

SCA Elementary Newsletter



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



October 2024 Edition

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW ONLINE ON POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

All fees are due within 30 days of being posted (**by October 27, 2024**). 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 debit card—when available from your financial institution.

If you prefer not to pay the above fees online, payment to the school can be made by cash or a cheque payable to SCA Elementary School. All SCA Elementary students can be paid for on one cheque.

Please ensure that optional items (i.e. Yearbook, T-shirt) are checked off and included in your payment.

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 16, 2024**.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [eips.ca](#) and <https://www.scaelementary.ca/about/fees>. Alternatively, contact the school office at 780-449-2787.

SCA CLOTHING

If you would like to order either a SCA Elementary T-shirt or hoodie (OR BOTH), you can find the option under "School Fees" on Parent Portal. Select your student's individual tab and you will see the option under "School Items".

Please note that these items can be purchased at any time throughout the school year. All clothing items purchased through the Parent Portal account will be delivered to the student's homeroom class.

YEARBOOKS

If you would like to order a 2024-25 yearbook, you can find the option under "School Fees" on Parent Portal. Select your student's individual tab and you will see the option under "School Items". You can add it to your cart when paying your school fees. **The deadline for ordering a yearbook is March 31, 2025.** Yearbooks will be delivered to the students at the end of June 2025.

PICTURE RETAKES & CLASS GROUP PHOTOS

The date for KB/KD to Grade 6 picture retakes as well as class group photos is Thursday, October 17.

If you would like your child to get a retake or if they were absent for picture day, please complete this google form by October 16.

Retake Form: <https://forms.gle/jJHFA8zJihnJSMwj7>

If you have a kindergarten student in **KA/KC** please watch your email for information regarding your child's class group photo and retake date. If you have any questions regarding your online order, please contact Lifetouch directly at 1-866-416-3343.

REMINDERS

- **Wednesday, October 2 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm**
- **Friday, October 4 - No School - PD Day**
- **Wednesday, October 9 & 23 - Chip Day**
- **Friday, October 11 - Thanksgiving Chapel at 9:15 am**
- **Monday, October 14 - No School - Thanksgiving Day**
- **Wednesday, October 16 - School Council Meeting at 7:15 pm**
- **Thursday, October 17 - Class Group Pictures & Retake Day**
- **Friday, October 18 - Hot Lunch**
- **Thursday, October 24 - Hats for Missions**
- **Thursday, October 24 - Kindergarten Muffins with Mom at 6:15 pm**



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HEALTHY HUNGER

HOT LUNCH

Oct. 16 - KA/KC (Deadline Oct. 11)

Oct. 17 - KB/KD (Deadline Oct. 12)

Oct. 18 - Gr. 1-6 (Deadline Oct. 13)

Please visit the [Healthy Hunger](#) website to place your order.



CHIP DAYS

October 9 & 23 - Gr. 1-6

October 23 - KA/KC

October 24 - KB/KD

If you did not prepay for chip days for the year, your child can bring a Loonie on chip day to participate.



MEXICAN VISITORS!

We are so pleased to have two visitors from the Foundations for His Ministry Children's Home in Mexico come to visit us from October 15-25. They will be sharing with our staff and students about Mexican culture and the challenges many of the children face that come to the orphanage.

REMEMBRANCE DAY CHAPEL HELP

Attention all parents in uniform! We invite you to join us for our Remembrance Day Chapel on November 8 at 9:15 am. Having parents from the fire, police, ambulance, and military services attend in uniform would greatly enrich the experience for our students. If you're able to participate, please reach out to the school office to let us know.

DROPPING ITEMS OFF AT SCHOOL

To enhance building safety and minimize classroom disruptions, we kindly ask that parents dropping off items for their children during the school day do so at the office.

As a friendly reminder, if you'd like to walk your child into school during morning drop-off, please accompany them to the rotunda and allow them to make their way to the classrooms independently.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping our school days run smoothly!

A Word or Two scelibrary.net

Congratulations to the winners of our Welcome Back contest! You can catch a glimpse of Zog the Stuffie in the Library - he flew back from England with me! Thank you to everyone who entered the contest!

READ IN Week is October 7-11! The purpose of READ IN is to create a greater awareness of the importance of reading. Many schools and public libraries in the Edmonton area focus on extra special activities that motivate or reward reading. We are planning some special reading activities that week, including special guest readers in the Library, and a character dress up day for the grade 1 & 2s. 📖❤️ -Mrs. Wielinga





INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

I am delighted to be the lead teacher at our school for First Nations, Metis and Inuit education. This will be my eighth year in this role and I am enjoying it immensely.

At SCE, we are being purposeful about ensuring that our students receive important information and a meaningful experience when it comes to Indigenous education. In addition to classroom instruction on this topic, as it falls into the curriculum, each grade will also have a special opportunity to learn about a unique aspect of First Nations, Metis or Inuit history and culture. If you have any questions about our Indigenous education program here at SCE, please feel free to contact me at the school or by email: janet.vader@eips.ca

-Janet Vader



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

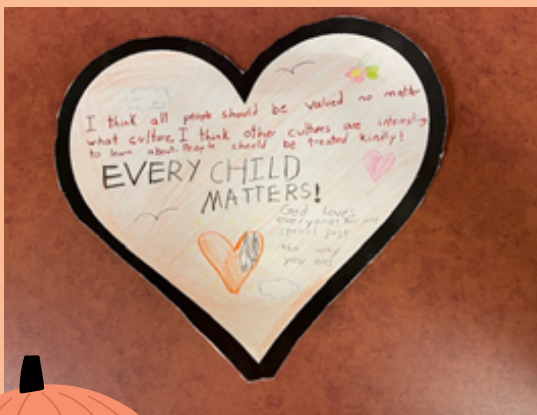
Our staff and students recognized the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 27th.

