

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.



October 2023 Edition



Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Psalm 34:8



SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW ONLINE!

SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW ONLINE on PowerSchool Parent Portal. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted (by **October 20, 2023**). 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 debit card—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, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca. Alternatively, contact the school office at 780-449-2787.



SCA CLOTHING

If you would like to order either a SCA Elementary T-shirt or hoodie (OR BOTH), please choose the item(s) from the "School Items" on Parent Portal under 'SCA Clothing Order Form'. Please note that these items can be purchased at any time throughout the school year. All clothing items purchased through the Parent Portal account will be delivered to the student's homeroom class.



YEARBOOKS

If you would like to order a 2023-24 yearbook please make sure to choose it from the "School Items" on your student's individual tab in Parent Portal and add it to your cart when paying your school fees. **The deadline for ordering a yearbook is March 31, 2024** and they will be delivered to the students at the end of June 2024.

PICTURE RETAKES

The date for picture retakes is **Wednesday, October 11**.

If you think your child needs a retake or if they were absent for picture day, please complete this google form [by October 10](#).

Retake Form: <https://forms.gle/GPCPWTJybKCzUwtm9>

If you have a kindergarten student who requires a retake but does not have school on the 11th, please feel free to bring them in between 8:45-9:30 am on that day. If you have any questions regarding your online order, please contact Lifetouch directly at 866-457-8212.

REMINDERS

- **Wednesday, October 4 - Early Dismissal at 2:15 pm**
- **Friday, October 6 - No School - PD Day**
- **Monday, October 9 - No School - Thanksgiving Day**
- **Wednesday, October 11 - School Picture Re-take Day (AM)**
- **Wednesday, October 11 & 25 - Chip Day**
- **Wednesday, October 18 - School Council Meeting at 7:15 pm**
- **Thursday, October 19 - ECS Mom's Coffee Party at 7:00 pm**
- **Friday, October 20 - Hot Lunch**



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GRADE 4, 5 AND 6 RETREATS

Our fall retreats for our grade 4, 5, and 6 students were another **huge success!** These one-day retreats are a time to strengthen friendships, meet new people, and grow in our relationship with God. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather for all of our retreats, and we were able to participate in our planned outdoor activities. Activities included swimming, ziplining, wide games, wall climbing, and devotional times with Pastor Cook. A big thank you to all of our parents who were able to attend to help make the day run smoothly. Each retreat was a wonderful time of building friendships, spiritual encouragement and creating memories for a lifetime.

TERRY FOX RUN – SEPTEMBER 22

Our students had a great day running our Terry Fox Run! A huge thank you goes out to our parent volunteers! Thank you to everyone for your donations to Terry's Dream. This was our 17th year of running the Terry Fox Run. The students raised \$2283.90. Way to go SCA Eagles! Looking forward to our 2024 run!



SPRING CHOIR 2024

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Spring Choir this year! Our grade 5 and 6 students will have an opportunity to audition to be part of this experience. The rehearsals will be starting in January on Mondays from 3:15 – 4:30 pm and we will be working towards some exciting performance opportunities in the spring. Currently we have been in conversation with the Alberta Legislature and the Edmonton Oil Kings to see about the possibilities of performing for them. Watch for more details coming in early January.

STUDENT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF WYE ROAD INTERSECTION



The Wye Road and Cloverbar/Range Road 231 intersection is potentially a very dangerous crossing.

As a school, we want to ensure any K-6 student at SCA Elementary has parental permission if they will be crossing this intersection without a parent, either on their way to or from school.

Please note that students that take the Shuttle Bus or Regular School Bus are NOT allowed to walk and are expected to ride the bus or be picked up by parents at SCA Elementary School.

Please contact the school if you desire your child to walk and we will send you the permission click form.

Please take a minute to watch Mr. Poole's video accompanying this newsletter concerning this matter.

**HURRY!
CHIP DAY PREPAY IS
STILL OPEN UNTIL
OCTOBER 4TH!**



HEALTHY HUNGER

HOT LUNCH

October 18 – KA/KC (Deadline October 13)
October 19 – KB/KD (Deadline October 14)
October 20 – Gr. 1-6 (Deadline October 15)

Visit <https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php> to place your order.

CHIP DAYS

October 11 & 25 – (Gr. 1-6)
October 25 (KA/KC)
October 26 (KB/KD)

If you did not prepay for chip days for the year, your child can bring a Loonie on chip day to participate.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

I am delighted to be the lead teacher at our school for First Nations, Metis and Inuit education. This will be my seventh year in this role and I am enjoying it immensely.

