

SCA Elementary Newsletter



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



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November 2017 Edition

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **November 28th & 29th**. Parents will be able to book their own interview appointment online with their child's homeroom teacher. An e-mail will be sent to parents approximately 1 week before interviews with step by step instructions on how to book appointment(s). Using this system allows more control to

coordinate personal schedules with Parent/Teacher interviews as it is challenging to schedule so far in advance. We hope that you will find using this system easy and convenient. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 780-449-2787.

There will be childcare available both evenings during interviews from 5:00 - 9:00 pm in the gym for all elementary and pre-school aged children that are here during their parent interview time. There is no charge for this service, however donations are gratefully accepted and will be put towards our Wheels in Motion project. This is for your convenience during interview times only. During interviews, parents will be allowed to park in our bus lane parking as well as in our regular visitor parking. We would request that no children be wandering around or playing in the hallways while you attend your interview.

Online Report Cards - Communicating Student Learning (CSL)

Just a reminder that report cards will be online again this school year and can be accessed through your Parent Portal account. Report cards will be available on Monday, November 27th at 3:15 pm. Please contact the office if you have any questions about the CSL or have trouble logging on to Parent Portal. Please note that the CSL will not be available through the PowerSchool app.

Reminders:

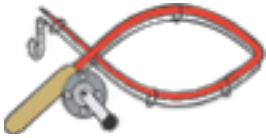
Wednesday, November 1 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
November 13-17 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
November 28 & 29 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

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Assistant Principals: Ms. Darlene Janzen & Mrs. Jaime Peters





The School Theme for 2017-2018 is...

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men”.

Matthew 4:19

SCHOOL FEES DUE NOVEMBER 3!

School fee information for the 2017-18 school year is now posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due by **Friday, November 3rd**. To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees”. There you can view your fees and pay them online using Visa, MasterCard or INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your students fees you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is December 15, 2017.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees/fees. Alternatively, contact Cathy Dawe at the school at 780-449-2787.

Note about yearbooks...

Please make sure that if you would like to purchase a 2017-18 yearbook that you include it with your school fees. It is an additional fee that you choose and can be found on your Parent Portal account. The deadline for ordering yearbooks online for this school year is December 31, 2017 and they will be delivered to the students in June of 2018.

SCA Elementary T-Shirts

On many occasions it serves students well to have an SCA T-Shirt, for instance, wearing the school t-shirt on a field trip. During the year, we will often have a “Sea of Blue” day and staff and students will be asked to wear their school t-shirt. If you would like a t-shirt, one can be purchased for \$15.00 on your Parent Portal account until November 10th or at the school office anytime throughout the year. If cost is in any way prohibitive to your child having a shirt, please contact Mr. Poole at 780-449-2787.

School Supplies (Grade 1-3 Students)

In June, a letter was sent to all Grade 1-3 parents indicating that school supplies would be purchased by the school. This practice provides for continuity and ready access to supplies here at school. This fee will be included in the school fees on Parent Portal.

Staffing News

Mrs. Carmen McCoy, one of our Grade 3 teachers, will be absent from school for a season of time due to medical reasons. We would appreciate your prayers for Mrs. McCoy as she rests and receives medical attention for her neck and back.

Miss Rochelle Demchuk will be the teacher in the classroom for Mrs. McCoy while she is away. Miss Demchuk currently teaches 3A in the afternoon.



A WORD OR TWO

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November signals the first round of Parent/Teacher interviews and our Fall Book Fair. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering **two** book fairs this fall - **Scholastic**, strong in quality and volume, and **Books 4 Eternity**, offering great Christian titles, encouraging kids to read and families to grow spiritually. We are offering **catalog sales** as well as the different product that we will have at the fair. Here is a link to copy for B4E's catalog should you want to start looking already.

http://www.kidz4eternity.com/Wholesale/K4E_2017FallFlyer_FullRes.PDF



Both these book fairs offer a great financial benefit to our school and a great place to do some Christmas shopping! Parents are welcome to come in before and after your interview times from 5:00 - 9:00 pm on the Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Parents are encouraged to do all purchasing for their children and themselves, however students of parents not able to attend the evening interviews will be allowed to purchase Wednesday afternoon. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair and thank you in advance for your support of a great fundraiser!

