

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 2019 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 2019-2020 is...

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

Psalms 23:1

Reminders:

Wednesday, December 4 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Friday, December 20 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE CHRISTMAS
Monday, January 6 - CLASSES RESUME

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



SCA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

WHAT'S IN THE BOX? - GRADES 1-3

BECAUSE OF THE MANGER... - GRADES 4-6

This year, our Grade 1-6 SCA Elementary Christmas Concerts will be on
Thursday, December 12 at the Sherwood Park Alliance Church.

GRADE 1-6 Christmas Concert Celebrations **Thursday, December 12, Sherwood Park Alliance Church** **Times: See Schedule Below**

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 5:45 pm.

Drop Off Time	Performance Time		Drop Off Location	Pickup Location
6:15	6:30 - 7:30	Grade 1	South Gym	South Gym
		Grade 2		
		Grade 3		
7:45	8:00 - 9:00	Grade 4	North Gym	Auditorium
		Grade 5		
		Grade 6		



JUST A REMINDER!

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.



Last Call for Yearbooks...

The deadline for ordering a 2019 - 20 yearbook is December 31, 2019. Yearbooks can be ordered online through the Parent Portal or by sending a cheque in to the office for \$24.00 before the Christmas break. Yearbooks will be delivered to students in June of 2020.

NEW TOYS FOR KIDS COLLECTION DRIVE

Friday morning, December 6, 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.

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.

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 Timothy Cook @timothy.cook@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 5 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

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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.

A HUGE Thank you to all of the Parents, Grandparents and Friends of SCA Elementary School who continue to encourage and support our staff in the many ways you do! We cannot thank you enough and could not do what we do without you!



The Staff & Students of SCA Elementary School would like to wish all of our families a wonderful, safe and healthy Holiday Season!

School/Society Fees

All school principals within Elk Island Public Schools have been requested to hold a meeting to allow parents to ask questions and provide input into school fees (optional courses, field trips, extracurricular fees, etc). Our elementary and secondary school councils and our school principals have chosen Wednesday, January 15th to provide this opportunity. We have also asked our Society to join us to give an opportunity to discuss their fees as well.

You are invited to SCA Parent Council's Fee Discussion Evening!

- 1.) **Why:** To discuss school fees charged to parents whose children attend SCA Elementary & Secondary Schools.
- 2.) **Where:** SCA Elementary School Gymnasium
- 3.) **When:** Wednesday January 15th
 - a. 7:00-7:20 PM – SCA Elementary Fees Discussion
 - b. 7:20-7:50 PM – SCA Secondary Fees Discussion
 - c. 8:00 PM – SCA Society Fees Discussion
- 4.) **Who:** Presenters on that evening will be:
 - a. Elementary School Fees - Francis Poole
 - b. Secondary School Fees – Jon Elzinga
 - c. SCA Society Fees – Duane Seelochan (Society Chairman)

December Prayer Focus:
Please pray for EIPS bus drivers.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	5	6 Toys for Kids Missions Drive Hot Lunch	7
8	9	10	11	12 Grade 1-6 Christmas Concerts SPAC	13	14
15	16	17	18 Chip Day	19	20 Christmas Caroling Chapel 9:15 am January Newsletter Online	21 Christmas Break Begins
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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