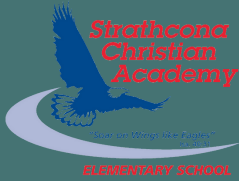


# SCA Elementary Newsletter



**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.**



January 2024 Edition

## Returning Student Registration for 2024-25

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2024-25 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2024-25 school year or advise the Division of their plans not to return to EIPS. 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. **The 2024-25 returning student registration takes place Feb. 8-21, 2024.**

One contact for each current PALS to Grade 11 student will receive the [Returning Student Registration Form link through Permission Click on February 8.](#) The recipient is based on which contact has been identified as the one to receive forms as listed on the most recent registration form, Correction and Verification Form or Student Information Update submitted to the Division. To review the contacts listed for each student, refer to the Student Information Update available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal.](#) Only one contact can be selected to receive forms.

For more information, contact the school office at 780-449-2787.

## Kindergarten Registration for 2024-25

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2024? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

**Kindergarten registration opens for the 2024-25 school year at 9 a.m. on Feb. 1, 2024.**

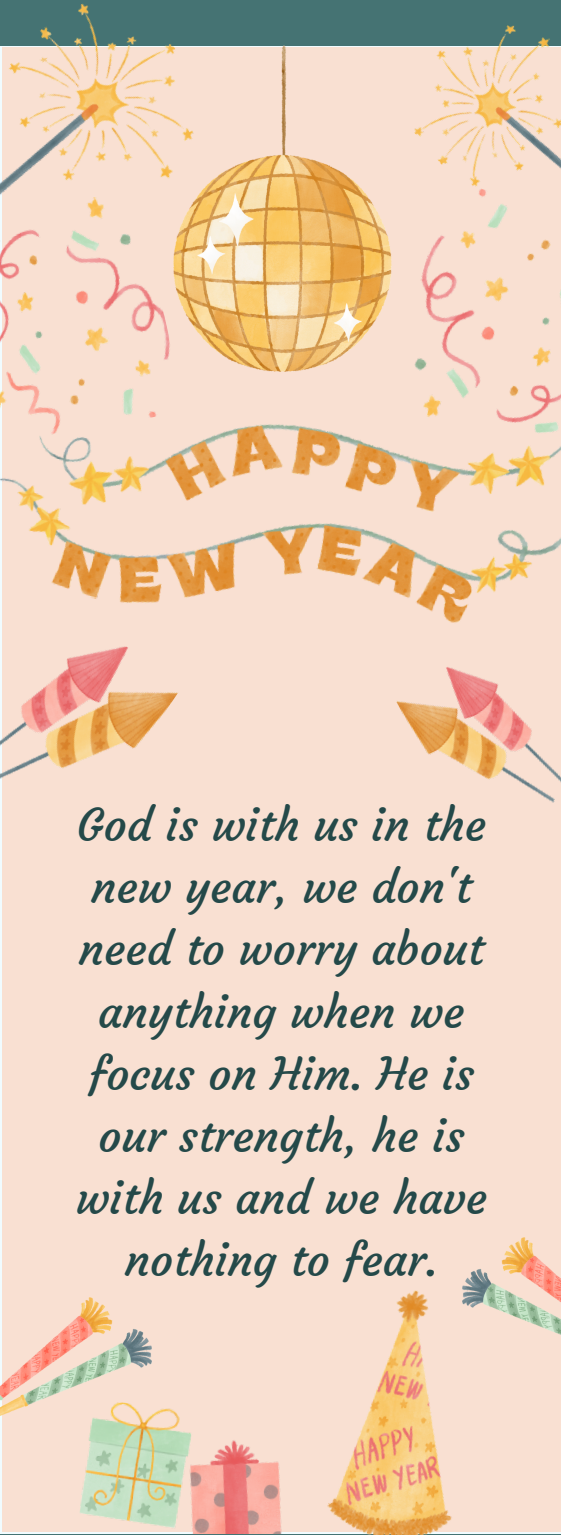
To help families prepare, Elk Island Public Schools has put together an online [EIPS Kindergarten Tool kit](#) to make the transition as smooth as possible. The kit includes information on registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, how to find your designated school, transportation and more.

