

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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June 2019 Edition

Last Day of School Dismisses at 3:15pm

The last day of school this year is Thursday, June 27, 2019.



Missionaries are a Comin'!

We are delighted to announce that this coming fall, we will again have visitors from our partnership orphanage in Mexico. Johnny & Addy Deras served as house parents to a group of orphans, but now serve as coordinators for all of the house parents. We love it when our Mexican guests come as they provide such insights into a different culture and the needs of the children who are far less fortunate. Johnny and Addy will be visiting and sharing with each and every classroom. We can't wait to host them. Monies from our bottle collection this year have helped to pay for flights for our Mexican friends.

Thanks to everyone who hauled bottles into the school!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Reminders:

Wednesday, June 5 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm

Friday, June 7 - Track & Field Day

Thursday, June 27 - Last Day of School

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Class Placement

Each year on the first day of school, students find out which homeroom and teacher they have. Great care and planning occurs in placing each child in the proper class. Staff spend a great deal of time considering variables such as: individual needs, learning styles, peer groupings, social interactions, boy-girl ratios, special program grouping, educational assistant times, etc. before setting the lists. Parents are asked to refrain from requesting specific teachers or homerooms, except for reasons of special education (i.e. learning or physical disabilities). On Tuesday, September 3, our staff will be in the rotunda with grade signs to help students find their new classes.

Track & Field Day - Friday, June 7, 2019



We are praying for good weather for our Div I and Div II Track & Field Day on Friday, June 7.

Div I will be using our very own school fields to spend the day participating in 16 events. Each of the 16 groups will be led around the course by a grade 3 group leader and assistant leader. It is always an enjoyable day by all. At the end of the day, the students will gather together for a freezie and ribbon awards for 1st through 3rd place. Mrs. Breitreuz heads up this meet.

The Div II Track & Field Day will take place at the Strathcona Athletic Park (behind Bev Facey School). The students will be in groups of 16 and travel through 18 events. The activities range from regular track and field events such as high jump and 100m dash to irregular events such as sack races and dry land canoeing. At the end of the day every student will be awarded with a 1st - 4th place ribbon. Lunch can be bought at the Div II meet. Hot dogs are \$2 and all other items are \$1.00. Mrs. Doupe heads up the Div II meet.

Please make sure that your child brings a **bottle of water** with their name on the bottle and **morning snack**. Your child should have **sunscreen on** all exposed skin. Please apply sunscreen at home. Mosquito repellant may also be a good idea as would **layered clothing** as the weather may be variable throughout the day.

Please note: 'Parent Permission' forms for Div II only. This form must be filled out, signed and returned to the homeroom teacher for each grade 4-6 student to be able to participate and ride the bus.

This day is only successful because of you, our parents, who volunteer to help us out. Volunteer forms were sent home mid-May. The forms should be returned by now but if you forgot, please phone the school and let them know.

Urgent: We are still in need of morning/afternoon helpers for Div II (8:30 - 11:30 am; 11:30 am - 2:20 pm) at the Strathcona Athletic Park. Please let the office know if you are available.

We would like to give a huge **thank you** to all our volunteers. You are awesome!

Submitted by: Mrs. Sue Doupe



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The School Theme for 2018-2019 is...

“The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing”.

Psalm 23:1

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.

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).

Notices regarding shuttle bus service went home on May 15 with the oldest child in the family. Please return the completed form to Mrs. Khajavi in the office as soon as possible or if you did not receive the form and are interested, please call the school office and we will ensure you get one. Should you have any further questions regarding the shuttle service, please feel free to call the school office.

Grade 4-6 School Supply Lists for 2019-20



On June 10 we will be sending school supply lists home with all of our grade 3-5 students for next year. We will be offering two options for 2019-20: 1) purchase school supplies as usual at your local store OR 2) purchase school supplies online. Keep an eye out for this note coming home in your child's backpack.

Student Transportation 2019-20

Planning to use bussing from your home to school for the 2019-20 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.

All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices - all fees are due June 30, 2019.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service through the returning student registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Fees can be paid online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or in-person at the Student Transportation office - 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park. The office will remain open during the summer months operating during the same hours as the Central Administration office.

Dates for PAT's

The Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT's) will be written in June by all Grade 6 students across the province. Please note the following dates when you are scheduling appointments. All of the tests take place in the morning.

