

# SCA Elementary Newsletter



Our Mission: To challenge students, through Christ-centered education, to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord in order to pursue a life of godly character, personal and academic excellence, and service to others.



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November 2019 Edition

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**. Parents will be able to book their own interview appointment 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 appointment(s). Using this system allows more control to coordinate personal schedules with Parent/Teacher interviews as it is challenging to schedule so far in advance. 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.



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 Wheels in Motion project. This is for your convenience during interview times only. During interviews, parents will be allowed to park in our bus lane parking as well as in our regular visitor parking. We would request that no children be wandering around or playing in the hallways while you attend your interview.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Our Parents continue to bless our teaching staff each year with a meal just prior to Parent/Teacher Interviews starting on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Should you be interested in helping out with contributing some food items to this much appreciated meal, please contact Lisa Kraiger at [kraiger@shaw.ca](mailto:kraiger@shaw.ca).

## **Online Report Cards - Communicating Student Learning (CSL)**

Report cards will be available on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm and are accessed online through your Parent Portal account. Please contact the office if you have any questions about how to access CSL or have trouble logging on to Parent Portal account.

## **Reminders:**

**Wednesday, November 6 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm**  
**November 11-15 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break**  
**November 27 & 28 - Parent/Teacher Interviews**



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Assistant Principals: Ms. Darlene Janzen & Mrs. Jaime Peters





## **The School Theme for 2019-2020 is...**

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

### **SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to all families who have already paid the Elk Island Public School fees for the 2019-20 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 INTERAC Online—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 15, 2019.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [www.eips.ca/schools/fees](http://www.eips.ca/schools/fees). Alternatively, contact at the school at 780-449-2787.

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

Please make sure that if you would like to purchase a 2019-20 yearbook that you complete your purchase by December 31, 2019. It is an additional fee that you choose and can be found on your Parent Portal account. Yearbooks will be delivered to the students in June of 2020.

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

On many occasions it serves students well to have an SCA t-shirt, for instance, wearing the school t-shirt on 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 would like a t-shirt, one can be purchased for \$17.00 on your Parent Portal account until November 8<sup>th</sup> or at the school office anytime throughout the year. If cost is in any way prohibitive to your child having a shirt, please contact Mr. Poole at 780-449-2787.

## **Farewell to our Mexican Visitors!**

What a great time we had with our Mexican visitors from October 13 - 23... This year, Johnny and Addy Deras joined us from the Foundation For His Ministry. Johnny serves as the director of all 7 different homes within the Mission’s orphanage. They had many opportunities to share with the staff and students some of their story and how God is changing the lives of Mexican people through the work of the mission. They also spoke in our SCE staff devotions.



A highlight for both of them included a visit to Banff - the time they spent in the mountains was very enjoyable including the gondola up to the summit of Sulphur Mountain!

Thank you to all of our students, staff and families - you made them feel very welcome and loved!

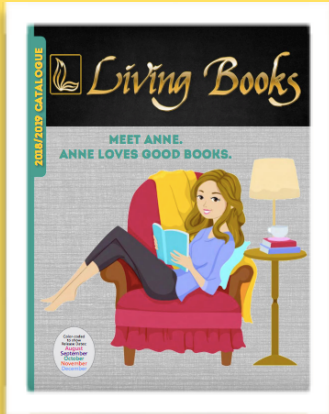
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## A WORD OR TWO scelibrary.net



November signals the first round of Teacher-Parent Interviews and **our Fall Book Fair!** We are pleased to announce that we will again be offering two book fairs - Scholastic and Lamp-lighter Books & Gifts. Both companies have a full selection of great quality books, both offer a great financial benefit to our school library and are a great place to do some Christmas shopping!