— Mrs. Wielinga

Please Give us a Hand!

Throughout the school day, we receive many, many calls to our office from parents with reminders for students or alternate arrangements for transportation. We recognize that on occasion our families will have emergencies or unexpected changes and will need to call us with these changes - and we are happy to help.

When we call in to relay a message to the students, it is a disruption to classroom instruction. We also receive many calls right at the end of the day and are faced with a frantic rush to get the message to a child at the last minute.

If your child has an appointment and will need to be picked up early, or have a change to your routine, we ask that you please send a note in with your child for the teacher. We would also ask that you remind your children in the morning or give them a reminder note that they can refer to if there are any changes to their daily routine.

Thank you in advance for helping us reduce the interruptions to our classrooms.

SCA Elementary presents...



The grade 5 & 6 choir is very excited to be presenting 'Annie Kids' on March 14 & 15, 2018.



Eddie the Eagle's: "Wheels in Motion" Mega Bottle Drive

When: November 28 & 29 (Parent/Teacher Interview Week)

Who: All SCA Elementary Families

What: Bring in bottles, cans and milk jugs from home

During Parent/Teacher interview week, we are asking our SCA Elementary families to bring in their bottles, cans and milk jugs for our 'Mega Bottle Drive'. All funds collected will go towards our missions initiative "Wheels in Motion". This initiative supports Mexican orphans in need of wheelchairs. Thank you to our parent council for helping to organize this event.

Please feel free to drop off donations at the back door if interview week doesn't work for you!

CHANGE TO CHRISTMAS CONCERT VENUE FOR 2017

Each year we are blessed to host our annual Christmas concert at Sherwood Park Alliance Church. This year we will NOT BE performing our concert at the Alliance Church because of the ongoing construction project. So...this year we will be hosting our Christmas Concert/Celebration at our school. Each grade of students will be performing at a set time in our gymnasium. Our grades 1-6 student concert/celebration will be on Thursday, December 14th. Our Kindergarten students will have their own special concert night on Wednesday, December 13th. Please watch for more details in our December newsletter.



**Grades 1-6 Christmas Concert/Celebration
Thursday, December 14, SCA Elementary Gym**

**Kindergarten Christmas Concert/Celebration
Wednesday, December 13, SCA Elementary Gym**

Parking for Parent/Teacher Interviews

As stated above, Parent/Teacher interviews will be on November 28th & 29th. We have 25 parking stalls in our Parent Parking Lot (Lot A), but we want to make sure there is ample parking for everyone. Therefore, on these two evenings, parents can also enter the bus/staff entrance and park in Staff Parking Lots B and C and in the bus lane. We would especially ask our parents who come to early interviews (5 - 7 pm) to please park in the staff parking lots.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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Farewell to our Mexican Visitors!!

What a great time we had with our Mexican visitors from October 15 - 28...JILL ADAMS, Administrator of the orphanage in Vicente Guerrero along with her adopted Mexican daughter Celina and ESTHER TORRES, our sponsored Mexican missionary partner from the Learning Centre. They had many opportunities to share with the staff and students some of their story and how God is changing the lives of Mexican people through the work of the mission. They also spoke in our staff devotions and attended the ACSI Teacher's Convention in Calgary.

A highlight for all of them included a visit to Banff - the time they spent in the mountains was very enjoyable including the gondola up to the summit of Sulphur Mountain where they were able to experience snow for the first time!

We were also able to bless the staff of the Learning Centre with a monetary gift collected by our own SCE staff and a few parents. \$7,200 US was raised for the staff at the Learning Centre and a special gift of \$10,000 US was raised for Esther Torres towards a new vehicle. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

Alternate Busing Routes

While most EIPS schools are closed to students on Friday, November 10th, this is a regular operational day for SCA Elementary and Secondary students. Both schools will have classes as per usual on this date. If you are a family that uses EIPS busing, you should be receiving notification next week regarding an alternate pick-up and drop-off time for your child(ren). Please call EIPS Transportation if you have not received this notification by Tuesday, November 7th (780-417-8151).



Wheels in Motion Bake Sale...

Specially prepared baked goods will be available for purchase by donation during Parent/Teacher interview nights (November 28 & 29) in the rotunda. This sale is sponsored by IA, IB & IC classes in support of our "Wheels in Motion" initiative. Donations can be made by cash or cheque. Cheques can be made payable to SCA Elementary.

