

# SCA Elementary Newsletter



Our Mission: To challenge students, through Christ-centered education, to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord in order to pursue a life of godly character, personal and academic excellence, and service to others.



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June 2017 Edition

## Last Day of School Dismisses at 3:15pm

The last day of school this year is Thursday, June 29, 2017. School will be dismissed at 3:15 pm.

### A great year for Wheels in Motion!!!

Our school has a strong missions focus. It is our desire to honour the Lord by helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We partner with an orphanage in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. Through our classroom projects, bottle drives and "The Great Day of Giving" we raised **\$178,275** to support the program. The funds were used to build a new Education Centre for the orphanage and in November, we were successful in sending 'Team Nehemiah' consisting of 15 members to build the walls of the building. In March, our Grade 2 teachers, 'The Taco Belles' were able to attend the grand opening of the completed Education Centre. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for this new building and its ministry to the orphans.



Thank you again SCA Elementary families for your love and generosity!

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40*

### Reminders:

Wednesday, June 7 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm

Friday, June 9 - Track and Field Day

Thursday, June 29 - Last Day of School

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## Dates for PAT's

The Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) will be written in June by all Grade 6 students across the province. Please note the following dates when you are scheduling appointments. All of the tests take place in the morning.

Monday, June 19 - Grade 6 LA (PartB)

Thursday, June 22 - Grade 6 Social

Tuesday, June 20 - Grade 6 Math

Friday, June 23 - Grade 6 Science

## Track and Field Day - Friday June 9, 2017

We are praying for good weather for our Track and Field Day on Friday, June 9! Grades 1-3 will be using our own school fields to spend the day participating in 16 events. Each of the 16 groups will be led around the course by a Grade 3 group leader and assistant leader. It is always an enjoyable day by all. At the end of the day the students will gather together for a freezie and ribbon awards for first through fourth place. Mrs. Pelster & Mrs. Vader head up this meet.

The Grade 4-6 Track and Field Day will take place at the Strathcona Athletic Park (behind Bev Facey School). The students will be in groups of 16 and travel through 18 events. The activities range from regular Track and Field events such as high jump and 100m dash to irregular events such as sack races and dry land canoeing. At the end of the day every student will be awarded with a first through fourth place ribbon. Mrs. Doupe heads up this meet. Lunch can be bought at the Grade 4-6 meet. All items are \$1.00.

Please make sure that your child brings a bottle of water with their name on the bottle and morning snack. Your child should have sunscreen on all exposed skin. Please apply sunscreen at home. Mosquito repellent may also be a good idea. Wearing layered clothing would be a good idea as the weather may be variable throughout the day.

Please note: "Parent Permission" forms. This form must be filled out, signed and returned to the homeroom teacher for each grade 4-6 student to be able to participate.

This day is only successful because of you, our parents, who volunteer to help us out. Volunteer forms were sent home mid-May. The forms should be returned by now but if you forgot please phone the school and let them know. Volunteers are still needed for Grades 1-3 for the morning only.

We would like to give a huge **thank you** to all of our volunteers. You are awesome!

Submitted by: Mrs. Sue Doupe



## **Class Placement**

Each year on the first day of school, students find out which homeroom and teacher they have. Great care and planning occurs in placing each child in the proper class. Staff spend a great deal of time considering variables such as: individual needs, learning styles, peer groupings, social interactions, boy-girl ratios, special program grouping, educational assistant times etc. before setting the lists. Parents are asked to refrain from requesting specific teachers or homerooms, except for reasons of special education (i.e. learning or physical disabilities). On Wednesday, August 30, our staff will be in the rotunda with grade signs to help students find their new classes.

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## **Staff Transitions**

Mrs. Jenny Litwin - After eleven years of working at SCA, Mrs. Litwin is retiring. She has served us so faithfully in teaching Kindergarten for three years and Grade 2 for eight. We wish her well in her retirement...with all her new hobbies and hanging with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Marshman - After serving for seven and a half years as our lead school secretary, Mrs. Marshman is moving on to a new chapter of her life. It is almost a sure thing that Mrs. Marshman has interacted with each and every one of our 570 students during her time here. We will truly miss her ready smile and upbeat spirit. She treated each student and parent with kindness and great respect. We will still see her around our SCA family as she volunteers at SCA Secondary next year.

