

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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February 2020 Edition

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2020-21

Effective February 1, all families returning to Strathcona Christian Academy (Grades 1-12) will need to complete two steps to confirm enrollment for 2020-2021:

- 1.) The first step is to re-register with Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS). Please complete the online Returning Student Registration Form - available by logging in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal between February 1-29 (see Page 2 of this newsletter for full details).
- 2.) The second step is to complete the Society Fees process. All current families (including families with kindergarten siblings) will receive a DocuSign Package via email beginning March 1. If one of more of your children are not returning to SCA in September 2020, please decline the DocuSign invitation to sign, and email charlene.gagne@eips.ca to confirm your decision not to return.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2020!

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2020? If so, its now time to register for kindergarten.

To register, simply complete the online registration form at www.eips.ca/kindergarten.

To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online toolkit - available at www.eips.ca/kindergarten - to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit Includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.



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Complete the Returning Student Registration: February 1-29

Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) returning student registration process will be open Saturday, February 1st at 9am. All returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Additionally, students who want to attend a non-designated school need to make that request through the returning student registration process—acceptance is based on available space.

All returning EIPS students are required to complete the form by Feb. 29, 2020.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before February 1, 2020.

Measuring our Success: Complete the Accountability Pillar Survey

Once again, Alberta Education is conducting its Accountability Pillar Survey. Every year, Alberta Education conducts the survey to gather information about the quality of education provided by Alberta schools and school authorities.

Grade 4 students are completing the survey online at the school. Student participation is completely anonymous.

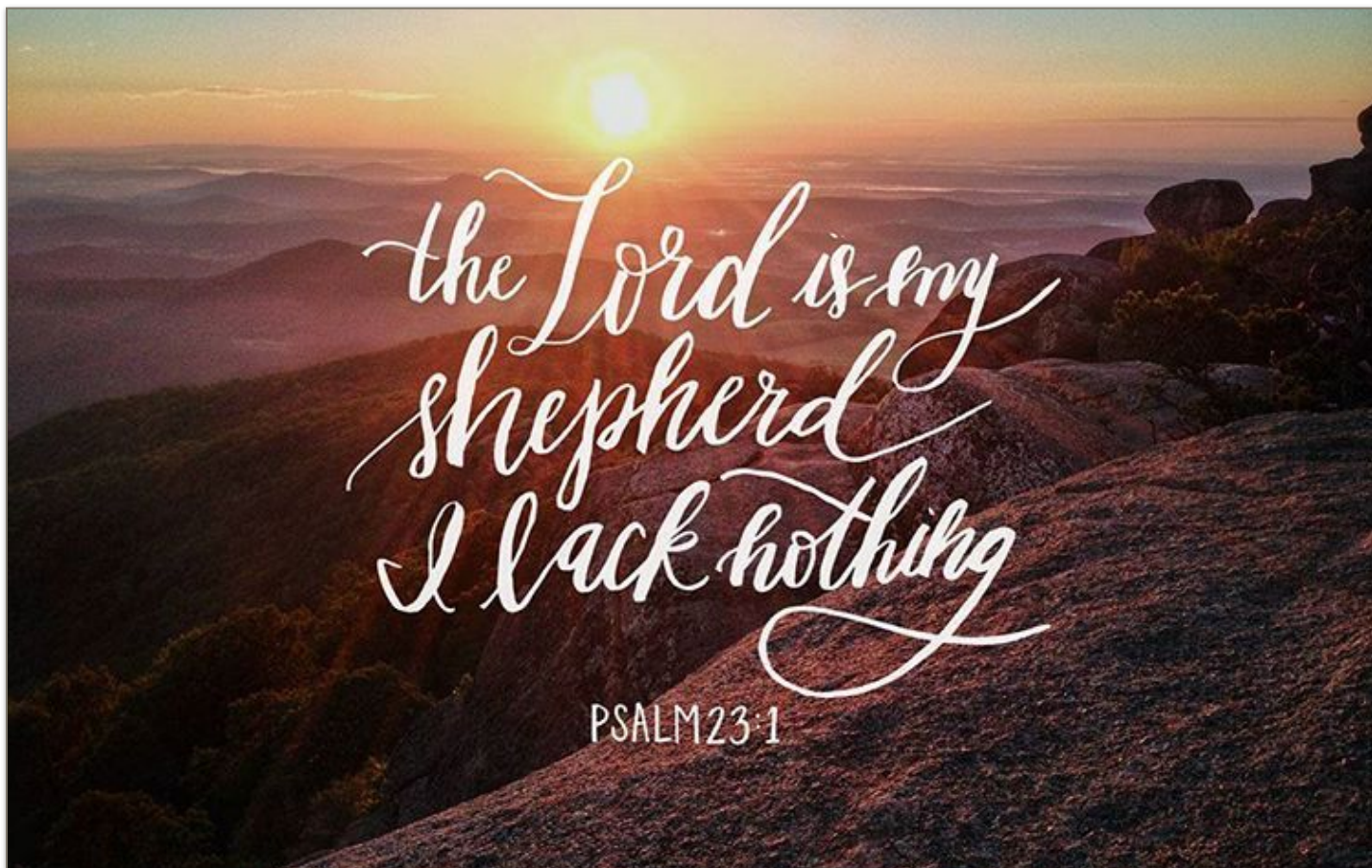
Additionally, parents and guardians of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 are also asked to take a survey, either online or by mail. Information about the survey was sent to these families in January. Like the student and teacher survey, it's anonymous and asks questions about your school experiences. If you have a child in grades 4, 7 or 10, we encourage you to participate. The survey deadline is Feb. 28, 2020.

