

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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December 2017 Edition



Celebrating our Saviour



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:18-21

*A very Merry Christmas from the Staff and
Students of SCA Elementary School!*

Reminders:

Wednesday, December 6 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Friday, December 22 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Monday, January 8 - CLASSES RESUME

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2017



This year our SCA Elementary Christmas Concert is **NOT** at Sherwood Park Alliance Church due to renovations. Our concert will be at SCA Elementary and we will be using a different format.

Our Kindergarten students concert will be on a different night than our grade 1-6 students. See below for details:

KINDERGARTEN Christmas Concert Celebration Wednesday, December 13, SCA Elementary Gym | 7:00 pm

1. Parents please use SCA Elementary's parking lot. Should it be full, please utilize Elk Island Public School's parking lot.
2. Please drop off your child in their homeroom ECS class at 6:40 pm and proceed to the gymnasium for the concert.

GRADES 1-6 Christmas Concert Celebration Thursday, December 14, SCA Elementary Gym Time: See Schedule Below

1. Students will be singing together as a grade group. Parents please have your children dropped off in the music room 15 minutes prior to their assigned concert time.

Performance Schedule

6:00 - 6:15	Grade 1
6:30 - 6:45	Grade 2
7:00 - 7:15	Grade 3
7:30 - 8:00	BREAK
8:00 - 8:15	Grade 4
8:30 - 8:45	Grade 5
9:00 - 9:15	Grade 6

2. Parents please use SCA Elementary's parking lot. Should it be full, please utilize Elk Island Public School's parking lot.
3. Christmas Fun - we will have three craft stations set up throughout the school on this evening. As students and parents are waiting between concerts, enjoy some Christmas fun. Bottled water will be provided for everyone from our school council.

Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

It's the holiday season once again and the winter break is just around the corner. Before we take time off to enjoy with our loved ones, I want to extend warm holiday wishes to all our students, staff and families, on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 8, 2018.

Thank you and best wishes.

Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair



Last Call for Yearbooks...

The deadline for ordering a 2017-18 yearbook is December 31, 2017. Yearbooks can be ordered online through the Parent Portal or by sending a cheque in to the office for \$26.00 before the Christmas break. Yearbooks will be delivered to students in June of 2018.

NEW TOYS FOR KIDS COLLECTION DRIVE

Next Friday morning, December 8th, is our Hope Mission New Toy Drive. We would ask each elementary family to consider bringing one new toy that will be passed on to a needy family. Some popular suggestions are: lego, shopkins, littlest pet shop, paw patrol, board & card games, k'nex, nerf toys, and craft supplies. For older children, some popular suggestions are: sports equipment, make-up, head phones, sport apparel, water bottles. Please no violent toys, video games, movies or gift cards.

Please send items in the morning as they will be picked up by noon.

Thank you for your support.

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.

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

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support. We appreciate your generosity! These funds will go towards our Wheels in Motion mission initiative, supporting orphans in Mexico who are in need of wheelchairs.

We will hold another bottle drive during the week of March interviews. Please continue to save up your cans, bottles and milk jugs!



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, December 7th 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.



The School Theme for 2017-2018 is...

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

Matthew 4:19



A WORD OR TWO

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Thank you very much for supporting our Scholastic & Books 4 Eternity Book Fairs! Once again our school will be blessed with many new resources for the students and staff. Congratulations to all the Book Fair contest winners!

— Mrs. Wielinga

SCA Secondary Varsity Basketball Tournament

Let's Pack the Eagles Nest! Friday, December 8th, come out to support our Secondary Basketball teams at the SCA Eagles Invitational Basketball Tournament. The boys play at 5:00 pm and the girls play at 7:30 pm. Both games will be held at SCA Secondary School.



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SHERWOOD PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH - CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas services will be held at Sherwood Park Alliance Church on
December 23 & 24, 2017.

Please visit www.spac.ca for more details.



Important Things to Remember...

- Students are allowed to enter the building at 8:20 am. There is no supervision prior to this time.
- If you need to pick up your child early, please send a note in with your child for their 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.
- Please note the phone number for the school office is 780-449-2787.



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.

Thanks to Grade 6 Helpers

On Tuesday, November 28th and Wednesday, November 29th, we had 30 grade 6 students assist with child care during our parent teacher interviews. Altogether these students assisted in playing with and caring for over 325 children. We thank our grade 6's for their great attitudes and hard work. Thanks to our parents as over \$500 was raised in donations for 'Wheels in Motion'.

Craft Items Needed

We are collecting craft supplies for various classroom projects. Needed items are:

- Used Christmas Cards
- Old Calendars and Calendar Cardboard
- Dry flowers, leaves and grasses
- Silk Flowers
- Ribbon and Lace
- Yarn or Wool
- Scrapbooking Supplies (leftovers or odds & ends)
- Metal Coffee Cans - about 325gm size
- Paper Towel Rolls

December Prayer Focus:

Please pray for EIPS bus drivers.



December



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