

The **International Cultures Committee** is excited to “travel” with you to **CZECHIA** this month as part of the **Holmes Cultural Passport Program**.

**3 FUN FACTS:**

1. The largest ancient castle in the world is the Prague Castle.
2. Czechia has the highest castle-density in the world (with more than 2000!)
3. Mushroom hunting is a very popular pastime of the Czechs.



Our **Virtual Cooking Club** will meet on **Friday, April 23rd from 5-6pm**, hosted by our chef duo **Jill and Petr Marousek**.

*About Chef Jill and her Sous-Chef Petr:*

Jill earned her title by watching, mostly unwillingly and with a Pilsener in hand, her Czech mother-in-law culinary experiments. Petr, whom we graciously call a sous-chef here, doesn't really cook. But he happily eats whatever Jill puts in front of him. Dobrou Chut!

This event is open to all Holmes school families with no pre-registration and the zoom link will be sent out on Thursday, April 22nd.

Please join Jill and Petr to learn how to make Czech breaded pork cutlets and potato salad (description and ingredients below)

**Smažený Vepřový Řízek (Czech Breaded Pork Cutlet)**

Thin pieces of pork are coated in flour, egg, and breadcrumbs, then pan-fried until golden. (Pork can be replaced with chicken if preferred)

**Utensils to have ready:** 3 bowls, Wok for frying, Meat tenderizer (optional), Saran Wrap

**Ingredients:** 4 pork cutlets, 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, 2 large eggs, 2 tablespoons water, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup breadcrumbs, 1/2 cup vegetable oil



**Bramborový Salát (Czech Potato Salad)**

A staple at any Christmas celebration, this salad also makes a beautiful side to the Smažený Vepřový Řízek

**Utensils to have ready:** 2 pots, 1 bowl

**Ingredients:** large potatoes (regular brown russet potatoes), 1 white onion, 2 sticks of celery, 2 carrots, 3 hard boiled eggs, 5 baby pickles, 2 oz frozen peas, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce. 4 tablespoons or more of mayonnaise (that's up to your preference), 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 5 pieces whole black pepper, 3 pieces whole allspice, 2 bay leaves, 1/2 teaspoon thyme

Our Adults-only **International Book Club** will be meeting on **Wednesday, May 5th from 7:30pm-8:30pm**. To join, please email Aparna at [aparnasahgal@gmail.com](mailto:aparnasahgal@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Thank you,  
Aparna Sahgal and Sary Akelsberg