Parents are welcome to come in before and after interview times from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, **November 27 & 28**. Parents are encouraged to do all purchasing for their children and themselves, however students of parents unable to attend evening interviews may purchase Thursday at school. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair and thank you in advance for your support of a great fund-raiser! — Mrs. Wielinga



## Please Give us a Hand!

Throughout the school day, we receive many, many calls to our office from parents with reminders for students or alternate arrangements for transportation. We recognize that on occasion our families will have emergencies or unexpected changes and will need to call us with these changes - and we are happy to help.

When we call in to relay a message to the students, it is a disruption to classroom instruction. We also receive many calls right at the end of the day and are faced with a frantic rush to get the message to a child at the last minute.

If your child has an appointment and will need to be picked up early, or have a change to your routine, we ask that you please send a note in with your child for the 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.

Thank you in advance for helping us reduce the interruptions to our classrooms.

## Caregiver Education Series

The Division, in partnership with Alberta Health Services and Elk Island Catholic Schools, is hosting a series of caregiver information sessions focused on ways to support students' mental health. The sessions are free and geared toward parents, caregivers, teachers and community members who want to learn more about challenges impacting children and adolescents. This year, session topics include anxiety, ADHD, depression, self-harm, technology, teens and teaching leadership skills, and more. Go to: <https://www.eips.ca/calendar> for dates and more information.



Sherwood Park Alliance Church Presents:

## PD DAY CAMPS

GRADE 1-6 | KIDS EVENT

Laser tag, bubble balls, nerf wars, wide games, friends, stories, crafts and snacks!

November 12-15, 2019

\$30.00/day OR \$100.00/whole week

Register Online at: <https://spac.ca/pddaycamps>

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2019

### Grades 1-6 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, December 12th, 2019  
SCA Elementary Gymnasium

Grades 1-3 - 6:30pm

Grades 4-6 - 8:00pm

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

## Kindergarten Christmas Extravaganza

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.



CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

# **2019 Cross Country Running Season Results**

It was an exciting 7 weeks of running. Our Cross Country team began practicing the second day of school and just completed their last race on Sat. Oct.19. There was a large contingent of grade 3 and 4's and smaller one of grade 5's and grade 6's. Our team consisted of 100 amazing and enthusiastic athletes.

Our team participated in the Sherwood Park Cross Country Series. It is held behind the Glen Allan Rec Center. The series consists of 3 races. The grade 3 and 4's ran 1400m and the gr. 5 and 6's ran 1800m. Runners had to participate in all 3 races to qualify in the overall standings. There were 18 schools that participated. The overall team results after three races are as follows:



Grade 3's, 4's, 5's, 6's all placed 1st  
Grade 3-4 Team -placed 1st (trophy)  
Grade 5-6 Team- placed 3rd

**There were also a number of individual athletes who placed in the top 5 of their grade/gender categories. They were:**

Grade 3 Girls- Lanna-5th  
Grade 4 Girls- Yente- 1st, Bella -3rd  
Grade 4 Boys- Scott-2nd, Cody-3rd, Keats-4th  
Grade 5 Boys- Tyler-4th  
Grade 6 Girls- Tamar-4th

**The final race of our season was the Autumn Classic Cross Country Race. The athletes had a great weather day to run! The distance was 1200m (born 2010 or later) and 2000m for the rest. The results for the day are as follows:**

Final Team Standings:

2011 Girls- 3rd  
2011 Boys- 5th  
2010 Girls- 1st  
2010 Boys-5th  
2009 Girls- 4th  
2009 Boys- 16th  
2008 Girls- 7th  
2008 Boys- not a complete team

Individuals Finishing in the top 20:

2011 Girls- Lanna-16th, Emma-18th  
2011 Boys- Van-4th  
2010 Girls-Yente-1st, Bella-11th  
2009 Girls- Adrianna-7th  
2008 Girls- Tamar-10th  
2008 Boys- Joshua-8th

**Our school placed 3rd out of 31 schools! Way to go Eagles!**

There was a Parent/Teacher 2Km Fun Run included in Autumn Classic XC Meet. There were 4 parents and 4 staff members who ran to represent our school. Our parents included Mr. and Mrs. Koolwijk, Mrs. Stawnychy, and Mr. Yakimchuk. Our staff were Mr. O'Brien, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Khajavi (also a parent) and Mrs. Doupe. Our team placed 1st. Thank you teachers and parents! Congratulations to all of our athletes. They saw their hard work pay off with personal best finishes! We are proud of each and every one of you!

