

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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November 2018 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 26th 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 7 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
November 12-16 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break
November 28 & 29 - Parent/Teacher Interviews

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Principal: Mr. Francis Poole
Assistant Principals: Ms. Darlene Janzen & Mrs. Jaime Peters





The School Theme for 2018-2019 is...

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing”.

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have already paid the Elk Island Public School fees for the 2018-19 school year. If you have not yet paid, payment would be appreciated as soon as possible as the fees are now past due. 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 fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is December 15, 2018.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit www.eips.ca/schools/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 2018-19 yearbook that you complete your purchase by December 31, 2018. It is an additional fee that you choose and can be found on your Parent Portal account. Yearbooks will be delivered to the students in June of 2019.

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 \$17.00 on your Parent Portal account until November 9th 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.

Farewell to our Mexican Visitors!!

What a great time we had with our Mexican visitors from October 14 - 26... ESTHER TORRES, our Mexican missionary partner from the Learning Centre in Vicente Guerrero and ALEXA GRANADOS, a teacher at the school at the mission. 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 both 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!

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families - you made them feel very welcome and loved!



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A WORD OR TWO

scelibrary.net



November signals the first round of Parent/Teacher interviews and our Fall Book Fair. We are pleased to announce that we will again be offering **two** book fairs this fall - **Scholastic** and **Living Books**. Both companies will have a full selection of great quality books all set up. Head to livingbooks.ca/products to check out their catalog ahead of time.



Both these book fairs offer a great financial benefit to our school library and are a great place to do some Christmas shopping! Parents are welcome to come in before and after interview times from 5:00 - 9:00 pm on the Wednesday and Thursday evenings, November 28th & 29th. 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 or Thursday 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...

Coming in March of 2019! Presented by the Grade 5 & 6 Musical Theatre troupe. Stay tuned for more information.



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

When: Now until April 5, 2019

Who: All SCA Elementary Families

What: Each student and staff member is asked to bring 2 garbage bags of bottles, cans and milk jugs from home. Teachers will check off students' names as they come in.

Half of the funds collected will go towards missions, the other half will go towards School Council to support student centered events.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2018

KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday, December 12
SCA Elementary Gymnasium
7:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

GRADES 1-6 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Thursday, December 13
Sherwood Park Alliance Church Auditorium

6:00 - 6:45	Grades 1-2
7:00 - 7:45	Grades 3-4
8:00 - 8:45	Grades 5-6

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE IMPORTANT DATES

2018 SCA CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

Wow, what a great cross country season we had this year. It was a fast paced and packed 6 weeks of practices (4 times per week) and races (total of 7). Welcome to Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Burns who helped fill out the coaching team. We had a team of 107 athletes this season. The team was dedicated and committed through the cold, rain and snow. It was a season of unusual weather, but our team ran with heart and determination. We finished the season with a well-deserved celebration Pizza Lunch on Monday, October 15. The athletes received an envelope with a certificate, letter, picture and Millennium Place single pass. A **big thank you** to all the parents who cheered, prayed, and encouraged the athletes and us coaches. **Huge thanks** to all those who helped make the pizza lunch a huge success!



Results for the season can be accessed on the following websites:

- Sherwood Park XC website: <http://sherwoodparkxcountry.blogspot.ca/>
- Harriers Series: <http://www.ellistiming.ca/HarriersCrossCountry/>
- Autumn Classic: <http://ellistiming.ca> (see Oct. 13)

Coaching for His glory,
Mrs. Doupe, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Burns

Parking for Parent/Teacher Interviews

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!

It was a Circus in Here!

Some of our classes participated in a circus unit in phys. ed. this past month. It is a unit where the students tried their hand at juggling, balancing acts, plate spinning, yoyo sticks, flower sticks and for the grade 6's, unicycles. Skills improved and fun was had by all!

Missionaries to Mexico



Over November break, we are happy to announce that Mrs. Gagne and her daughter Maya will be heading down to Vicente Guerrero, Mexico to visit the Foundation for His Ministry (FFHM) orphanage that our school partners with. They will be able to experience opportunities which our Wheels in Motion initiative supports, as well as all the other programs and outreaches that FFHM operates.

Please join us in praying for them as they prepare to go.

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 1st 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 condition.

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 21

Christmas Break begins: December 22

First Day back after Christmas Break: Monday, January 7

New School Messenger Call-display Number

Effective November 1, all phone calls going out through SchoolMessenger will display one of the following toll-free numbers rather than the school or Division number.

- Messages programmed from Student Transportation: 1-833-298-5234
- Messages programmed from schools and the Division office: 1-833-202-1419

With this change, parents/guardians have the ability to call back to this number to replay all recent phone messages they've received through School Messenger. If you've missed a call or would like to replay a message to confirm you have all the details, simply call back the applicable 1-833 number and follow the prompts to repeat any recent messages.



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	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
GRADE 6	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
Language Arts					
Acceptable Standard	98.9	98.9	100	100	100
Standard of Excellence	43.2	59.6	52.9	55.3	58.0
Participation Rate	98.9	100	100	100	100
Mathematics					
Acceptable Standard	96.6	98.9	100	95.3	100
Standard of Excellence	26.1	42.7	38.8	40	43.2
Participation Rate	98.9	100	100	100	100
Science					
Acceptable Standard	98.9	97.8	100	97.6	100
Standard of Excellence	58	75.3	70.6	69.4	77.8
Participation Rate	98.9	100	100	100	100
Social Studies					
Acceptable Standard	94.3	94.4	97.6	98.8	98.8
Standard of Excellence	37.5	57.3	56.5	52.9	56.3
Participation Rate	98.9	100	100	100	98.8

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



November



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	8	9 Remembrance Day Chapel 9:15 am Hot Lunch	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
NOVEMBER BREAK						
18	19 School Resumes	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Report Cards Online @ 3:15 pm	27	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews Mega Bottle Drive Book Fair Chip Day	29 Parent/Teacher Interviews Mega Bottle Drive Book Fair	30 December Newsletter Online	

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