



## SAM's Newsflash - Week of May 3



### Mother's Day

Mother's Day is just around the corner! This Sunday, May 9th many Canadians will celebrate Mother's Day by showing their appreciation for mothers or mother figures (Stepmothers, mothers-in-law, guardians/foster parents, family friends, etc.). It is the time for people to thank mothers and mother figures who took the time to care for them and help them through life's challenges. The celebrations will be a little different because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but on behalf of the SAM community, we hope you have a marvelous Mother's Day!

By: JC, Grade 8

**SAM GRAD 2021**



Do you want to contribute to SAM's 2021 Graduation Ceremony?

**THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**  
What has middle school been like for you & your friends?  
We are looking for pieces to share at the Grad Ceremony to reflect your memories and experiences of Gr7 & 8  
Feel free to submit something individually or as a group!

**WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:**

- POEM
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- SONG
- ANIMATION
- QUOTATION
- ART WORK
- AUDIO CLIP

**EXPECTATIONS:**

- REASONABLE LENGTH
- GRADUATION CEREMONY APPROPRIATE
- EN FRANCAIS SERAIT GENIAL :)

**Submissions are due May 31**  
**Google Classroom Code: eccmxib**

### Grade 8 Virtual Graduation Ceremony – June 28, 2021

Grade 8 students, including virtual school and in school:

"What stands out from your middle school experience? SAM Grade 8 Graduates are invited to share some work (poem, animation, quote, etc.) that reflects on YOUR time in middle school that we can include in our Graduation Ceremony. This can be done individually or with some friends. Join the Google Classroom "eccmxib" to submit your work before the May 31, 2021 deadline!"

**GRAD T-SHIRT DESIGN**




**Are you interested in designing our 2020/2021 Grad t-shirt?**

We are looking forward to seeing your final designs! Send your submissions to your homeroom teacher by next **Monday, May 10.**

- Keep the design simple with clean lines!
- Save as a JPEG
- Name your file with teacher's name, your name & class

Example: **Sutanto.MaryAnnIacobucci.78X**

### Grade 8 T-Shirt Design

All Grade 8 students are invited to submit a design for our Class of 2021 memento. Please make sure your design is clear and saved as a JPEG. Email your submission to your teacher by Monday May 10, 2021! Virtual School students email your submission to:  
[SirAlexanderMacKenziePSSr@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:SirAlexanderMacKenziePSSr@tdsb.on.ca)



Source: <https://www.freepik.com/free-photos-vectors/ramadan-food>

## Ramadan

How is Ramadan celebrated? Ramadan is celebrated by Muslims. Muslims celebrate Ramadan by fasting. They wake up before sunrise to eat and drink. This meal is called suhur. After sunrise while the sun is out, they do not eat or drink. They will break their fast when the sun goes down for sunset. This meal is called iftar, when Muslims break their fast. During Ramadan, people who are sick and children do not need to fast, or it is not compulsory to fast. Muslims also refrain from sin/bad deeds such as lying. They donate to charity and try to become closer to their religion by reading the holy book and praying to God. Next week, to close up our topic about Ramadan we will share about how the end of Ramadan is celebrated.

By: HP, Grade 7



## Napachie Pootoogook Story Drawing

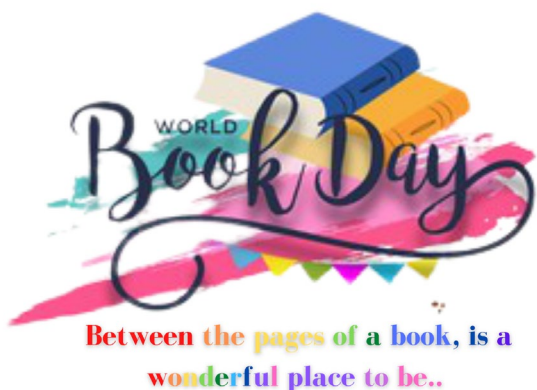
Class 7/8H attended a Visual Storytelling via a Napachie Pootoogook presentation. Annie Pootoogook was a Canadian Inuk artist known for her pen and coloured pencil drawings. In her art, Pootoogook often portrayed the experiences of those in her community of Kinngait (then known in English as Cape Dorset), in northern Canada. She would draw memories and events from her own life. Her drawing tells a story without any words. For example, she drew people in Cape Dorset buying things from the freezer because she remembered how expensive the food was. Class 7/8H decided that they were going to draw one part of their life without any words. Here is a drawing from one of the students. Resource: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annie\\_Pootoogook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annie_Pootoogook)

By: EH, Grade 7

## World Book Day 📖 - World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading.

World Book Day was invented by UNESCO on April 23, 1995 as a global celebration of books and reading. It is honored in more than 100 countries around the world. Some books the News Team of SAM recommends are: Percy Jackson & the Olympians by Rick Riordan, The Nameless City by Hicks and Faith Erin, George by Alex Gino, Bloom by Kenneth Oppel, Refugee by Alan Gratz, And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie, Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, Pretend She's Here by Luanne Rice, and The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate.

By: PY, Grade 7



Source: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/book-and-copyright-day>



### SAM Stressbusters – Baking Adventures

This week Stressbusters went on a baking adventure. They made vegan chocolate chip cookies together. Of course, not exactly together, but rather live on google meet. Why, you may ask, is because one way to relieve stress can be doing things you like and many of our Stressbusters love to bake. Here are the ingredients to make vegan cookies for 10 servings: ½ cup sugar (100 g), ¾ cup dark brown sugar (165 g), packed, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ cup refined coconut oil (120 g), melted, ¼ cup non-dairy milk (60 mL), 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, 1 ½ cups flour(185 g), ½ teaspoon baking soda, 4 oz vegan semi-sweet chocolate(115 g), chunks and 4 oz vegan dark chocolate(115 g) chunks. Note: you don't have to have the exact ingredients. Visit the link posted below for info on how to make them:

<https://tasty.co/recipe/vegan-chocolate-chip-cookies>

By: HP, Grade 7

### Grade 7 & 8 Poetry Study

Students from class 8A and 7/8 are reading and creating their own poems. They have written a variety of poems, which include haiku, acrostic poems, limericks and many more. Poems are a fun and interesting way to express your emotions. Here is an example of haiku and limerick poems that the students wrote!

By: CL, NM & JC, Grade 8

#### Voices

I heard a voice, thought it was just the waves.  
It said, "*follow the dirt road by the caves.*"  
The path led to the forest,  
And that was when I noticed.  
There, in the darkness, stood many old graves.  
By: CL

#### Cactus Blues

Being a cactus  
It gets lonely, but what's worse  
I can't get my hug  
(two verses from spoken word poem)  
By: NM

#### Bloody

It was a hot afternoon  
Just finished class,  
Trying to get ahead of my mom.

A flash and I was on the ground,  
My mom's friend came to check on me and gave me some tissues,  
I was in my mom's car staring at blood,  
Her friends told her the story.  
That's your fault you should be careful,  
I tripped. ....

By: D.L



The TDSB is offering an Elementary Summer School Program for 2021. Programs are offered to students in K to Grade 8, from July 5 – 30, 2021. For information about registration visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Elementary-Summer-School>

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