Both of these staff members have left significant and long lasting impact at our elementary school. They will be dearly missed!

## **Shuttle Bus Service**

In an attempt to relieve some of the school parking pressures at our elementary school, we are once again providing a free shuttle bus service, before and after school, to and from our secondary school. Parents will drop off their children in the morning at the secondary school and pick them up at the secondary school from the shuttle in the afternoon.



We are encouraging any elementary families who have children in our secondary school and are currently picking them up by car, or any families who find the parking lot congested and would like a larger parking area to retrieve their child(ren) to consider using this service. Families considering using the shuttle service must agree to be committed to using the service daily both in the morning and in the afternoon.

NOTE: Students who are signed up for regular EIPS bussing should NOT sign up for the shuttle bus. Students on regular EIPS buses can get off their bus at secondary with a parental note (sent to the bus driver).

Notices regarding shuttle bus service went home on May 31<sup>st</sup> with the oldest child in the family. Please return the completed form to Mrs. Gagne in the office by Thursday, June 8th or if you did not receive the form and are interested, please call the school office and we will ensure you get one. Should you have any further questions regarding the shuttle service, please feel free to call the school office.

## **2017-2018 Calendar is now Online!**

To view the SCA Elementary calendar for 2017-2018, please go to our website at [www.scaelementary.ca](http://www.scaelementary.ca).



## **A WORD OR TWO**



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It has been wonderful to work with all of the students in the library this year. We are privileged to be a part of the reading experiences of your children and are very thankful for all of the great volunteer and book fair support we received this year. Special thank yous to our Grade 6 Library Leadership Club students.

As we approach the end of June, the library schedule will be as follows:

- ★ June 5-9 - the last week that students will be able to sign out books
- ★ June 12-16 - the last week that classes will have their *regular* library classes
- ★ **June 16 - all books to be returned!**
- ★ June 19-23 - all missing books must be returned or paid for

Again, a big thank you to parents, and have a great summer!

— Mrs. Wielinga

## **Year End Celebrations**

Our year end chapel will take place on Wednesday, June 28 at 9:15 am in the gym. We will also be having our year end assembly on Wednesday, June 28 at 1:00 pm in the gym. All are invited!



### **Year End Awards**

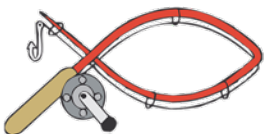
Students will receive their year end awards in their individual classrooms at times specified by the teacher. Most class awards are presented on the last day of school, Thursday, June 29.

## **Report Cards**

Report cards will be available online, through your parent portal account, on Thursday, June 29 at 3:15 pm and this will be the last day of school for our students. If families are leaving early for holidays, you will be able to access your report card online any time after 3:15pm on June 29<sup>th</sup>. We ask that your student(s) take all their belongings with them if they are leaving early. Any additional items will be kept in the school office for pick up in September. Parents of children entering Grades 1-3 are reminded that you will pay a fee in October for school supplies that will be purchased and provided by the school. Students entering Grades 4-6 will receive a supply list for the upcoming year. Supply lists can also be found on our website, under 'Parent Info'.

## **Lost and Found**

There are many items in our lost and found. Items will be on display the last week of school and teachers will be walking students by the tables during this time. Any items not claimed by June 29<sup>th</sup> will be donated to a local community charity. Please come and check the lost and found for any items you are missing. Thank you.



### **The School Theme for 2017-2018 is...**

***“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.***

***Matthew 4:19***

## 2017-2018 Proposed EIPS School Fees

The EIPS school fees for the 2017-2018 school year will be due by early October 2017. Fees can be seen and paid for through the online Parent Portal, starting in September. Printed fee sheets will be available from the office upon request. The proposed school fees are as follows:

### ECS Proposed Fees:

EIPS Learning Resource Fee	\$25.00
Field Trips	\$65.00

### Grade 1-3 Proposed Fees:

EIPS Learning Resource Fee	\$50.00
School Supplies	\$38.00
Field Trips	\$40.00

### Grade 4-6 Proposed Fees:

EIPS Learning Resource Fee	\$50.00
Field Trips	\$40.00

### Optional Fees for all K-6 Include:

Yearbook	\$26.00
T-Shirt	\$15.00

## **Dress Code**

Now that the warmer weather is here, we would just like to remind everyone about the dress code for elementary students.

