

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 2021 Edition

RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2021-22

Effective February 1st, all families returning to Strathcona Christian Academy (Grades 1-12) will need to complete two steps to confirm enrolment for 2021-2022:

1.) The first step is all returning students must complete the online Returning Student Registration Form to confirm their child's enrolment in a school for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. This form is available by logging in to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) between February 1-28.

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. If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before February 1, 2021.

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 or more of your children are not returning to SCA in September 2021, 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, 2021!

Is your child turning five on or before December 31, 2021? If so, it is 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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Reminders:

Wednesday, February 3 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm
Thursday & Friday, February 4 & 5 - ATA Teacher's Convention
Wednesday, February 10 - Chip Day
Friday, February 12 - Red/Pink Day
Monday, February 15 - NO SCHOOL - Family Day
Friday, February 19 - Basically Babies Collection Drive & Hot Lunch
Friday, February 26 - Sea of Blue Day

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, 2021.

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

Munch-a-Lunch is Now Open!



The **next hot lunch will be held on Friday, February 19, 2021** and we will have the option of enjoying chicken fingers, macaroni & cheese or gluten free spaghetti from Nitza's. The Munch-a-Lunch site will open for ordering on January 28th and will close at midnight on February 10th.

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

The **next Chip Day will be on February 10th**. If you missed the prepay, feel free to send in a loonie with your child and they can still participate.



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

NEWBORN BABY CARE DRIVE

Basically Babies is a registered charity that is committed to supporting families in extreme need with newborns through the provision of a baby layette. On Friday, February 19, 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 sleepers, girl's tights (for under dresses), receiving blankets, baby soap, baby lotion, baby shampoo, towels and SNOWSUITS!

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

For a complete list of new or gently used items that Basically Babies accepts, please check out their website: www.basicallybabies.org

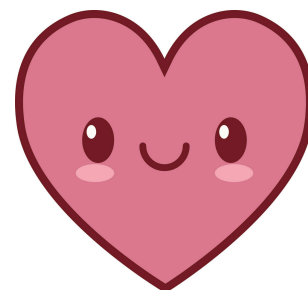


An Important Note about Valentine's Day.....

Regrettably, students/parents will not be permitted to bring Valentine's cards, items or treats to school for distribution. This is to comply with the guidelines provided by EIPS.

Red/Pink Dress Up Day - Friday, Feb. 12

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.



SCA Elementary Parent Council is excited to offer hoodies for students and parents to purchase.

Sizes range from Youth Small to Adult XXL.



Youth &
Adult
Sizes
\$30

Orders will be accepted from Jan 29 - Feb 12th. For ordering information, please visit the SCA Elementary website by clicking [here](#). This will be the last order placed for the 2020-2021 school year.

IN PERSON ORDERING SESSION

On Tuesday, February 2nd between 3:45-5:30pm, families are welcome to come to the school gym to view sizing samples. All COVID protocol will be followed. Please enter the school through the community entrance (entrance directly adjacent to the gymnasium).

Calling All Alumni!

This year, we would like to gather information about which of our parents are alumni of SCA Elementary and Secondary. We know so many of our alumni, but have never created a comprehensive list. This is our time!!

Mr. Poole and Mr. Elzinga have tasked this project to two alumni parents, Mrs. Kimberly Teeuwsen and Mrs. Heather Lewis. So...if you attended Strathcona Christian Academy for one year...several years...or your total grade K-12 education and you currently have children attending SCA Elementary or Secondary, please let us know.

We would ask you to send the following information to alumniofsca@gmail.com, attention Heather and Kim:

1. Name
2. Grades you attended SCA
3. Are you an alumni couple
4. Name and grade of your children currently attending SCA

Thanks for taking a few minutes to do this. Our hope is to gather a list of our alumni with children currently attending SCA by **March 15, 2021**.

SCA ELEMENTARY READING DAY

SCA Reading Day on January 22 looked a little different during these Covid times but was still a great success!



Our special virtual guest author was Mrs. Christie Thomas of Sherwood Park. She prepared one video for K- gr 3, reading her book, "Quinn's Promise Rock" and another video for Gr 4-6, reading her book, "Quinn Says Goodbye". She had great spiritual tie-ins applicable to students' lives today and had an amazing experiment for students at the end of each presentation. Did you know that you can poke pencils through a plastic bag of water and not have a drop escape?

Students also enjoyed a Covid friendly pre-packaged snack as they watched the videos!

EIPS FNMI Online Engagement Sessions

In looking at the EIPS goal of increasing engagement with parents, we are holding two online evening parent information series specifically around First Nations, Metis and Inuit education.

The first series consists of three online sessions designed to help the general EIPS parent population increase their own foundational knowledge. We are hoping to do our part to bridge the gap between what is learning in schools and what the parents know (or do not know) from their own education.

The second series is specifically designed for First Nations, Metis and Inuit parents to invite them to share their hopes and insights for their children as part of our EIPS family. They are more of a virtual gathering together to engage in conversation with First Nations, Metis and Inuit parents.

Please contact Janet Vader at janet.vader@eips.ca if you have any questions. We are excited to try out this new way of reaching parents and hope it can grow into a re-occurring practice!

Here is the information:

[online evening parent sessions- info](#)

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! We would like to cover our students, their families and our staff with prayer.

Due to COVID-19, we cannot meet on campus for our monthly prayer time. However, if you would like to be part of our regular praise and prayer request emails, please contact Pastor Cook at timothy.cook@eips.ca or phone the school at 780-449-2787.



February Prayer Focus:
Please pray for our
SCA Elementary Custodial Staff.

February



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
January 28 - Munch a Lunch Opens	1	2	3 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15 pm	4 ATA Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	5 ATA Teacher's Convention NO SCHOOL	6
7	8	9	10 Chip Day Munch a Lunch Closes	11	12 Red/Pink Day	13
14	15 Family Day NO SCHOOL	16	17	18	19 Basically Babies Collection Drive Hot Lunch	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Sea of Blue Day March Newsletter Online	27
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