

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.



November 2024 Edition

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **December 3 & 5.**

Parents will be able to book their own interview appointment(s) 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 an appointment.

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.

REPORT CARDS



Report cards will be available on Friday, **November 29** at 3:15 pm.

Parents and guardians can access report cards through PowerSchool—simply log in to your account and click on the "Report Card" button in the lefthand sidebar.

REMINDERS

- **Wednesday, November 6 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 6 & 27 - Chip Day**
- **Friday, November 8 - Remembrance Day Chapel @ 10:45 am**
- **November 11 - 15 - No School - November Break**
- **Wednesday, November 20 - School Council Meeting at 7:15 pm**
- **Friday, November 22 - Hot Lunch**
- **Friday, November 29 - Report Cards Issued**

CHILDCARE

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 Missions program.

This is for your convenience during interview times only.

We would request that no children be wandering around or playing in the hallways while you attend your interview.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY P/T INTERVIEW MEAL FOR TEACHERS

Our parents generously support our teaching staff each year with a meal before Parent/Teacher Interviews.

If you would like to contribute food items for this much appreciated meal on **December 3**, please sign up [here](#).

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Principal: Mr. Jonathan Elzinga
Assistant Principals: Mrs. Jaime Peters & Mr. Jon Alstad

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to all families who have already paid the Elk Island Public School fees for the 2024-25 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 debit card—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 16, 2024.

Remembrance Day

On Friday, November 8, all of our students will participate in a Remembrance Day Chapel at 10:45 am.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Poppy Donations

We would encourage students to bring a small amount of change as a donation for the poppy they will receive after the chapel.



HEALTHY HUNGER

HOT LUNCH

Nov. 20 - KA/KC (Deadline Nov. 15)

Nov. 21 - KB/KD (Deadline Nov. 16)

Nov. 22 - Gr. 1-6 (Deadline Nov. 17)

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

CHIP DAYS

November 6 & 27 - Gr. 1-6

November 27 - KA/KC

November 28 - KB/KD

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

HATS FOR MISSIONS - OCTOBER 24

Our students and staff had a great time wearing hats for missions on October 24!

The school raised \$1585.41 in donations! Way to go!!!

This amount will make it possible for lighting to be installed around the FFHM soccer field which will complete the project that was previously sponsored by SCA Elementary!

Thank you SCA families for your care and generosity in supporting this worthy cause!





A Word or Two scelibrary.net



Thank you to all the students for bringing in so many wonderfully creative pictures for our Storybook Pumpkin Patch! Thank you parents and older siblings for encouraging and supporting them, the library looked so great for READ IN Week!

We will be hosting a book fair again during Parent-Teacher Interviews the first week of December. Scholastic and Lamplighter Books & Gifts will have a full selection of quality books, offering a wonderful place to do some Christmas shopping with a great financial benefit to our school.

  -Mrs. Wielinga

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2024 – SAVE THE DATE



Thursday, December 12, 2024
Sherwood Park Alliance Church
Auditorium

Grades 1 - 3 - 6:30 pm
Grades 4-6 - 8:00 pm

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Our Kindergarten students do not participate in the formal Christmas Concert evening. Their teachers prepare a series of very special activities over the days leading up to the Christmas break.

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!

HELP US HELP YOU!

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES, EARLY PICKUPS AND END OF DAY CHANGES

Parents, we ask you to help our office and teaching staff when it comes to reporting absences, early pick ups and changes to end of day transportation. We do appreciate your punctual communication in these situations!

Below you will find a handy guide to help you navigate what steps to take in these scenarios.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

If it is a **planned absence** (*you know in advance of the day*): Email the teacher directly. Alternatively, you could send a note in with your child.

If it is a **last-minute absence** (unplanned) *and school has already started for the day (after 8:40 am)*: Call or email the school office.

REPORTING AN EARLY PICK-UP

If it is a **planned early pick-up** (*you know in advance of the day*): Email the teacher directly. Alternatively, you could send a note in with your child.

If it is a **last-minute early pick-up** (unplanned) *and school has already started for the day (after 8:40 am)*: Call or email the school office.

Please note, **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.

Please plan to give yourself some extra time to allow for their dismissal.

REPORTING A CHANGE IN END OF DAY TRANSPORTATION

If it is a **planned change in end of day transportation** (*you know in advance of the day*): Email the teacher directly.

Alternatively, you could send a note in with your child.

If it is a **last-minute change in end of day transportation** (unplanned) *and school has already started for the day (after 8:40 am)*: Call or email the school office **by 2:00 pm**. The earlier you can let us know, the better.

There is a lot going on in the school office every day and we do our best to ensure parent messages are passed on. However, when messages come to the office after 2:00 pm, we cannot guarantee that your message will be passed on in time.

SCA Elementary Contact Information:

Phone: 780-449-2787

Email: general.sce@eips.ca

School Secretaries: Shauna Box & Jeaninne Elford

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".

The deadline for ordering a yearbook is March 31, 2025. Yearbooks will be delivered to the students at the end of June 2025.



Kids Christmas Kick Off

Sherwood Park Alliance Church

Saturday, November 30 at 6:00 pm

Cookies & Hot Chocolate after the service
+ a Live Nativity & Petting Zoo!
| NO RSVP REQUIRED | Everyone is welcome!

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, November 7 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.

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



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

November Prayer Focus

Daily expressing thanks
to God.



SCHOOL MESSENGER – DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know there is a School Messenger app (or website) that parents can use? School Messenger is the program Elk Island Public Schools use to share information directly with families by phone or email.

Emails from the following areas are sent through School Messenger:

- SCA Elementary (*except emails sent directly from your child's teacher*)
- EIPS Transportation
- EIPS Central Office

This app can be helpful for parents as it allows you to view all emails sent from the above areas in one location. Parents can also manage their subscription and contact preferences in regards to these messages.

App Instructions:

1. Download the App (available through the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#))
2. Sign up by using your PowerSchool Parent Portal email address and the EIPS District Code **'HXWF'**
3. Once in the app, all received emails can be viewed under 'Messages'
4. Click the 3-lines in top left corner > Preferences > select Elk Island Public Schools > from this page, you can manage your contact preferences and select how you would like to be notified in different contact scenarios.

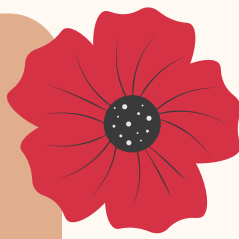
Website Instructions: (exactly the same information as the app, just a different way to view it)

1. Select 'Sign up' in the top right corner. Use your PowerSchool Parent Portal email address and the EIPS District Code **'HXWF'**
2. Once logged in, the instructions are the same as using the app (see #3 & 4 above)

For further information or support with issues, please visit:

<https://www.eips.ca/contact/subscribe>

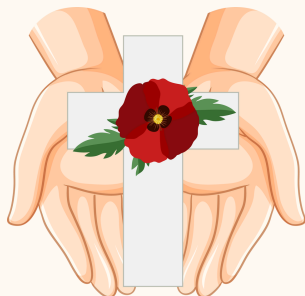
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--NOVEMBER BREAK--

We Remember



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