

Stevens Pass Snowsports School

THE WORD

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Last Edition of Feb!



Hope you all are excited to have successfully made it through another month! Don't forget that you can pick up your "holiday" coupons with the cashiers at the ticket windows, if you are having any issues with your seniority date please let Admin know!

Multi-Week Update!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KfLjbuwnRynke4BlmuWn-LRIQESQKLBB/view?usp=sharing>

Upcoming Clinics

2/26 Development Camps & Clinics

- Ski Improvement 9:30am to 3:30pm w/ Marla Hamilton Lucas
- Alpine Carving 4pm to 6pm w/ Eugen Darcoszy
- Mastering MA through VAK w/ Ken Bailey

2/27 Certification Prep Clinics 4pm to 6pm "Blend skills for different tasks and terrain"

- Alpine w/ Russ Peterson & David O'Donnell
- Snowboard w/ Marshall Titus

1st Department Raffle Winner!

Congratulations Justin Tremlin on your new set of Goggles!



Safety Metrics:

We are now at 55/56 days without an employee injury for the year and 208 days for the 21.22 season!!



Did you know... The Peugeot 208 is a supermini car (B-segment in Europe) produced by the PSA Group, later Stellantis.

March Madness Returns!

No this still has nothing to do with the basketball tournament, this is celebrating the last evening of nights with food, Movies, popcorn, and trivia! Set your calendar, we are going to party in the locker room until the last chair spins at 10pm.

Join us for food and fun on Sunday March 13th



Have a recommendation of which Movies we should watch?!

Let us know! Spschoolstaff@vailresorts.com

Keep in mind your suggestions should be appropriate for all ages...

Weekly Reflection

This year has come with many challenges for all of us. Please use this weekly survey to let the leadership team know where you are facing challenges, but also what some of the highlights have been throughout your week! We will be sure to reach out to each person about your concerns and let you know what we will do to address these issues.

[Click Here to fill out survey!!](#)

KEY DATES:

- March 8th- International Women's Day
- March 20th- Spring starts!
- Summer 2022- BIKE PARK RETURNS☺



Being kind to the space we share

- **Coffee**-If you have coffee, please wash your cup and leave the counters clean. We are stoked to offer this new benefit but need your help to insure we can continue!
- **Bathrooms**- If you sprinkle when you tinkle please be a sweetie and wipe the seatie.... Lets be respectful of others in this space and leave it clean after your visit 😊
- **Masks**- Required while indoors, we have some available on the yellow cabinet to your right when you walk in and N95's now on the coffee counter!
- **Waxing**- Please scrape outside and turn off the iron when you are done! If you see someone scraping wax inside please kindly ask them to pause and move to the bench out back.
- **Old Habits**-Please **do not** kick the building before entering the locker room. Each year we have to replace the wood next to the door and have it repainted from it being kicked.
 - We are ordering a new boot brush to help resolve this
- **Cleaning**- If anyone is looking to add paid time to your days onsite, please let your supervisor know! **Yes, we will pay you to help us maintain the locker room space!**

Private Lessons



"PLO Posse" - February 19, 2022

Private Request Hours Leaderboard Thru February 23rd

- 69 Dale Hardisty
- 35 Dave Johnson
- 33 David O'Donnell (DOD)
- 29 Jeremy Tremblay
- 27 George Peppin

There are a bunch of instructors right behind this lot. Stay tuned for next month's figures!

TRAINING CORNER: Skill Development - Teaching to the How?



Students have lots of questions: When will I be ready for the chairlift? What is the best way to carry my ski / board? Why should I ski parallel when a wedge works fine for me here on the magic carpet?

Once you have set an outcome for the lesson, the internal instructor question becomes, How? How do I get the student towards the outcome? How do they move their body? How will the ski or board react? How will they use this shiny new skill in the future?

How is at the core of all lessons and you can divide it into two categories when discussing skill development:

Technique - the way a skill is performed

Tactic - the practical application of the skill

Here is an easy way to incorporate skill development and answering both How's for your students. Play, Drill, Adventure, Summary (PDAS) is the PSIA Children's Teaching Cycle, and it is brilliant for its simple progression that helps an instructor answer some basic questions about their students:

Play - What skills does the student have currently?

Drill - How can the student perform that skill in a new way? (Technique)

Adventure - How and where can the student apply the new technique? (Tactics)

Summary - What is the purpose of life? (Just checking to see if you are still here)

Instructor Challenge: I double dare you to use the PDAS teaching cycle in your next lesson to build awareness around how you develop skills throughout a lesson using techniques and tactics.

