

# 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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September 2020 Edition



## **School Pictures**



Our annual school pictures will happen on Monday, September 14 for KA/KC students only and on Tuesday, September 15 for KB/KD to Grade 6 students.

This year, only individual student pictures will be taken. No class or sibling photos will occur.

## **Online Student Pictures**

All students who are online learning have the opportunity to come have their picture taken on Tuesday, October 13 between 9:15 - 10:15 am. Please contact the school office if you plan to bring your child in on this date.

## **Student Information Correction Forms**

As part of this year's start up process a lot of families have already completed Student Correction forms for student data verification. If you have not yet logged into the PowerSchool Parent Portal and reviewed your information under the correction form tab, please do so at your earliest convenience. Please continue to make updates via this form if there are any changes to personal information (including medical history) throughout the school year to ensure we have the most up to date information in our system.

## **Reminders:**

**Tuesday, September 15 - Picture Day**  
**Tuesday, September 15- Virtual Meet the Teacher Night**  
**Friday, September 25 - Terry Fox Run**  
**Wednesday, September 30 - Orange Shirt Day**



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## The School Theme for 2020-2021...

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

### **Hot Lunch Credit**

As our last day of school last year was unexpectedly March 13th, three scheduled hot lunches (April 24, May 22 and June 12) were unable to go ahead as planned. The funds collected for those missed hot lunches will remain in parent's Munch-a-Lunch accounts at this time while we wait to determine if the hot lunch program can be resumed later in the year. While no hot lunch is expected for the remainder of 2020, we will revisit the program in January and the possibility of its reinstatement. Thank you for your understanding and patience! - Parent Council

### **Shuttle Bus Service**

In an attempt to relieve some of the school parking pressures at our elementary school, we are once again providing a free shuttle bus service, before and after school, to and from our secondary school. Parents will drop off their children in the morning at the secondary school and pick them up at the secondary school from the shuttle in the afternoon.

If you would like to sign up your child(ren) for the shuttle service please contact Mrs. Box at the school office.

We are encouraging any elementary families who have children in our secondary school and are currently picking them up by car, or any families who find the parking lot congested and would like a larger parking area to retrieve their child(ren) to consider using this service. Families considering using the shuttle service must agree to be committed to using the service daily both in the morning and in the afternoon.

NOTE: Students who are signed up for regular EIPS bussing should NOT sign up for the shuttle bus. Students on regular EIPS buses can get off their bus at secondary with a parental note (sent to the bus driver).



### **Staffing News**

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff member to our school:

- Mrs. Erin Tomkins - Teacher (3C)

We are pleased to welcome back the following staff members to our school who are teaching a different grade this year:

- Mrs. Keely Archer - Teacher (Grade 1, 4, 5)
- Mrs. Janet Baird - Teacher (Grade 2, 5)

### **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](http://www.scaelementary.ca) to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary.

### **PAY SCHOOL FEES ONLINE!**

School fee information for the 2020-21 school year is expected to be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal by the end September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. 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 INTERAC Online—when available from your financial institution.

Don’t forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child’s account to cover the cost of various school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more.

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your students fees you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. The application deadline is December 15, 2020.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees).

### **SCA Elementary T-Shirts**

On many occasions it serves students well to have an SCA T-Shirt, for instance, wearing the school t-shirt for Terry Fox Run Day or a field trip. During the year, we will often have a “Sea of Blue” day and staff and students will be asked to wear their school t-shirt. If you are new to the school and need a t-shirt, one can be purchased for \$17.00 anytime throughout the year by logging into your Parent Portal account. If cost is in any way prohibitive to your child having a shirt, please contact Mr. Poole at 780-449-2787. T-shirts purchased through the Parent Portal account will be delivered to the student’s homeroom class.

### **School Supplies (Kindergarten to Grade 3 Students)**

In June, a letter was sent to all Grade 1-3 parents indicating that school supplies would be purchased by the school. This practice provides for continuity and ready access to supplies here at school. Parents are required to pay a fee to cover the cost of the supplies. This fee will be included in the school fees on Parent Portal.