## Not Returning for 2024-25?

If your child(ren) will not be returning to SCA for 2024-25, please email Mrs. Elford ([jeanine.elford@eips.ca](mailto:jeanine.elford@eips.ca)) or call the school directly by **January 16.**

## REMINDERS

- CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
- JANUARY 10 - EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:15 PM
- JANUARY 10 & 24 - CHIP DAY
- JANUARY 12 - WE CARE COLLECTION DRIVE
- JANUARY 17 - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING @ 7:15 PM
- JANUARY 19 - HOT LUNCH
- JANUARY 26 - READING DAY
- JANUARY 31 - PD DAY - NO SCHOOL



*God is with us in the new year, we don't need to worry about anything when we focus on Him. He is our strength, he is with us and we have nothing to fear.*

# HEALTHY HUNGER



## HOT LUNCH

January 17 - KA/KC (Deadline Jan 12)

January 18 - KB/KD (Deadline Jan 13)

January 19 - Gr. 1-6 (Deadline Jan 14)

## CHIP DAY

January 10 & 24 - Gr. 1-6

January 25 - KA/KC

January 26 - KB/KD

## HOPE MISSION TOY DRIVE A SUCCESS!

On behalf of Hope Mission, we would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our students and families who gave so generously to the new toy drive in December. These toys will be used in the Tegler Youth Centre's annual Christmas toy give-away and will be a blessing to many families this Christmas season.

## WE CARE MINISTRY DRIVE (SPAC)

We will be having a collection drive for Sherwood Park Alliance Church's "We Care Ministry" on **Friday, January 12**. The We Care Ministry of SPAC is an ongoing outreach ministry to people in the inner city.

**Items needed are:** warm socks, gloves, long underwear, toques, hoodies, warm winter pants, boots and jackets (which can be used)

**New Hygiene Items:** shampoo, conditioner, shaving items, hand lotion, nail care items, hair brushes, toilet paper and laundry products,

**Food Items:** individually wrapped healthy snacks (store bought only) as well as \$5 gift cards for Tim Horton's or McDonald's.

Please bring items to the rotunda in the morning as they will be picked up by noon. Thank you so much for your support!

## RETIREMENT FAREWELL PARTY FOR MR. POOLE

A number of individuals have asked if there is going to be a farewell event for Mr. Poole. The answer is...of course!!

We are working on a farewell event for early in May that will involve students and parents. Watch our upcoming newsletters for details.

Strathcona Christian Academy  
Elementary



SPRING CHOIR 2024

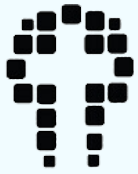
Sing the glory of his name;  
make his praise glorious.  
Psalms 66:2

As announced earlier this Fall we will be having a Spring Choir for Grades 5 & 6 students.

Auditions are scheduled for the week of January 8 – 12.

Your child will be given an opportunity to sign up for auditions in class from December 20 – 22. If they sign up for an audition, they will be given an information slip that will provide more details. Our intention is to have a choir of 25-30 students. Our season will run from the beginning of January to the end of May. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays after school from 3:30-4:30pm. We are looking forward to great season of singing ahead!

# A MESSAGE FROM SPAC..



SHERWOOD PARK  
ALLIANCE CHURCH



## YOUTH GROUP

Starting Wednesday, January 7th  
Grade 6 students are invited to  
join SPAC Youth!

Wednesday's at 7pm.

[Visit spac.ca/youth](http://spac.ca/youth) for more info.

## KIDS NIGHT

Registration opens January 4th!

Kindergarten to Grade 6 kids are invited  
to join us for a fun night out at church!  
It was a huge hit last time!

Sign up early as space is limited.

[spac.ca/kids](http://spac.ca/kids)



## EIPS ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT 2022-23: NOW AVAILABLE

EIPS' Annual Education Results Report 2022-23 is now available online. The report details how EIPS is doing relative to Alberta Education's performance measures; how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes; and its successes, challenges and priority strategies moving forward. What shines through in this year's Annual Education Results Report are the myriad programs and initiatives taking shape throughout the Division to ensure high-quality education, support student growth and achievement, and develop learners with the skills and knowledge needed to help them succeed.

