

# 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 2018 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!*



**The School Theme for 2018-2019 is...**

***"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing".***

***Psalm 23:1***

### Reminders:

Wednesday, December 5 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm  
Friday, December 21 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
Monday, January 7 - CLASSES RESUME

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# CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2018



This year, our Grade 1-6 SCA Elementary Christmas Concerts will be on Thursday, December 13 at the Sherwood Park Alliance Church. Students will be presenting together as grade groups.

Our Kindergarten students' concert will be on Wednesday, December 12. This concert will be in the SCA Elementary gymnasium.

## **KINDERGARTEN Christmas Concert Celebration** **Wednesday, December 12, 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 Kindergarten class at 6:40 pm and proceed to the gymnasium for the concert.

## **GRADE 1-6 Christmas Concert Celebrations** **Thursday, December 13, Sherwood Park Alliance Church** **Times: See Schedule Below**

Students will be presenting together as grade groups.  
Parents please drop off your child(ren) 15 minutes prior to their assigned concert time.  
Drop off rooms will be clearly marked. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

### Performance Schedule

Drop Off Time	Performance Time	Drop Off Location	Pickup Location
5:45	6:00 - 6:45	Grade 1	Rehearsal Room
		Grade 2	Fireside Room
6:45	7:00 - 7:45	Grade 3	Rehearsal Room
		Grade 4	Fireside Room
7:45	8:00 - 8:45	Grade 5	Rehearsal Room
		Grade 6	Fireside Room

## **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Board of Trustees**

As the holiday season approaches and we prepare for the winter break, I want to take the opportunity to extend warm wishes to all our students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees. We hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful and safe Christmas season, and a new year filled with joy.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Thank you and best wishes,

Trina Boymook, EIPS Board Chair



### **Last Call for Yearbooks...**

The deadline for ordering a 2018-19 yearbook is December 31, 2018. 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 2019.

## **NEW TOYS FOR KIDS COLLECTION DRIVE**

This Friday morning, December 7, 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.*

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## **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.

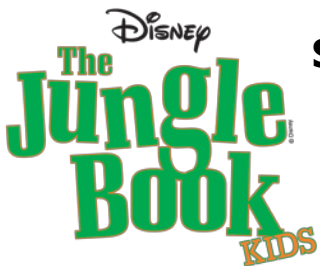
If inclement weather conditions occur, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) advises parents of any bus cancellations using various communications tools - automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans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

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## **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.

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### **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](mailto: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 7 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.



### **A WORD OR TWO**

[scelibrary.net](http://scelibrary.net)



Thank you very much for supporting our Scholastic & Living Books 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!

### **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.



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## SHERWOOD PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH - CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas services will be held at Sherwood Park Alliance Church on  
December 22, 23 & 24, 2018.

Please visit [www.spac.ca](http://www.spac.ca) for more details.



## Thanks to Grade 6 Helpers

On Wednesday, November 28 and Thursday, November 29, we had 28 grade 6 students assist with child care during our parent teacher interviews. Altogether these students assisted in playing with and caring for over 300 children. We thank our grade 6's for their great attitudes and hard work. Thanks to our parents for the terrific donations towards 'Wheels in Motion'.

## Elk Island Public Schools 2019-20 Registration Drive

All student registrations for the 2019-20 school year - including Kindergarten registration, returning student registration and new student registration - will take place online commencing **February 1, 2019**.

- Kindergarten: Your child is eligible to enrol in Kindergarten if he/she will be five years old on or before December 31, 2019.
- Returning Students: If your child will be returning to an EIPS school next fall, this is when you will confirm that registration and select your requested school - whether your child will attend your designated school or will request a non-designated school, your family will complete this process.
- New Students: Students new to EIPS for the 2019-20 school year will also complete their registration at this time.

All registration forms will be online for families to complete.



## 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](mailto:parentsinpartnership@hotmail.com).

December Prayer Focus:

Please pray for EIPS bus drivers.



# December



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	6	7 Toys for Kids Missions Drive  Hot Lunch	8
9	10	11 Chip Day	12 Kindergarten Christmas Concert SCA Elementary 7:00 pm	13 Grade 1-6 Christmas Concerts SPAC See Times on page 2	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Christmas Caroling Chapel 9:15 am  January Newsletter Online	22 Christmas Break Begins
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29
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