



Grade 8 Update

Semester 2- Feb 2025

Ms. Babyn

- **Fashion 8**

We have spent some time reviewing Fashion Lab safety as well as the names and uses of basic sewing tools. We will review the names and functions of our sewing machine parts prior to using the machines which students will also be quizzed on. Students will be learning how to do some basic sewing techniques such as turning a corner, seam allowances, gathering, patch pockets and hemming.

- **Health 8**

We have been focused on our healthy eating unit where we've discussed Canada's Food Guide, the power of healthy food and ways we can fit it into our busy schedules. We will look at some food labels, ingredient lists and how food is marketed. Students will be starting a group project to culminate this unit shortly.

Please email me at olesia.babyn@eips.ca if you have any questions.

Mr. Maripain in for Mr. Brzezicki

- **REC 8**

We are playing a variety of games not typically done in regular Phys Ed classes. Unfortunately, we have been trapped inside with the cold

weather, but we will have a number of field trips this year including some upcoming visits to Millennium Place.

Please email nathan.maripain@eips.ca if you have any questions.

Mr. Buchert

- **Drama 8**

We are currently playing in our orientation unit! The students have begun creating characters, which they will be presenting to the rest of the class. Then, they will be creating scenes based on these characters. This creative process is always entertaining!

- **Film 8**

This group has already created their first film of the year, and everyone did a great job! With our next film, we will be focusing on stop motion animation.

- **ELA 82**

These kids have just finished reading Lois Lowry's, "The Giver" and now we will begin a written assignment. This was a very interesting novel which raised some interesting questions. I look forward to reading some of the interpretations of these events!

Please email craig.buchert@eips.ca if you have any questions.

Ms. Engel

- **Social Studies 8**

Students are in the middle of learning about a new worldview, the Aztecs. On Wednesday, February 19, students will be writing a test on Chapters 7 and 8. Encourage your child to complete their study guides in order to be prepared for their assessment.

Our focus will be on The Aztecs until the end of March. Chapter Google Slides, workbooks, vocabulary worksheets and projects will be posted on Brightspace as we go through this unit.

- **ELA 8 -**

We are continuing with our Book Club unit. Students had a Book Tasting where they looked at 17 different books and chose their top 5 books that they were interested in reading. Students were then put into groups where they will be discussing their novel on a daily basis. The grade 8 ELA class have created guidelines for their group and have created a calendar of events in order to complete their readings by March 20, 2025. Each day in class students will have time to discuss their reading from the previous day, read, fill out discussion pages, and work on their Character Digital Notebook. The group discussions in class have been wonderful and it is evident a lot of learning is taking place. If you have a chance, ask your child about the book they are reading and maybe you will want to read it too!

Please email jami.engel@eips.ca if you have any questions.

Mr. Hazlehurst

- **Phys Ed** - The students finished their basketball unit and currently we are working on our curling unit. We walk over to the SOC and the volunteers at the rink are walking the students through skills and gameplay. We are always grateful for their hard work and dedication to our students.
- **Construction** - Students are starting their time in Construction, we start with learning about all the machines, tools and materials we will use in the shop. This is followed by a safety unit and then working towards their first project, students will get an 8-foot 2x4 and create a project from a single board.
- **Health 8** - We have been examining risk, risky behavior and how to understand what is an acceptable risk versus a potentially hazardous risk. We will next be looking at drugs, alcohol and addiction and the dangers of such actions.

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Mr. Hill

Science 8

- The Great 8's are moving fast and furious towards spring with our next unit Light and Optics. This is our Physics component of science 8. We discuss the properties of light, the origins and theories of optical explorations and devices such as mirrors and lenses. We also fill the room with fog and shoot lasers! Bouncing them off various objects to try and understand the effects that varied materials have on light! This unit is very hands on and includes a sheep eye dissection. This unit will have the kids using their problem solving and imaginations to dream up incredible laser shows and posters!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at craig.hill@eips.ca

Ms. Slemko

- **Math 8** - 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. It is near impossible to calculate for Pythagorean Theorem without one.

Currently, Grade 8 is exploring squares, square roots and Pythagorean Theorem. They will be learning about using Pythagorean Theorem in different ways to solve for sides of right triangles. Ask your child to explain what a Pythagorean Triple is and how it is used in building construction.

There are the helpful review videos on Brightspace, as well as, lunchtime Math Help on days 4-6.

Please email jody.slemko@eips.ca if you have any questions.

Mrs. Vicic

- **Leadership 8-** The grade 8's created criteria around expectations when we engage in our Grade 1-3 Buddy activities. They were able to help with games

during grade 1 gym time and to interact with our grade 2s during various Buddy Activities, They are working on creating various Blookets to play with our grade 3s during our next buddy activity.

Please email dustine.vicic@eips.ca if you have any questions.