



Shark Bites

Weekly Update

Every Day, Every Student, A Success.



Hello SouthPointe families,

Report cards were released last Friday through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If you have not had an opportunity to review your child’s progress report, we encourage you to do so. If you have any questions about how to set up your PowerSchool Parent Portal, please phone the school and Mrs. Warwa, Mrs. Barker or Mrs. Wasylynchuk will be happy to help you.

If you have a child that is turning five before December 31, 2023 who will be attending kindergarten next year we encourage you to go online and complete the registration form, if you have not already done so. This will help us to determine how many kindergarten classes we will need in the fall.

With the warmer weather we have had some large puddles develop out front of the main doors. We ask that all students and visitors take caution when entering the front doors as we work to clear this area of water and ice.

Spring break occurs from March 24 - April 2, 2023. Classes resume Monday, April 3, 2023. We hope that everyone enjoys their time off and we look forward to seeing everyone upon our return.

Carol Brown
Principal

Week at a Glance

March 24 - April 2	No School – Spring Break
Monday, April 3	Classes Resume
Tuesday, April 4	Junior High Canteen
Wednesday, April 5	Superhero/Favourite Colour Day Early Dismissal (end of day 1:51 pm)
Thursday, April 6	
Friday, April 7	Good Friday – NO SCHOOL

Coming Up Later in the Month

- April 10 Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL
- April 12 Class Photos - Grades 1-4 & ECS (Mon/Wed)
- Junior High Information Night @ 5:30-6:30 pm
- April 13 Class Photos - Grades 5-9 & ECS (Tues/Thurs)

April 14	Junior High Pizza Lunch
April 18	Grades 5 & 6 SYNC/Community Building @ 12:30 pm
April 21	Hot Lunch Ordering Deadline @ 3:00 pm
April 22	FASS Bottle Drive (more information to come)
April 26	Hot Lunch - Grade 1-3 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten
April 27	Hot Lunch - Grade 4-6 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
April 28	Hot Lunch - Junior High Hat Day Yearbook Ordering Deadline
April 30	Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form Deadline

Junior High Information Nights – April 12, 2023

Junior high schools across EIPS are hosting information nights for all Grade 6 students and their families—taking place at SouthPointe School on April 12 from 5:30-6:30pm. Make sure to attend to learn everything you need to know about the junior high programs at your child’s school. Those who attend will also have a chance to:

- meet the teachers;
- tour the school and classrooms;
- learn about the upcoming curriculum; and
- ask questions.

Math Homework Support for Parents and Caregivers

Looking to support your child in their math learning? The [Community Adult Learning and Literacy Society](#) (CALLS) is here to help! A CALLS instructor can walk you through kindergarten to Grade 6 math homework online so that you can feel confident in fostering your child’s math skills. Support sessions take place virtually every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Simply call or text 780-667-8441 for a Zoom meeting link.

Complete your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form

Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is currently reviewing and updating all parent and guardian contact information within the Division’s student information system. This one-time, full-scale review is to ensure the Division has complete and accurate data on file as Alberta Education moves to a new way of capturing information in the provincial database.

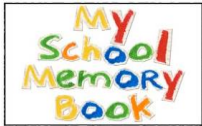
As part of the data review, EIPS requires all families to carefully review the parent and guardian information on file for each student in your family—even if you’ve recently completed a Student Correction and Verification Form. Families can quickly and easily indicate no updates are needed, if that’s the case, or provide updated contact information as needed. The form also includes a handful of new questions to help the Division understand each parent and guardian’s relationship to the student and their preferences for receiving communication from the school and Division.

To review your information, simply log in to your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) and open the “Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form” from the left-hand menu or notification at the

top of the page. Review all information carefully, provide updates where needed and submit your form by April 30. One form is required for each student currently registered at an EIPS school. Only one parent/guardian will complete the form for each student—all associated parent/guardian information for each student is available to review on the same form.

If you have any questions about your Parent/Guardian Information Verification Form, reach out to the school at **780-998-2747**.

Ordering for 2022-23 Yearbook is Open



Where to order: Visit ybpay.ca

Yearbook code: 14214923

Price: \$20 each.