New for this year, Kindergarten supplies have been purchased by the school to assist in ensuring that students have their own supplies with new rules implemented related to COVID-19. Parents will be required to pay a fee to cover the cost of these supplies. This fee will also be included in the school fees on Parent Portal.

### **Note about yearbooks...**

Please make sure that if you would like to purchase a 2020-2021 yearbook that you include it with your school fees. It is an additional fee that you choose. Yearbooks can be found under the optional fees on your Parent Portal account. The deadline for ordering yearbooks online for this school year is December 31, 2020 and they will be delivered to the students in June of 2021.



## **Orange Shirt Day** **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**

On Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, SCE will be participating in Orange Shirt Day.

Orange Shirt Day is an annual Canada-wide event to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools. It grew out of a gathering of survivors held in Williams Lake, British Columbia in 2013, where Phyllis Webstad, who attended St. Joseph Mission residential school, shared her experience of having her new orange shirt taken from her on her first day. As a school, we are choosing to participate in Orange Shirt Day as a way to remember, and as an act of reconciliation with the Indigenous people of Canada. **If your child is able to wear an orange shirt on September 30<sup>th</sup>, that would be great!**

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## **Terry Fox Run** **Friday, September 25, 2020**

Our students will once more have the opportunity to participate in the annual Terry Fox School Run. Together with schools from across the country, Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary will run to raise money and hope for those who are battling cancer.

The event is planned for: Friday, September 25, 2020

Students will participate in the run during their cohort P.E. class. Again, we encourage everyone to bring a loonie or toonie or as much as they like and wear your blue SCA t-shirt.

Please make cheques out to 'The Terry Fox Foundation'. Receipts will be sent directly from the Foundation.

Online donations are also accepted at <http://www.terryfox.ca/StrathconaChristianAcademyElementary>



## **SYNC THE SCHOOL CALENDAR TO YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR**

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own personal calendar? You can. Just visit:

<http://scaelementary.ca/about/calendar>

Click on one of the following calendar options you want to subscribe to:



- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar (Outlook)
- Download iCal

**NOTE:** Using a mobile device, these options are located above the calendar. Using a computer, these options are located below the calendar.

Once you click on the calendar option you want to subscribe to, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your personal calendar will contain all of SCA Elementary's important dates including holidays, school closure days, planned activities, events and more.

## **Footwear**

Students in K-6 are required to have separate footwear for use inside of the school. Please make note of the following:



1. Shoes left at school must be kept in the student's homeroom.
2. Shoes that mark or damage floors in any way are not to be worn.
3. A pair of **athletic running** shoes for PE are required (NOT skateboard, backless, platform or "roller" runners. Runners must be able to be tied tightly, support the foot and flex properly.) These shoes can be used as the indoor footwear.



## **Nut AWARE School**

We are proud to be a nut aware school. Because nuts can cause severe, life-threatening reactions in some of our students, we ask that you **do not send** food items that contain peanut butter/peanuts/all tree nuts and sesame seeds. Thank you for helping us provide a safe environment for all the students in our school community.

## **MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL**

As per our medication policy, if your child will be requiring medication to be kept in the office for the 2020-21 school year, or if they require medication to be administered to them while at school, a **Medication/ Personal Care Request and Authorization form** (available in the office) must be filled out. Medication must be in the **original container, labeled with their name, dosage and times**. If it is prescription medication, the pharmacy label must be intact and the label must have an expiry date. If the label is not legible or is missing, or if there are medications mixed in the same bottle, the medication cannot be used. **We do not give out "stock" medication to students.** Thank you for your co-operation.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 First Day of School Grade 5 & 6	2 First Day of School Grade 3 & 4	3 First Day of School Grade 1 & 2	4 First Day of School Grade 1- 6	5
6	7 Labour Day	8 ECS Begins KB/KD	9 ECS Begins KA/KC	10	11	12
13	14 Picture Day (KA/KC only)	15 Picture Day (K-6)  Virtual Meet the Teacher Night Grades 1-6	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Terry Fox Run	26
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September Prayer Focus:

Please pray for your child's homeroom teacher.

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