead, we will shift our focus to economic systems, exploring how they shape societies and influence decision-making.

- **Phys Ed 9**

We wrapped up the basketball unit and this month we have started curling!

- **REC FIT 9**

We are playing a variety of games not typically done in regular Phys Ed classes. Additionally, we will have a number of field trips this year including some visits to Millennium Place.

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### **Mr. Buchert**

- **ELA 9**

We just finished reading Felice Holman's historical fiction, "The Wild Children."

"Left behind when his family is arrested by soldiers during the dark days following the Bolshevik Revolution, twelve-year-old Alex falls in with a gang of other desperate homeless children but never loses his hope for a better life."

This novel teaches us the importance of hope in the face of tremendous adversity. I'm incredibly happy to share this story with the students, and I hope it will inspire them to create something excellent when they begin the process of researching and writing their own historical fictions.

We will be writing a test very soon, then we will be working on creating some historical fiction of our own!

- **Drama 9**

This group is working on selecting, memorizing, and presenting a monologue. I'm hoping they push themselves to create some good performances for the class!

- **Design 9**

The students have just finished creating their sticker designs and I'm in the process of printing them, as I write this. Once complete, we will begin working on our shirt designs.

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### **Mr. Hazlehurst**

- **Health 9** - We are currently working on a Health Links assignment which focuses on looking at specific areas of health and wellness and understanding what a reliable source of information is as we look at aspects of healthy living. Next, we will be starting in on our drugs, alcohol, and addiction unit.
- **Construction 9** – Students are starting on our note packages in preparation for getting into the shop and working on their first project, which must integrate scrap and sheet materials.

### **Mr. Hill**

- **Science 9**-The Great 9s are moving fast and furious towards spring with our next unit Electrical Principles. This is our Physics component of science 9. We discuss various forms of energy, static vs current electricity, motors, magnets, and the various mathematical formulas that coincide such as voltage, resistance, and POWER. We also research and build various circuits to understand the effects that electricity can have on various objects!! This unit is very hands-on and will have the kids using their problem solving and imaginations, really putting a charge into the second semester. !

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**Ms. Slemko**

- **Math 9** - This month I am asking all parents to make sure that your child has a calculator to use at school for math class every day.

Algebra is back! That's right, it is time to find 'x'! Students will be learning how to solve equations including equations with a variable on both sides of the equal sign. They will explore solving, checking their solutions, and representing the solving with pictorial models. Ask your child to show you how to rationalize denominators in an equation involving fractions.

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