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Are you a past, present, or future grandparent of a student who attends SCA Secondary or Elementary schools? We need your prayer support! If you have time to meet once a month to pray for our students, please e-mail Darlene Eisner at darlene.eisner@eips.ca or phone the school at 780-449-2787. Currently a group meets the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm at SCA Elementary. The next prayer meeting of this school year is Thursday, November 2nd and you are welcome to join!

We want to cover the schools and the children with prayer. Your wisdom and experience is strongly desired to do this. Psalm 71:16 says, "I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD!" Read the rest of Psalm 71 to discover your mandate as a spiritual grandparent to all of our students.

Inclement Weather

With the winter season already here, we want to remind parents to dress children appropriately for the weather when getting ready for school or the bus. The weather often changes unexpectedly throughout the day, so please select suitable outerwear and ensure your child is prepared for changing conditions.

If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools - automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on www.eips.ca and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Any morning bus cancellations are posted on www.eips.ca by 6:30 am.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that state, "school bus service may be suspended...when Environment Canada reports a temperature of -40 C." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions.

When school bus services are suspended, schools remain open to students. EIPS believes parents have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Last Day of School before Christmas Break: Friday, December 22

Christmas Break begins: December 23

First Day back after Christmas Break: Monday, January 8

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB NEWS

It has been an exciting 7 weeks of running. Our Cross Country team began practicing the second day of school and just completed their last race on Saturday, October 14th. There was a large contingent of grade 3 and 4's and a smaller but higher amount of grade 5's and 6's than in past years. Our team consisted of 101 amazing and enthusiastic athletes. We enjoyed coaching the team this year. The athletes raced in the Harrier XC Series, Sherwood Park XC Series and the Autumn Classic Meet.

The season was finished off with a pizza lunch and prizes on October 16th. Thanks to all the parents for their encouragement, prayers and help. It was truly a great season! Thanks to all the athletes who contributed to making it a great season! It was a privilege and blessing to be your coaches this year! Go Eagles Go!

— Mrs. S. Doupe, Mrs. J. Dawe, & Mr. J. Ostapowich



Parents in Partnership

The Parents in Partnership team is a group of parents who meet for prayer, staff and teacher encouragement, and crisis meals. The prayer group meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the conference room at the elementary school. We meet one hour each week to support the staff, teachers and families through prayer and we invite you to join us. All are welcome to join as often as your schedule allows.

If you would like any information about the Parents in Partnership team or would like to join us, please contact us at parentsinpartnership@hotmail.com.

Interview Meals - help us bless our teachers with a meal for parent-teacher interview day in November. If you would like to prepare a dish, please contact Lisa Kraiger at kraiger@shaw.ca.

SCA Elementary PAT Results

Each year our grade 6 students write the Provincial Achievement Tests as mandated by Alberta Education. Please find below a summary of our schools' results from last year and the previous 4 years. If you have not received last year's individual results, please contact SCA Secondary at 780-464-7127.

GRADE 6 CLASSES - ENGLISH

PAT	PAT Historic Performance				
Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
GRADE 6	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Language Arts					
Acceptable Standard	100	98.9	98.9	100	100
Standard of Excellence	38.9	43.2	59.6	52.9	55.3
Participation Rate	100	98.9	100	100	100
Mathematics					
Acceptable Standard	98.9	96.6	98.9	100	95.3
Standard of Excellence	59.9	26.1	42.7	38.8	40
Participation Rate	100	98.9	100	100	100
Science					
Acceptable Standard	98.9	98.9	97.8	100	97.6
Standard of Excellence	71.1	58	75.3	70.6	69.4
Participation Rate	100	98.9	100	100	100
Social Studies					
Acceptable Standard	95.6	94.3	94.4	97.6	98.8
Standard of Excellence	42.2	37.5	57.3	56.5	52.9
Participation Rate	100	98.9	100	100	100

November Prayer Focus:
Please pray for SCA Elementary office staff.



November



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 School Open - Alternate Busing Remembrance Day Chapel 9:15 am Hot Lunch	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NOVEMBER BREAK						
19	20 School Resumes	21	22	23	24	25
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