Deadline: April 28, 2023

Class Photos

We will be having class photos on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 12: Grades 1-4 and ECS (Mon/Wed)
- Thursday, April 13: Grades 5-9 and ECS (Tues/Thurs)

Each student will be receiving a complimentary class photo for a keepsake. Bring your spiffy looks and your brightest smile!

Junior High Canteen

We are pleased to announce that SouthPointe has opened a canteen for Junior High students! Initially the canteen will only open on Tuesdays. The Canteen sells a variety of snack items such as veggies and dip, fresh fruit cups, crackers/cheese/meat, Sunchips, yogurt and granola, cookies, frozen yogurt, muffins, Caesar salad, croissants, beef jerky, and a variety of drinks. Items range in price from \$1.00-\$5.00 and can be purchased using CASH ONLY.

Fundraising Association Update

April Hot Lunch

April hot lunch will be April 26, 27, and 28. The hot lunch will be from the Canadian Brewhouse. The deadline to order is **April 21** at 3:00 pm. Orders can be placed online through hotlunches.net. ***This site uses PayPal. You can link credit card or your bank card for payments or choose to pay as a guest only. **All unpaid orders will be cancelled.**

Junior High Pizza Day

The FASS is pleased to offer grades 7 to 9 a pizza day on April 14, 2023.

This is a **cash-only** lunch.

Pizza will be sold by the slice. \$2 per slice OR a combo of 2 slices and a drink for \$5.

Choices will be Cheese, Pepperoni, or Hawaiian (limited cheese gluten free)

Drinks: random Bubly flavors and juices

Pizza will be served on a first come basis until supplies sell out.

Secretary for Fundraising Association

The FASS is excited to welcome Tracy Corbett to the team in the position of Secretary. Thank you, Tracy, for volunteering!

Chromebook Replacement Funds

Chromebook Replacement Funds: The FASS is fundraising to help in the cost of replacing 150 outdated Chromebooks in our school. This is a \$30,000 fundraising event!! Over the past year the FASS has held a number of fundraisers to aid in this endeavor. Bottle drives, Stawnichy's, Purdy's, plants, and dance sales have all contributed to this need for our students and our school. Thank you to all for the amazing aid in these fundraisers. We are almost there!

To continue the finish line for the Chromebooks, there will be a bottle drive on **April 22nd**. If families could please start saving bottles for us. Any little bit helps!

Thank you to all who attended the School Dance, Between the silent auction, concession sales and donation box, approximately \$2,000 was raised for the above initiative.

❖ Ongoing Fundraisers



PET FRIENDLY, SAFE ON GRASS AND CONCRETE!!

There are still a few buckets of Bear Tracks Ice Melter available. Please email president.fass@gmail.com to purchase. \$30.00 per bucket.

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!



Division News

EIPS Summer School: Register now

Registration for EIPS Summer School is open now. Organized through Next Step, the Summer School program offers more than 25 senior high courses that allow students to earn credits, upgrade marks, lighten workloads or finish pre-requisite courses.

Courses include:

Open to EIPS students entering grades 10 to 12 next fall, and students in their Grade 12 year.

- English Language Arts 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Social Studies 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Mathematics 10-3, 10C, 20-1, 20-2, 30-1 and 30-2
- Science 10 and 30
- Biology 20 and 30
- Chemistry 20 and 30

- Physics 20 and 30
- Physical Education 10
- Personal Fitness 10, 20 and 30
- Career and Life Management (CALM 20)
- Foundations in Industry Workplace Safety
- Work Experience and RAP

For summer 2023, all Summer School courses are in-person. Classes take place at schools in Sherwood Park.

[Learn more about the 2023 summer program](#)

EIPS Annual Education Results Report

Every year, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) publishes an Annual Education Results Report, which outlines the Division's Four-Year Education Plan, opportunities for growth and how it's supporting students to achieve the best possible outcomes. Read through this year's [EIPS Annual Education Results Report 2021-22](#) and discover how EIPS fosters learning environments for all students to learn, grow and thrive—and why it matters.