Each class in every grade found their own unique way to take a few moments of remembrance and learn about Residential Schools.

We also took time to be thankful for our school and the kindness and love the students experience each day from their teachers and school staff members.

The grade 4 classes had the honour of creating hearts with their reflections about Residential Schools. These hearts were displayed in front of our school on Orange Shirt Day as a reminder of the impact of residential schools.

In recognition of Canada's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and throughout the year, SCE remembers, honours, and prays for and works towards a brighter future for our Indigenous neighbours and friends



YOU AND YOUR HAT ARE INVITED...



HATS FOR MISSIONS



OCTOBER 24, 2024



**DONATE \$2 OR MORE AND
YOU CAN WEAR A HAT ALL
DAY AT SCHOOL!**



**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO
TO THE FFHM IN VINCENTE
GURRERO,
MEXICO.**





PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW MEAL FOR STAFF – DEC. 3

Our parents generously support our teaching staff each year with a meal before Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you'd like to contribute food items for this much appreciated meal on December 3, 2024 please sign up using the link below:

[Sign Up Here.](#)

Thank you for your kindness!



GRADE 4, 5 AND 6 RETREATS

Our fall retreats for our grade 4, 5, and 6 students were another **huge success!** These one-day retreats are a time to strengthen friendships, meet new people, and grow in our relationship with God. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather for all of our retreats, and we were able to participate in our planned outdoor activities. Activities included swimming, ziplining, wide games, wall climbing, and devotional times with Pastor Cook. A big thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend to help make the day run smoothly. Each retreat was a wonderful time of building friendships, spiritual encouragement and creating memories for a lifetime.



TERRY FOX RUN – SEPTEMBER 20

Our students had a great day running our Terry Fox Run! A huge thank you goes out to our parent volunteers! Thank you to everyone for your donations to Terry's Dream. This was our 18th year of running the Terry Fox Run. **The students raised \$1921.52.** Way to go SCA Eagles! Looking forward to our 2025 run!

SPAC KIDS NIGHT – OCTOBER 25

Registration is open!

Kindergarten to Grade 6 kids are invited to join us for a night out at church! We will begin in the Auditorium and send the kids in grade-level groups to participate in activities like gym games, craft, and snack. It's a great opportunity to bring a friend!



Sign up early as space is limited.

<https://spac.ca/event/1063/kids-night>

SPAC FREE CLOTHING EXCHANGE – OCTOBER 5

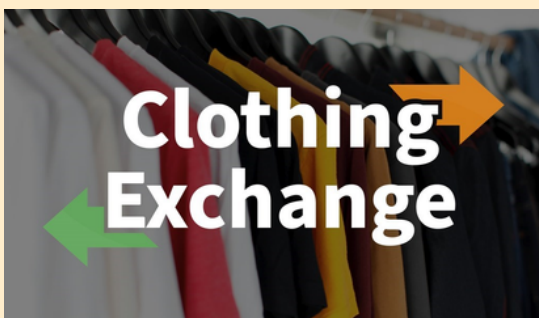
Free Clothing Exchange held at Sherwood Park Alliance Church (1011 Clover Bar Road) on October 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! "Bring what you've outgrown; take what you're growing into"

Drop off donations at the SCA Secondary gym on Friday, October 4 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm.

- All clothing must be washed and clean
- Accepted Items: men, women and children's clothing, footwear, belts, purses, small household items, small children's toys, and books
- Items Not accepted: car seats, sports equipment, helmets, furniture, damaged goods

You do not need to donate to attend and everything is free.

For more information, please call the Church at (780) 467-8404.



CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS!

Are you a past, present, or future grandparent of a student who attends SCA Elementary or Secondary Schools?

We would love your prayer support! An update is emailed out each week of ways you can support our school in prayer. If you are able, we meet once a month to pray for our students.

Please email Pastor Driedger at darren.driedger@eips.ca or phone the school office at 780-449-2787 to get involved.

We meet the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm at SCA Elementary. Our first prayer meeting of this school year is Thursday, October 3 at 1:00 pm and you are welcome to join!

We want to cover the schools and the children with prayer. Your wisdom and experience is needed for 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 for all of our students.



EARLY PICK UP PROTOCOL

Parents we ask you to help our office staff when it comes to the early pick up of your children.

If you will be picking your child up early from school for an appointment, etc. Please plan to give yourself some extra time to allow for their dismissal.

There is a lot going on in the school office every day and we do your best to ensure your children are dismissed in a timely manner! **We will dismiss your child upon your arrival at the school.** Once you arrive at the school, please call the school office or pop in to ask for your child to be dismissed.

As always, early pickups should be communicated to the teacher in advance so they can plan accordingly.

If you know about the absence/early pick up requirement prior to the day, please email your child's teacher. Alternatively, you can send a note in with your child a few days before or the day of the absence.

If the pickup is last minute and school has already commenced for the day, please call the school office so we can give the teacher a heads up.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

On the last day of every month we post the newsletter for the upcoming month on our website. Please visit www.scaelementary.ca to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary



fall VIBES



School Theme 2024-25

*The Lord is my
Shepherd, I lack
nothing.*

Psalm 23:1

School Facebook Group

Did you know we have a school Facebook Group?

Find us on Facebook under:
SCA Elementary Parents

October Prayer Focus

Please pray for our SCA Elementary Office Staff.



OCTOBER



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