Monday, June 17 - Grade 6 LA (Part B)

Tuesday, June 18 - Grade 6 Math (Parts A & B)

Wednesday, June 19 - Grade 6 Social

Thursday, June 20 - Grade 6 Science

Year End Celebrations

Our year end chapel will take place on Wednesday, June 26 at 9:15 am in the gym. We will also be having our year end assembly on Wednesday, June 26 at 1:00 pm in the gym. All are invited!



Year End Awards

Students will receive their year end awards in their individual classrooms at times specified by the teacher. Most class awards are presented on the last day of school, Thursday, June 27.

Report Cards

Report cards will be available online, through your [Parent Portal](#) account, on Thursday, June 27 at 3:15 pm and this will be the last day of school for our students. If your family will be leaving early for holidays, you will be able to access your report card online any time after 3:15 pm on June 27. We ask that your student(s) take all their belongings with them if they are leaving early. Any additional items will be kept in the school office for pick up in September. Parents of children entering grades 1-3 are reminded that you will pay a fee in September for school supplies that will be purchased and provided by the school. Students entering grades 4-6 will receive a note with the option to purchase supplies online. Grade 4-6 supplies for the upcoming year can also be purchased at your local store if you prefer. Supply lists will be available by June 27 on our website, under 'Parent Info'.

Lost and Found

There are many items in our lost and found. Items will be on display the last week of school and teachers will be walking students by the tables during this time. Any items not claimed by June 27 will be donated to a local community charity. Please come and check the lost and found for any items you are missing. Thank you.

2019-2020 Calendar is now Online!

To view the SCA Elementary calendar for 2019-2020, please go to our website at www.scaelementary.ca.





Parents in Partnership

We would like to thank everyone who was able to bless us with their time and talents helping the Parents in Partnership Ministry this school year.

With all your help we were able to support a number of families in our school. We look forward to being able to continue with this ministry in the fall and welcome all who would like to join us.

If you would like any information about the Parents in Partnership team, please contact us at parentsinpartnership@hotmail.com.



A WORD OR TWO

scelibrary.net



It has been wonderful to work with all of the students in the library this year. We are privileged to be a part of the reading experiences of your children and are very thankful for all of the great volunteer and book fair support we received this year. Special thank you to our Grade 6 Library Leadership Club students.

As we approach the end of June, the library schedule will be as follows:

- ★ June 3-7 - the last week that students will be able to sign out books
- ★ June 10-14 - the last week that classes will have their *regular* library classes
- ★ **June 14 - all books due back in to the library!**
- ★ June 17-21 - all missing books must be returned or paid for

Again, a big thank you to parents for your help and support of our library this year, and have a great summer!

— Mrs. Wielinga

Spring Musical Update

For the past number of years we have hosted an annual SCA Elementary Spring Musical. It really serves to showcase the tremendous talent of our student body. Due to a number of logistical, programming and scheduling challenges, we have decided to now do the musical every second year. So...next year there will be no spring musical, but it will return in the spring of 2021 with the presentation of "The Lion King".

In January next year, we will be running a noon-hour grade 4-5 choir for a number of weeks to perform at a few school events.



SAVE THE DATE:

Terry Fox Run - Friday, September 27, 2019

2019-2020 Proposed EIPS School Fees

The EIPS school fees for the 2019-2020 school year will be available in mid September 2019. Fees can be seen and paid for through the online [Parent Portal](#). Printed fee sheets will be available from the office upon request. The proposed school fees are as follows:

ECS Proposed Fees:

Field Trips	\$65.00
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Grade 1-3 Proposed Fees:

Field Trips	\$40.00
Grade 1-3 School Supplies	\$51.00

Grade 4-6 Proposed Fees:

Field Trips	\$40.00
Agenda Books	\$7.00

Optional Fees for all K-6 Include:

Yearbook	\$26.00
T-Shirt	\$17.00

2019 EIPS Relay Results



Great job done by our athletes at the EIPS Relay Meet on May 2. We had **35 athletes** who participated in **12 races**. There were about 15 teams competing in each race. These teams were schools from our school district.

The **first race** was the **4 x 200**. Each of the four runners ran **200m**. Our team results:

Grade 6 girls - 4th, Grade 6 boys - 3rd, Grade 5 girls - 10th, Grade 5 boys - 6th, Grade 4 girls - 6th, Grade 4 boys - 2nd.

