

# 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 2021 Edition

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on **November 30 & December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Due to COVID-19 protocols, these interviews will be done remotely using Google Meet. 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 one week before interviews with step by step instructions on how to book appointment(s) as well as the Google Meet link. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 780-449-2787.



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

Report cards will be available on Friday, November 26th 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.

## **Remembrance Day**



On Friday, November 5th, all of our students will participate in a Remembrance Day Chapel (in-class). Please feel free to send in poppy donations with your child on that day.  
All parents will be sent a link to view the video prepared for this chapel at the end of the day on November 5th.

## **Reminders:**

Wednesday, November 3 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm  
November 8 -12 - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break  
November 17 - School Council Meeting at 7:15 pm  
November 19 - Hot Lunch  
November 24 - Chip Day  
November 26 - Report Cards Issued  
November 30 & December 2 - Parent/Teacher Interviews (online)



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## **SCHOOL FEES**

Thank you to all families who have already paid the Elk Island Public School fees for the 2021-22 school year. If you have not yet paid, payment would be appreciated as soon as possible as the fees are **now past due.** Fees for students participating in the spring musical have recently been added to the PowerSchool Parent Portal so please be sure to check to make sure that all fees are paid up to date. 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.

### **2021 SCA TERRY FOX RUN - September 24th**

Our students had a great day running our Terry Fox Run! Thank you to everyone for your donations to Terry's Dream. This was our 16th year of running the Terry Fox Run. The students raised \$2240.10. Way to go SCA Eagles! Looking forward to our 2022 run!



## **A WORD OR TWO** **scelibrary.net**



### **BOOK FAIR!**

We are very excited to announce that we will still be hosting Book Fairs this fall (virtually)! Scholastic and Living Books are using their online shopping features to help schools host fairs and raise money.

Both fairs will be open **November 22 - December 6**

Stay tuned for an email containing the links to these great book fairs. The school receives 20% of all sales. We look forward to seeing you at the Virtual Book Fairs and thank you in advance for your support of a great fund-raiser!

— Mrs. Wielinga

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

Please make sure that if you would like to purchase a 2021-22 yearbook that you complete your purchase by March 31, 2022. 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 2022.

# A Christmas Wish

Unfortunately, this year we will be unable to gather for our traditional in person Christmas Concert at Sherwood Park Alliance Church.

All of our grades will be shooting a short "Christmas Wish" video for our parents that will be available to view on December 17th.

We want to let our parents know that we will be filming footage for these videos on December 2 & 3. Please try to avoid making medical appointments on these days as we dearly want every student to appear in the video if possible.



## 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

## Contacting Your Child's Teacher

- We recently made changes to how families can contact our teachers.
- If you'd like to reach out to your child's teacher directly, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) account. From the Grades and Attendance page, you can click on the name of any of your child's teachers to email them directly as needed.
- To connect with school administration and main office staff, refer to the [contact form](#) located on our school's webpage. From the online contact form, you can also send an email to report your child's absence.
- If you're having trouble with your PowerSchool account, contact the school office. And, of course, we're always just a phone call away if you have questions or need assistance, 780-449-2787.

## 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.

## 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 notification through both the Bus Status and the Ride 360 apps. 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 state, “school bus service may be suspended...when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C, including wind chill factor, in one or more regions.” Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services include adverse weather and poor road conditions. 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.

## 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](mailto:timothy.cook@eips.ca) or phone the school at 780-449-2787.



**November Prayer Focus:**

**Please pray for SCA Elementary office staff.**

# November



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal 2:15pm	4	5 Remembrance Day Chapel (In class)	6
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