

# 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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June 2018 Edition

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

The last day of school this year is Thursday, June 28, 2018.



### 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. Our program "Wheels in Motion" largely supports the special needs school and students who are in need of wheelchairs. In October, we brought up Jill Adams, Administrator of the orphanage in Vicente Guerrero along with her Mexican daughter Celina and Esther Torres, our sponsored Mexican missionary partner from the Learning Centre to visit us. In March, we sent two staff members, Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Mol to work at the orphanage in March. Through our classroom projects, bottle drives and other donations we raised over **\$7,500** to support the program.

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 6 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm  
Friday, June 8 - Track & Field Day  
Thursday, June 28 - Last Day of School

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## Mrs. Mol to Take a Year's Leave!

We are pleased to announce that grade 1 teacher, Mrs. Lisa Mol, will be away from her duties from our school for the 2018-19 school year. We are excited because she and her husband John will be spending the year serving at our partnership orphanage (Foundation for His Ministries) in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico. Mrs. Mol will be using her gifts leading and teaching in their school. Mr. Mol will be using his carpentry skills on many of the Missions' projects. Mrs. Mol has taken a leave of absence and will be returning to us in September 2019. The Mols are required to raise their own financial support for the year of serving in Mexico. If you would like to support them financially, join their prayer team, or just learn more about what they will be doing...drop Mrs. Mol an e-mail at [lisa.mol@eips.ca](mailto:lisa.mol@eips.ca).

### Track & Field Day - Friday, June 8, 2018



We are praying for good weather for our Div I and Div II Track & Field Day on Friday, June 8, 2018.

Div I will be using our very 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Mrs. Koppel and Mrs. Pelster head up this meet.

The Div II Track & 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbon. Lunch can be bought at the Div II meet. All items are \$1.00. Mrs. Doupe heads up the Div II meet.

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 as would layered clothing as the weather may be variable throughout the day.

**Please note:** 'Parent Permission' forms for Div II only. 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. We are still in need of some morning helpers for Div II (8:30 - 11:30 am at the Strathcona Athletic Park).

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

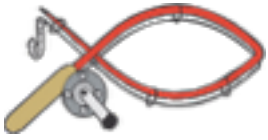
Submitted by: Mrs. Sue Doupe



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

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

***Matthew 4:19***

### **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 variable 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 Tuesday, September 4, our staff will be in the rotunda with grade signs to help students find their new classes.

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### **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 23 with the oldest child in the family. Please return the completed form to Mrs. Khajavi in the office by Friday, June 1 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.

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### **Staff Transitions**

Each year we have staff leave us and transition to other opportunities. This year we have three teachers on the move:

Mrs. Lisa Mol, from grade 1, will be leaving us for a one year leave of absence. She will be spending her time teaching at our partnership orphanage in Vicente Guerrero, Mexico.

Mr. Jaden Ostapowich, from grade 3, will be heading to Fort Saskatchewan Christian School to teach grade 5 and be involved in their sports program.

Mrs. Shelley Allen, one of our music teachers, is moving to teach music at the new Davidson Creek Elementary School in Sherwood Park. Mrs. Allen has taught at our school for 28 years. WOW... thanks Mrs. Allen for all of your years of dedicated service.

We wish all three teachers God's richest blessing as they take on new challenges!

## 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 18 - Grade 6 LA (Part B)

Tuesday, June 19 - Grade 6 Math (Parts A & B)

Wednesday, June 20 - Grade 6 Social

Friday, June 22 - Grade 6 Science

## Year End Celebrations

Our year end chapel will take place on Wednesday, June 27 at 9:15 am in the gym. We will also be having our year end assembly on Wednesday, June 27 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 28.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be available online, through your Parent Portal account, on Thursday, June 28 at 3:15 pm and this will be the last day of school for our students. If your family will be leaving early for holidays, you will be able to access your report card online any time after 3:15 pm on June 28. 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 September 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 will be available by June 28 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 28 will be donated to a local community charity. Please come and check the lost and found for any items you are missing. Thank you.

