



## Grade 9 Week of Welcome (WOW) and Phoenix Challenge

This year, our grade 9's will be participating in two exciting and engaging, multi-day, immersive learning experiences. The first event will be the Phoenix WOW (Week of Welcome), an outdoor-oriented experience aimed at teambuilding and developing a culture of cooperation and acceptance among the Grade 9 class.

The students will have a choice of participating in one of the following three options during the week of September 28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> . Students in extra curricular events need to sign up for the day trips:

**Please check one:**

- A series of local day trips to facilities in the Calgary area. (approx. cost \$100)**
- 4-day, three-night trip to the Goldeye Centre in Nordegg. (approx. cost \$350)**
- 7-day trip to Haida Gwaii on the Queen Charlotte Islands. (approx. cost \$3300)**

More details of these experiences and fees associated will be forthcoming during the registration process but we would ask all students to select their choice for field trip in order to aid in our planning.

The second event unique to our Grade 9 program will be the Phoenix Challenge. The Phoenix Challenge is an immersive experiential learning event where students will spend three days exploring one of eight fields of study, such as engineering, aviation, culinary arts and music. Students will spend two days off campus engaging in unique hands-on experiences and then spend the third day engaging with a unique and fun challenge focused on that specific area of study. The Phoenix Challenge will be held at the end of January or in early February. The guiding philosophy of this program is based on the question, "How do we learn from our past to better understand the present and serve the future?" Students will have an opportunity choose their top interests in September of the coming school year. They will be assigned to each section based upon their selections. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the grade 9 administrator.

***Current Springbank students, please return the completed form to your home school.***

***New students, please return this form with your application.***