EIPS invites you to read through this year's Annual Education Results Report 2022-23. Celebrate our collective achievements and discover how EIPS fosters environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

[Annual Education Results Report 2022-23](#)

Also available is a condensed version of the report: [AERR 2022-23: Overview](#)



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

With the winter season well underway, 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) will advise families of any bus cancellations or changes to school operations using various communications tools—automated-telephone messages, email, SMS, 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 or changes to school operations are guided by EIPS' [Administrative Procedure 131: Inclement Weather](#), which states: "school bus service may be suspended ... when there is a forecast or current temperature of -40 C including wind chill, in one or more regions." Other reasons for suspending or delaying school bus services or school-related activities 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 what they feel is safest during times of inclement weather.

For more information, contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151.



## CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

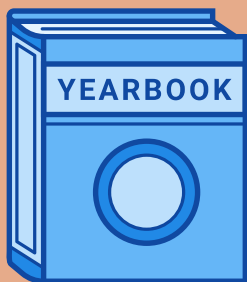
Are you a past, present, or future grandparent of a student who attends SCA Secondary or Elementary Schools?

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](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 is Thursday, January 11 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.

## 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, 2023** and they will be delivered to the students at the end of June 2023.

## SCHOOL THEME 2023-24

*Taste and see that the  
Lord is good, blessed is  
the one who takes  
refuge in him.  
Psalm 34:8*

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

On the last day of every month we post the newsletter for the upcoming month on our website. Please visit [www.scaelementary.ca](http://www.scaelementary.ca) to view our calendar and newsletter to find out about important information and upcoming events at SCA Elementary



NEWSLETTER

## SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP

Did you know we have a school Facebook Group?

Find us on Facebook under:

**SCA Elementary Parents**

## JANUARY PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for our SCA Elementary Principal and Assistant Principals.

# SCHOOL FEES

As we look to the 2024-25 school year, each school is obligated to provide parents with an opportunity to have input into school fees.

All parents are welcome to join our school council meeting on Wednesday, January 17 where school fees will be discussed. If you are not able to join, please provide any thoughts or feedback to us at [principal.sce@eips.ca](mailto:principal.sce@eips.ca).

Below is a listing of our school fees from this current 2023-24 school year. We are not foreseeing significant changes from the fees and amounts listed below for the 2024-25 school year.

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## Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary School Fees Schedule 2023-24

Fee Name/Description	Per Student Fee	Fee Category
Fees paid to Society ECS (per student only)	\$1040.00	Alternative Program Fees
Fees paid to Society Gr 1-6 (per student only)	\$1600.00	Alternative Program Fees
Field Trips - ECS	\$55.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 1	\$45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 2	\$45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 3	\$45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 4	\$45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 5	\$45.00	Activity Fees
Field Trips - Gr 6	\$45.00	Activity Fees
Agenda - Gr 4-6	\$9.00	
School Supplies - ECS	\$32.00	
School Supplies - Gr 1-3	\$60.00	
<b>Optional:</b>		
School T-Shirt	\$20.00	
School Hoodie	\$36.00	
Yearbook	\$25.00	
Musical Theatre	\$50.00	

# JANUARY



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**--CHRISTMAS BREAK--**

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School Resumes

Early Dismissal  
2:15 pm  
Chip Day

We Care  
Collection Drive  
KA/KC Hot Lunch  
Order Deadline

KB/KD Hot Lunch  
Order Deadline

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Gr. 1-6 Hot Lunch  
Order Deadline

School Council  
Meeting @ 7:15pm  
KA/KC Hot  
Lunch

KB/KD Hot  
Lunch

Hot Lunch  
Staff/Student  
Floor Hockey  
Game

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Chip Day

Reading Day

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February  
Newsletter  
Online

NO SCHOOL -  
PD Day

**2024**