## 2018-2019 Calendar is now Online!

To view the SCA Elementary calendar for 2018-2019, please go to our website at [www.scaelementary.ca](http://www.scaelementary.ca).





## Parents in Partnership

We would like to thank everyone who was able to bless us with their time and talents helping the Parents in Partnership Ministry this school year.

With all your help we were able to support 16 families in our school. We look forward to being able to continue with this ministry in the fall and welcome all who would like to join us.

*The Parents in Partnership Team*



### 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 you to our Grade 6 Library Leadership Club students.

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

- ★ June 4-8 - the last week that students will be able to sign out books
- ★ June 11-15 - the last week that classes will have their *regular* library classes
- ★ **June 15 - all books due back in to the library!**
- ★ June 18-22 - all missing books must be returned or paid for

Again, a big thank you to parents for your help and support of our library this year, and have a great summer!

— Mrs. Wielinga

### Share your Thoughts: Provincewide Student Transportation Survey Now Open

Currently, Alberta Education is conducting a survey regarding student transportation. Parents, school authorities and stakeholders are asked to take the survey. The feedback received will help determine if changes need to be made to the distance criteria, mandated service levels and the safety considerations. When completing the survey keep in mind the government has said there is no more money for Student Transportation, which means if something new is funded something else may be lost. **The survey closes June 15, 2018.**

To take the survey and learn more, visit [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca).



SAVE THE DATE:

Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 28, 2018

## **2018-2019 Proposed EIPS School Fees**

The EIPS school fees for the 2018-2019 school year will be due by mid October 2018. Fees can be seen and paid for through the online Parent Portal, starting in mid September. Printed fee sheets will be available from the office upon request. The proposed school fees are as follows:

### ECS Proposed Fees:

Field Trips \$65.00

### Grade 1-3 Proposed Fees:

Field Trips \$40.00

Grade 1-3 School Supplies \$46.00

### Grade 4-6 Proposed Fees:

Field Trips \$40.00

Agenda Books \$7.00

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

Yearbook \$26.00

T-Shirt \$17.00

## **EIPS Track News**



We had one meet this year. It was the EIPS Relay Meet. It was held at the Strathcona Athletic Park on Thursday, May 3. We took 27 athletes who ran in 12 races. First race was the 4 x 200 relays and the second race was the medley relay (200-100-100-400m). We raced against 16-18 schools from the EIPS district. It was an exciting meet. The highlights were: the grade 6 boys placed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>; grade 6 girls placed 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; grade 5 boys placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; grade 5 girls placed 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; grade 4 girls placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and the grade 4 boys placed 6<sup>th</sup>. Way to go Eagles!!

Thanks again to all parents and fans who have cheered and prayed us through this short but awesome season. A big thank you to all the athletes who were committed to the practices this season.

Thanks to all,  
Mrs. Sue Doupe & Mr. Jaden Ostapowich

## **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. Piercings of any other kind are not permitted in K-6, given the young age of our elementary students. Boys are not allowed to have any piercings.
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.



## CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB 2018

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



Our Cross Country Running Club starts the first week of school. Practices are (new) Monday after school 3:15 - 4:30 pm (optional attendance), 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 (see below for ideas). Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Training Ideas - Feel free to come up with your own or add to these:

#### 1. Strength

- a. Running Stairs - begin with three sets and increase by one set every 4<sup>th</sup> time you do it.
- b. Lunges - begin with 10 and increase by 5 every 4<sup>th</sup> time.
- c. Wall Sits - begin with 30 seconds and increase by 10 seconds every 4<sup>th</sup> time.
- d. Squats - begin with 20 and increase by 5 every 4<sup>th</sup> time.

#### 2. Speed

- a. Interval Training - begin by running easy for 30 seconds and then as hard as you can for 30 seconds. Increase the 'hard' run by 10 seconds every 4<sup>th</sup> time.
- b. Use street light posts - run easy to one then all out to the next one. Alternate between easy and hard. Increase the hard by one light post every 4<sup>th</sup> time.

3. Distance - begin with 400m (one lap of Bev Facey track) and increase by 200m every 4<sup>th</sup> time. Max at 2.5 km.

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

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