The **second race** was the **medley race**. This is where the first runner runs 200m then the next 2 runners each run 100m and the 4th runner runs 400m. Here are our team results: Grade 6 boys - 1st, Grade 6 girls - 6th, Grade 5 boys - 7th, Grade 5 girls - 8th, Grade 4 boys - 5th, Grade 4 girls - 4th.

Congratulations to all our teams on their great running and awesome enthusiasm!! Way to go Eagles!!

Dress Code

Now that the warmer weather is here, we would just like to remind everyone about the dress code for elementary students.

1. **Styles** must be in moderation - avoid fads, extreme dress and hair styles, unnatural hair colour, extreme haircuts.
2. **Piercings** - girls are allowed to have their ears pierced. Piercings of any other kind are not permitted in K-6, given the young age of our elementary students. Boys are not allowed to have any piercings.
3. **Make-up** - K-6 students are not allowed to wear make-up.
4. **Shirts** with slogans or pictures must be in good Christian character.
5. **Dress/skirt lengths** must be at the knee area.
6. **Hats** are not permitted inside the building during regular school hours.
7. **Students in K-6** are required to have a separate set of footwear for use inside the school. Shoes left at school must be kept in the student's homeroom. Shoes that mark or damage floors in any way are not to be worn.
8. **Grades 4-6 girls** are asked to wear a one-piece bathing suit for any school-sponsored swimming events.
9. **Grades 4-6 students** are asked to wear shirts with sleeves and that do not expose their midriff (muscle shirts, tank tops, halter tops, etc. are not permitted).
10. **Grades 4-6 students** are asked when wearing shorts to ensure that they are an appropriate length (shorts should not be shorter than mid-thigh in length).

A brief home inspection before students leave in the morning will avoid the necessity of having to phone parents to bring a change of clothes.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING CLUB 2019

ALL STUDENTS WHO WILL BE IN GRADES 3-6 IN SEPTEMBER



Our Cross Country Running Club starts the first week of school. Practices are Monday after school 3:15 - 4:30 pm (optional attendance), and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday first recess. If you like to run, this is a club for you. You can compete in up to 7 races from September to the middle of October. There are three Wednesday races after school in Edmonton (bus provided), three Tuesday races after school behind Glen Allen Rec Centre here in Sherwood Park and the last is on the Saturday after Thanksgiving weekend at Hawrelak Park. Compete in as many or as few as you are able. The heads up on this is that it would be very beneficial for you to start practicing in the summer (see below for ideas). Looking forward to seeing you all in September!

Training Ideas - Feel free to come up with your own or add to these:

1. Strength

- a. Running Stairs - begin with three sets and increase by one set every 4th time you do it.
- b. Lunges - begin with 10 and increase by 5 every 4th time.
- c. Wall Sits - begin with 30 seconds and increase by 10 seconds every 4th time.
- d. Squats - begin with 20 and increase by 5 every 4th time.

2. Speed

- a. Interval Training - begin by running easy for 30 seconds and then as hard as you can for 30 seconds. Increase the 'hard' run by 10 seconds every 4th time.
- b. Use street light posts - run easy to one then all out to the next one. Alternate between easy and hard. Increase the 'hard' by one light post every 4th time.

3. Distance - begin with 400m (one lap of Bev Facey track) and increase by 200m every 4th time. Max at 2.5 km.

Video Screen Project - A Huge Success

Several months ago our school council embarked upon the project of replacing our aging video screens in our school's rotunda. Monies for this project came from our school council and our bottle drive this year. Also a great many of our families and business friends stepped up to make significant contributions. We are thrilled to have a wonderful high end LED video screen in our rotunda that can display our students and school life. Thank you everyone!

June Prayer Focus:

Please remember to pray for staff and students over the summer.



June



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9	10	11 Last Chip Day	12	13	14	15
16	17 Grade 6 LA (Part B) PAT	18 Grade 6 Math PAT	19 Grade 6 Social PAT	20 Grade 6 Science PAT	21	22
23	24	25	26 Year End Chapel 9:15 am Year End Assembly 1:00 pm	27 Last Day of School Dismissal @ 3:15 pm Report Cards Online @ 3:15 pm	28	29
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