Results from the Accountability Survey are provided to Elk Island Public Schools each May. The Division then uses the data to inform its four-year education plan, its annual school education plans and strategies for continuous improvement.

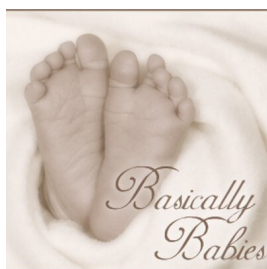
For more information about Alberta Education's Accountability Pillar Survey visit: alberta.ca/accountability-education-system.aspx.

Reminders:

Wednesday, February 5 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Thursday & Friday, February 6 & 7 - ATA Teacher's Convention
Friday, February 14 - NO SCHOOL - School Closure Day
Monday, February 17 - NO SCHOOL - Family Day



NEWBORN BABY CARE DRIVE



Basically Babies is a non-profit organization who supports underprivileged families with newborns. On Friday, February 21, SCA Elementary is running a newborn baby care drive to support this cause. Basically Babies 'Layettes' are each assembled with a Baby Bible and have enough clothing to supply a needy newborn baby throughout his or her first year. The need for more layettes has been increasing.

New or gently used clothing up to 24 months as well as other items can be brought to school to help share God's love to these families in our community. Items specifically needed at this time are baby undershirts/onesies, mittens, receiving blankets, baby soap, baby lotion, baby shampoo, towels and SNOWSUITS!

The following items CANNOT BE ACCEPTED: baby powder, diapers, bottles, baby formula/food.

Please bring items to the rotunda in the morning as they will be picked up by noon.

Thank you so much for your support!

Red/Pink Dress Up Day - Thursday, February 13

Each year as part of our fun Valentine's Day celebrations, we ask students and staff to go to their closet and pull out their favourite red or pink outfit. We encourage our students to start thinking now about what to wear in just a couple of weeks time.



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 Pastor Cook at 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, February 13th 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.

Munch-a-Lunch is Now Open!



To order hot lunch for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, please go to:

<http://www.munchalunch.com/schools/SCA/>

NEXT HOT LUNCH: Friday, February 21, 2020

FEBRUARY ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 12, 2020

Please ensure you order hot lunch for the correct day!

SCA ELEMENTARY READING DAY

SCA Reading Day on January 24th was a great success! Our special guests were Mrs. Sharon Murphy and Mrs. Wanda Benterud - the author and illustrator of the book 'A Place for Plants'. They spoke to all classes – grades 1-6 – about the process of writing and illustrating a book. Mrs. Benterud, the illustrator, brought in the original paintings for each page of the book. Students were thrilled to view these beautiful works of art! A huge thank you to Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Benterud for their presentations.



During the morning, students and staff enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate complete with marshmallows made and served to them in their classrooms by our parent volunteers: Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Wenger, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Duguid, Mrs. Mountney & Mrs. Schmidt. A great big thank you to each of them!



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.

SCA Secondary Theatre Presents Disney's Tarzan

May 12-15, 2020

Evening Shows: 7pm Tuesday - Friday; for General Admission, Doors opens 40 mins before showtime.

May 13-15, 2020

Matinee Shows: 1:30 Thursday & Friday; for General Admission, Doors open 40 mins before showtime.

**Location: Strathcona Christian Academy Secondary School
Auditorium/Sherwood Park Alliance Church**



February Prayer Focus:

**Please pray for our
SCA Elementary Custodial Staff.**



February



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	3	4	5 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15 pm	6 ATA Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	7 ATA Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	8
9	10	11	12 Chip Day	13 Red/Pink Day	14 School Closure Day NO SCHOOL	15
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