At SCA, we are being purposeful about ensuring that our students receive important information and a meaningful experience when it comes to Indigenous education. In addition to classroom instruction on this topic, as it falls into the curriculum, each grade will also have a special opportunity to learn about a unique aspect of First Nations, Metis or Inuit history and culture. If you have any questions about our Indigenous education program here at SCE, please feel free to contact me at the school or by email: janet.vader@eips.ca

-Janet Vader

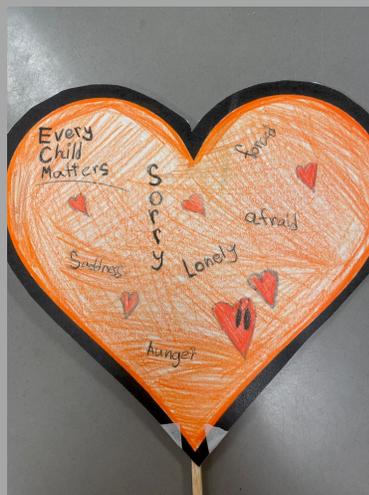
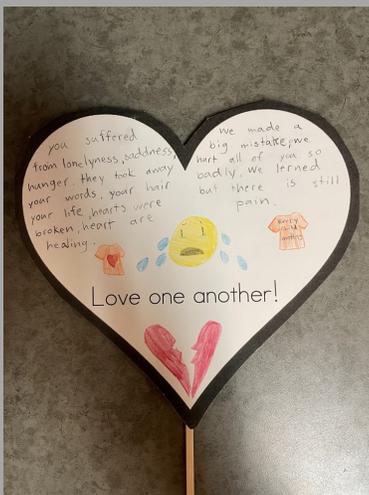


ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Our staff and students recognized the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 29th.

Each class in each grade found their own unique way to take a few moments of remembrance, and learn about Residential Schools. We also took time to be thankful for our school and the kindness and love the students experience each day from their teachers and school staff members.

The grade 4 classes had the honour of creating hearts with their reflections. These hearts were displayed in our rotunda on Orange Shirt day as a reminder of the impact of residential schools.





GREAT DAY OF GIVING UPDATE

Last year, we hosted a Great Day of Giving at our school and raised \$254,000 dollars! Half of the money is committed to missions and the other half to school technology. We have sent funds to our orphanage partners in Mexico and they are already pouring cement to upgrade the perimeter of their soccer field. As for school technology, we have recently purchased new student MacBooks, new ECS iPads, new school projectors and new Lego Robotics kits...and more purchasing still to come.

Thank you again to all of our school community for your generosity!



Cement being poured around the perimeter of the soccer field at FFHM in Mexico.



MEXICAN VISITORS!

We are so pleased to have three visitors from the Foundations for His Ministry Children's Home in Mexico come to visit us on October 16-20.

Leo and Esmeralda Martinez and Abby Martin will be with us for the week. They will be sharing with our staff and students about Mexican culture and the challenges many of the children face that come to the orphanage.



A Word or Two scelibrary.net



READ IN Week is October 2-6! The purpose of READ IN is to create a greater awareness of the importance of reading. Many schools and public libraries focus on extra special activities that motivate or reward reading.

This year we are having a "Guess the Book in a Jar" contest and students can fill out an entry form in the library after looking at the jars.

Here are some ways you can celebrate reading with your family during Read In Week...or anytime!

- Dress up as your favourite storybook characters
- Create puppets, props and backdrops to depict the books
- Draw your favourite storybook characters
- visit the public library
- Listen to an audiobook
- Watch a movie that was first a book



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW MEAL FOR STAFF



Our parents continue to bless our teaching staff each year with a meal just prior to Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Should you be interested in helping out with contributing some food items to this much appreciated meal on December 5, please sign up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4FA5AA23A5FC1-44732126-december>

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 email Pastor Cook at 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 first prayer meeting of this school year is **Thursday, October 5** 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.

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 to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary



FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you know we have a school Facebook Group?

Find us on Facebook under:
SCA Elementary Parents

OCTOBER PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for the SCA Elementary Office Staff.



OCTOBER



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Early Dismissal 2:15 pm Prepaid Chips Deadline	5 Thanksgiving Chapel	6 NO SCHOOL PD Day	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day	10	11 Chip Day K-6 Picture Retake Day	12	13 KA/KC Hot Lunch Order Deadline	14 KB/KD Hot Lunch Order Deadline
15 Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch Order Deadline	16 Mexico Visitors Arrive!	17	18 KA/KC Hot Lunch School Council Meeting 7:15 pm	19 KB/KD Hot Lunch Kindergarten Moms' Coffee Party @ 7:00 pm	20 Hot Lunch	21
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Happy
Thanks
Giving

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