



## Grade 8 Update Semester 2- April 2025

### **Ms. Babyn**

- **Fashion 8**

Students have been working diligently on finishing their basic sewing technique samples. Our PJ pant fabric has arrived so we will be starting those very soon beginning with how to read a pattern.

- **Health 8**

We are in the process of beginning a new unit on Substance Use, Addictions, and Related Behaviours.

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### **Mr. Brzezicki**

I want to thank all of the families for their support and kindness during my absence. This school's community is amazing and knowing that I have so many people sending me positive vibes and love was tremendously appreciated!

- **REC 8**

We have a number of field trips coming up, with hopefully one or two more added in soon. Keep an eye out for Permission Click forms.

- April 25 – Clip and Climb (waiver to be handed out to students)
- May 20 – Argyll Velodrome (cycling)
- TBA – 5 pin bowling at Sherwood Bowl

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### **Mr. Buchert**

- **Drama 8**

This group has written scenes, using the characters they created as inspiration. They are ready to present, I have seen their dress rehearsals, and their scenes are looking like a lot of fun! I'm excited to see them perform in front of the class!

- **Film 8**

We are just finishing up our third short film project of the semester. The kids have created a mockumentary. This is essentially a documentary about a fictional character or story. This is going to be another fun project to check out!

- **ELA 82**

This class is almost finished making their podcasts about fictional "Mysteries and Legends of Fultonvale." This project has a heavy focus on mood, tone, and narrative. They are using the software "Canva" to create their work, and early samples of their work have been very encouraging. I'm certain the finished products will be even better!

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### **Ms. Engel**

- **Social Studies 8** - The students have been diligently working on their cumulative projects, showcasing their understanding of the Aztecs before contact with the Spanish, the impact of the Spanish on the Aztecs, and the influence on Mexico today.

Looking ahead, our final unit will focus on Japan. The students will explore how Japan's geography shaped beliefs and values, the effects of the Edo period's isolation policy and Meiji period's cultural contact on Japanese identity, and the impact of Western cultures on the Japanese worldview. Additionally, they will examine the tensions that arise when a society adapts to rapid changes and how different cultures can learn to appreciate and benefit from one another.

- **ELA 8** - Students are finishing up their book club projects, which are due on Tuesday, April 8th. These projects are an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their deep understanding of the novel through critical thinking and analysis of characters, plot, conflict, theme, and mood.

Next week, we will transition to our last novel study of the year, *The Giver*. This shift from historical fiction to the dystopian genre will allow students to engage with many controversial topics, fostering critical thinking and analytical discussions as they defend their beliefs and values.

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### **Mr. Hazlehurst**

- **Phys Ed** - The students are halfway through our Badminton Unit, and next week we have wheelchairs coming in so we can try some wheelchair basketball, then we will finish our badminton unit and start our Track and Field Unit, as Track Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Construction** - Students are finishing their safety unit and then working towards their first project, students will get an 8-foot 2x4 and create a project from a single board. Students are excited to get going.
- **Health 8** - We are currently working our way through our drugs, alcohol and addiction unit, and the dangers of such actions on our lives, and futures.

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## **Mr. Hill**

- **Science 8- The Great 8's** are finishing our unit on Light and Optics. This is our Biology/ 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 different materials have on light! This unit is very hands on and will have the kids using their problem solving and imaginations to dream up incredible laser shows and posters! May the Force be with us!

We are working towards our eye dissection as well as finishing our unit review poster project! The dissection can be a very eye-opening experiment.

Our second last unit is all about mechanical systems and how they work. We will be building with simple machines, creating complex machines and trying to put them to work! Mousetrap cars and Catapults! Stay tuned!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions at [craig.hill@eips.ca](mailto: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. Our next unit will be Solving Equations. Yes, it is time for the dreaded algebra! Students will learn different strategies for solving for an unknown amount within one and two-step equations, including using opposite operations, number lines, and algebra tiles.

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

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## **Mrs. Vicic**

- **Leadership 8-** The grade 8s have been working on creating letters and a slideshow for the grade 6s about Life in Junior High at Fultonvale. We will present these to our grade 6s when completed and work with our 6s on how to use a lock, which is always a big stressor for them.

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