Thanks to all the parents for their encouragement, prayers and help. It was truly a great season! Thanks to all the athletes who contributed to making it a great season! It was a privilege and blessing to be your coaches this year! See you in the 2020 Cross Country season! Keep on running!

In His Glory,  
Mrs. Doupe, Mr. O'Brien & Mrs. Burns



## **2019 SCA TERRY FOX RUN - September 27th**

Our students had a great day running our Terry Fox Run! The weather forced us inside but that did not dampen the energy and enthusiasm of our students. A huge thank you goes out to all of our parent volunteers. We could not do it without you! Thank you to everyone for your donations to Terry's Dream. This was our 14th year of running the Terry Fox Run. The students raised \$1767.30. They ran over 1300km. Way to go SCA Eagles! Looking forward to our 2020 run!

### **Parking for Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be on November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. We have 25 parking stalls in our Parent Parking Lot (Lot A), but we want to make sure there is ample parking for everyone. Therefore, on these two evenings, parents can also enter the bus/staff entrance and park in Staff Parking Lots B and C and in the bus lane. We would especially ask our parents who come to early interviews (5 - 7 pm) to please park in the staff parking lots.

Thank you for your cooperation!

### **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 Tim Cook at [timothy.cook@eips.ca](mailto: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, November 7th 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.

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## **Inclement Weather**

With the winter season almost here, we want to remind families 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 families of any bus cancellations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, alerts posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) and school websites, Twitter, Facebook, local radio stations and on Versatrans My Stop. Morning bus cancellations are posted on [www.eips.ca](http://www.eips.ca) by 6:30 a.m.

Decisions regarding bus cancellations are guided by EIPS administrative procedures that states, "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 families have the right and responsibility to make choices for their children based on their beliefs and perceptions of safety during times of inclement weather. For more info., contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.

## SCA Elementary PAT Results

Each year our grade 6 students write the Provincial Achievement Tests as mandated by Alberta Education. Please find below a summary of our schools' results from last year and the previous 4 years. If you have not received last year's individual results, please contact SCA Secondary at 780-464-7127.

### GRADE 6 CLASSES

PAT	PAT Historic Performance				
Year	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
GRADE 6	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved	Achieved
<b>Language Arts</b>					
Acceptable Standard	98.9	100	100	100	100
Standard of Excellence	59.6	52.9	55.3	58.0	56.3
Participation Rate	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Mathematics</b>					
Acceptable Standard	98.9	100	95.3	100	97.7
Standard of Excellence	42.7	38.8	40	43.2	47.1
Participation Rate	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Science</b>					
Acceptable Standard	97.8	100	97.6	100	97.7
Standard of Excellence	75.3	70.6	69.4	77.8	75.9
Participation Rate	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Social Studies</b>					
Acceptable Standard	94.4	97.6	98.8	98.8	98.9
Standard of Excellence	57.3	56.5	52.9	56.3	55.2
Participation Rate	100	100	100	98.8	100

**November Prayer Focus:**  
Please pray for SCA Elementary office staff.



# November



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	7 Grandparents Prayer Meeting 1:00 pm <u>Location:</u> SCE Art/Science Room	8 Remembrance Day Chapel 9:15 am	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	NOVEMBER BREAK					
17	18 School Resumes	19	20 Chip Day	21	22 Hot Lunch Panago Pizza	23
24	25 Report Cards Online @ 3:15 pm	26	27 Parent/Teacher Interviews  Book Fair	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews  Book Fair	29 December Newsletter Online	30

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