



# Shark Bites

## Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back! At our next school council meeting we will be discussing school fees for the 2023-24 school year. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:30pm in the Large Flex Space. For parents of Junior High students in Grade 8 and 9 that wish to know more about the Divisions' Junior High Honours program, a virtual information night will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00pm. Just a reminder to parents that are dropping off or picking up students at the beginning and end of the day, please do not park in front of neighborhood driveways. We received some concerns from community members before winter break. We appreciate your help with this.

Carol Brown  
Principal

Week at a Glance:

Monday, January 9	Sr Girls Basketball Practice @ 7:00 am Jr Girls Basketball Practice @ lunch Sr Boys Basketball Practice @ 3:00 pm
Tuesday, January 10	Jr Girls Basketball Practice @ 7:00 am Sr Girls Basketball Practice @ lunch Jr Boys Basketball Practice @ 3:00 pm
Wednesday, January 11	Junior High Honors Program Information Session 6:00pm Sr Boys Basketball Practice @ 7:00am Jr Boys Basketball Practice @ lunch Sr Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00 pm

Thursday, January 12	EIAA: Sr Basketball Tournament Sr Boys Basketball Practice @ lunch Jr Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00 pm
Friday, January 13	EIAA: Sr Basketball Tournament Jr Boys Basketball Practice 7:00 am



### **Coming Up Later in the Month:**

- January 18 – Application for Junior High Honours 2023-24 Deadline  
Fundraising Association Meeting @ 5:30pm
- January 20 – Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline @ 3:00pm. All unpaid orders will be cancelled.
- January 25 – Division 1 (Grade 1-3) & Mon/Wed Kindergarten Hot Lunch  
Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 – 7:30pm
- January 26 – Division 2 (Grade 4-6) & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten Hot Lunch  
Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30 – 7:30pm
- January 27 – Grade 7-9 Hot Lunch  
Hat Day
- January 30 – Professional Learning Day: NO SCHOOL
- January 31 – Second Semester Begins
- February 1 – Early Dismissal (end of day 1:51pm)  
Kindergarten & Returning Student Registration Opens  
Beach Day

### **Makerspace at SouthPointe School**

We would love your help with some of the supplies that are needed for our Makerspace! Recyclables and old art/sewing/decorating supplies are great for building and creating!

Students are enjoying our Makerspace so much that we could use your help with some of the supplies that need to be refilled! Recyclables and old art/sewing/decorating supplies are great for building and creating! For example:

- Clean yogurt containers
- Cereal & cracker boxes
- Paper towel and toilet rolls
- Popsicle sticks & straws
- Masking tape & regular tape
- Ribbon
- Yarn
- Crayons, markers, pencil crayons
- Pipe cleaners & pompoms
- Scrap booking paper



- Small pieces of cardboard
- Bread tags
- Buttons
- Newspaper
- Straws

These items can be dropped off in the blue bin labelled Makerspace in our school's lobby or brought directly to the library.

### **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.

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

### **Fundraising Association Update**

January hot lunch will be on January 25, 26, and 27. Hot lunch will be from the Canadian Brewhouse, and ordering is now open. The deadline to order is January 20 at 3:00pm. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

The fundraising association needs a volunteer to be a part of the board as a secretary. If you are interested, please email [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com).

#### **❖ Ongoing Fundraisers**

##### **COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location only):**

- Just mention Southpointe School when you are making a purchase.
- Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend! Last year \$350.00 was given back to the school from this fundraiser!

##### **FLIPGIVE**

- For online shopping! (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)

- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

## Counsellor's Corner

### AHS Caregiver Series

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth, as well as sessions for adults. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics for **January** include understanding anxiety and how sleep affects your family's mental health. The lists of [January 2023](#) sessions are now available.

### Dragonfly Support Group

A Monthly group for parents whose children face mental health challenges

A safe and supportive place for parents and caregivers to share their challenges and concerns

### Presents: Gateway Association

January 16, 2023  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
@ Families First



Discussion will include:

- FSCD Supports and how to access them
- PDD and the transition from youth to adulthood
- Childcare is available, please call 780-998-5595 ext. 221 by January 13



## Division News:

### Junior High Honours Program: 2023-24 Applications

Is your child considering the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Junior High Honours program for the coming school year? The [EIPS Junior High Honours program](#) is designed for students in grades 8 and 9 with high achievement in their core courses and who enjoy a challenging academic environment. Students enrolled in Junior High Honours are expected to complete 25 hours of community service in an area of passion and will be automatically enrolled in the "CTF: Enterprise and Innovation" option course. Students must have a **minimum 80 per cent** average in **each** of the four core subjects to be eligible to apply to the Junior High Honours program.