April Spotlight: Student Growth and Success

- [Early Learning](#): Ensuring early learners reach developmental milestones
- [Culture of Literacy](#): Dive deep into the data and learn how students are developing strong literacy skills
- [Math Matters](#): Enhancing reasoning, understanding and achievement through numeracy-rich classrooms
- [Boosting Educational Outcomes](#): Discover how EIPS supports the growth and achievement of students who self-identified First Nations, Metis and Inuit
- [Beyond high school](#): Supports and strategies that are creating real-life career pathways for learners

RELATED INFORMATION

[EIPS Four-Year Education Plan: 2022-26](#)

[EIPS Three-Year Capital Plan: 2024-27](#)

Download the SchoolMessenger App

Southpointe School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform to communicate with families—through both phone and email. Be sure to add communications@eips.ca and general.sps@eips.ca to your safe sender list to avoid having important messages funneled into your junk mail folder.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates from both the Division and your child's school direct to your mobile device and enable push notifications to never miss a message. Families can also check back on past messages—for up to 30 days—directly in the app rather than searching to find an old message buried in their inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) today.

Watch for Thin Ice

Remember, be aware of thin ice this time of year. Depending on changing temperatures, ice can form and melt to varying degrees on outdoor bodies of water. Try to remind your child about the dangers of thin ice, obey all posted signs, take proper care and remain a safe distance from the ice.

For more information about ice safety, visit the [Canadian Red Cross](#).



Did you know?

The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength. Clear blue ice is the strongest. White opaque is half as strong as blue ice and, grey ice is unsafe; greyness indicates the presence of water.

Community Resources

A green-themed poster for a Spring Food Drive. At the top left, it says "First Annual" in pink. Next to it is the "servus credit union" logo. To the right is a heart-shaped collage of various food items. The word "Spring" is written in large, pink, cursive font. Below it, "FOOD DRIVE" is written in large, bold, green capital letters. In the center, "April 1 and 2" is written in pink, with "CITY WIDE DROP OFF!" below it in black. On the left side, there are logos for "PME PLAN. MANAGE. EXECUTE." and "MIX 107.9 FM". Below the logos, it says "Trucks and volunteers will be located outside of all grocery stores" and lists "Safeway, Freson Bros, Co-op, Walmart, No Frills". Below that, it says "OR DONATE ONLINE at www.FortSaskatchewanFoodBank.com". At the bottom, it says "Volunteers needed! Opportunities for teams & community groups!" and "Contact us: EMAIL FortSaskFoodBank.VolSched@gmail.com". The background of the poster is a green field of grass.

First Annual **servus**
credit union

Spring

FOOD DRIVE

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BGC Fort Saskatchewan

Youth Night

March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time Reminders Tuesdays 6:30-9pm Fridays 6:30-10pm	Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11+.	1	2	Obstacle Course Hot Dogs Scavenger Hunt
6	Badminton Chicken Fingers & Fries Mario Kart Party	7	8	9 Floor Hockey Shootout Soda Tasting Challenge Poutine
13	Volleyball Breakfast Buffet Minute to Win it	14	15	16 TchoukBall Green Alfredo Pasta Paint Night
20	Soccer Shootout Spaghetti Chocolate Tasting	21	22	23 \$5 Swim at Harbour Pool Nachos Bean Boozled Challenge
27	All sorts of Tag Strawberry Shortcake Spa Night	28	29	30 Basketball Shootout Grilled Cheese Lego Building Challenge

March 2023

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		 Movies and Sundaes! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4:30-6 pm	 Bonfire With Mitch Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	3
6	7	 Paper Circuits with Sam Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:45-5 pm	 Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	10
13	14	 Yoga Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 4:30-6 pm	 Talent Show! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	17
20	21	 Baking!! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists 3:45-5 pm	 Dungeons & Dragons Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	24
27	28	 Craft Night! Nurse Clinic 4:30-8 pm Psychologists No Sessions	 Taste Testing! Behavioural Health Consultant 5-8 pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-8 pm	 Rainbow Alliance 6-8 pm

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.



Rainbow Alliance

March 31st / 6 - 8 pm

April 28th / 6 - 8 pm

May 26th / 6 - 8 pm

June 30th / 6 - 8 pm

@ The Bridge

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