1. **Styles** must be in moderation - avoid fads, extreme dress and hair styles, unnatural hair colour, extreme haircuts.
2. **Piercings** - girls are allowed to have their ears pierced, boys are not allowed to have their ears pierced. Piercings of any other kind are not permitted in Kindergarten-Grade 6, given the young age of our elementary students.
3. **Make-up** - K-6 students are not allowed to wear make-up.
4. **Shirts** with slogans or pictures must be in good Christian character.
5. **Dress/skirt lengths** must be at the knee area.
6. **Hats** are not permitted inside the building during regular school hours.
7. **Students in K-6** are required to have a separate set of footwear for use inside the school. Shoes left at school must be kept in the student's homeroom. Shoes that mark or damage floors in any way are not to be worn.
8. **Grades 4-6 girls** are asked to wear a one-piece bathing suit for any school-sponsored swimming events.
9. **Grades 4-6 students** are asked to wear shirts with sleeves and that do not expose their midriff (muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, etc. are not permitted.)
10. **Grades 4-6 students** are asked when wearing shorts to ensure that they are an appropriate length (shorts should not be shorter than mid-thigh in length).

A brief home inspection before students leave in the morning will avoid the necessity of having to phone parents to bring a change of clothes.



**SAVE THE DATE:**

Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 29, 2017

## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB 2017



### ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE IN GRADES 3-6 IN SEPTEMBER

Our Cross Country Running Club starts the first week of school. Practices are Monday 11:37-12:15, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday first recess. If you like to run this is a club for you. You can compete in up to 7 races from September to the middle of October. There are three Wednesday races after school in Edmonton (bus provided), three Tuesday races after school behind Glen Allen Rec Centre here in Sherwood Park and the last is on the Saturday after Thanksgiving weekend at Hawrelak Park. Compete in as many or as few as you are able. The heads up on this is that it would be very beneficial for you to start practicing in the summer. Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

**SCA Reading Corner** - This month's Reading Corner tip comes from the Strathcona County Library

### The Benefits of Reading Aloud

- Helps your child acquire early language skills
- Helps your child develop positive associations with books and reading
- Helps your child build a stronger foundation for school success
- Improves a child's ability to read and learn
- Builds vocabulary
- Builds motivation, curiosity and memory.
- It's nutrition for the brain.
- Learn that reading is important but most of all that reading is fun.



### Tips for Reading Aloud

- Take books everywhere – the car, bus, doctor's office and make the most of every minute
- Read every day even for just a few minutes.
- Reading aloud together is a special time to bond with your child.
- Reading aloud to your child is one of the best ways to help them discover the joy of reading.
- It's never too early or too late to start.
- Everyone can benefit from listening to your read aloud

Go to the <http://www.sclibrary.ab.ca/readaloud/tips.htm> to find links to Read Aloud links.



## Parents in Partnership

Joy unspeakable is the only way we can describe the result of being involved in SCA parent's prayer. Thank you to all of you who have prayed at home for the school and to those of you who have faithfully met on Monday mornings. Thank you to all who have baked, cooked and encouraged the SCA Elementary staff in other tangible ways. It is such a blessing to be a part of this community.

As the school year comes to a close please pray that everyone would have would have the energy to "finish well". On behalf of the Parents in Partnership, have a wonderful summer.

### June Prayer Focus:

**Please remember to pray for staff and students over the summer**



# June



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal 2:15pm	8	9 Track & Field Day	10
11	12	13 Last Chip Day	14	15	16	17
18	19 Gr 6 LA (Part B) PAT	20 Gr 6 Math PAT	21	22 Gr 6 Social PAT Last Day for KA/KC	23 Gr 6 Science PAT Last Day for KB/KD	24
25	26	27	28 Year End Chapel 9:15 am Year End Assembly 1:00 pm	29 Last Day of School Dismissal @ 3:15pm Report Cards online @ 3:15 pm	30	

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