On January 9, the parent/guardian No. 1 on file in PowerSchool for all current grades 7 and 8 families will receive direct communication from EIPS outlining the application process for the EIPS Junior High Honours program—including a link to the application form. Applications for the 2023-24 EIPS Junior High Honours program are due Jan. 18, 2023.

EIPS will confirm conditional acceptance in the 2023-24 Junior High Honours program in late-January—based on a student's marks as of January 18. Students must maintain their honours

standing on the year-end report card in June to receive final acceptance in the Honours program for the upcoming year.

### **Kindergarten Registration for 2023-24**

Is your child turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2023? If so, it's almost time to register for kindergarten.

Kindergarten registration opens for the 2023-24 school year on Feb. 1, 2023.

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.

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998-2747.

### **Returning Student Registration for 2023-24**

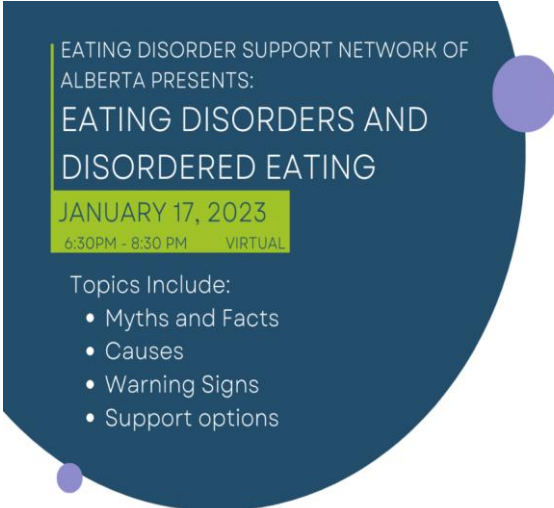
Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) will once again conduct an online returning student registration process to confirm student registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Families of all current students—with the exception of graduating Grade 12 students—must complete the process to confirm the school their child plans to attend in the 2023-24 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 2023-24 returning student registration takes place Feb. 1-28, 2023.

Access to the Returning Student Registration Form is provided through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). If you don't have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, you need to set one up before Feb. 1, 2023.

[Create a PowerSchool Parent Portal account](#)

For more information, contact the school office at 780-998-2747.

### **Community Resources**





EATING DISORDER SUPPORT NETWORK OF ALBERTA PRESENTS:  
**EATING DISORDERS AND DISORDERED EATING**  
JANUARY 17, 2023  
6:30PM - 8:30 PM VIRTUAL

Topics Include:

- Myths and Facts
- Causes
- Warning Signs
- Support options

To Register  
[WWW.FORTSASK/FCSS/WORKSHOPS/](http://WWW.FORTSASK/FCSS/WORKSHOPS/)

 Family & Community Support Services  
CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN







 Eating Disorder Support Network of Alberta

For questions contact:  
780-992-6267  
[FCSSInfo@fortsask.ca](mailto:FCSSInfo@fortsask.ca)

# January 2023

## The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4  Crafts With Mitch Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:30-7 pm	5  Snowman Competition! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	6
9	10	11 Free Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4-7 pm	12 <b>D&amp;D</b> Dungeons & Dragons Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	13
16	17	18  PJ's & Movie Night Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4-6:45 pm	19 <b>D&amp;D</b> Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	20  rainbowALLIANCE Rainbow Alliance 6-8 pm
23	24	25  Paint Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4-6:45 pm	26  Paper Flowers with Sam Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	27
30	31			

### Contact Information

Any questions please call the hub at 780.589.0224 or email us at info@thebridgewhy.com.

### Ages 11+ All Welcome

Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11-24.

### Hours of Operation

We are open 2-8 pm on Wednesday and Thursday. We provide supper and snacks.

## BGC Fort Saskatchewan

### Youth Night

# January 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3 <b>CLOSED</b>	4	5	6 <b>DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b> Dodgeball Mania! 
	10 Paint your own BGC Ceiling Tile!	11		13 <b>DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b> Sledding at Legacy Park! Bring your own sleds! We will leave the club at 7 pm
16	17 Fort Saskatchewan Fire Department visits the BGC! 	18	19	20 <b>DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b> Pin Making & <b>JEOPARDY!</b>
23	24 The Bridge staff visits BGC! 	25	26	27 <b>DUNGEONS &amp; DRAGONS</b> Rock Painting & Tchoukball! 
30	31 Crochet & Soccer Shootout! 			<b>Time Reminders</b> Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Fridays 6:30-10pm

### Contact Information

Any questions please call the club at 780.992.0103 and ask for the Youth Programs Coordinator.

### Ages 12+ All Welcome

Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 12+. Come and check out the fun!

### Rock Wall Waiver

Please come in and sign a waiver so your youth can make the safe climb!