



May 4	Track Meet for Elementary Track Team @ 3:00 pm
May 5	Professional Learning Day – NO SCHOOL
May 11	SouthPointe Night of Music, 6:30 pm
May 15	Grade 9 PAT: English Language Arts Part A
May 17	Grade 6 PAT: English Language Arts Part A School Council & FASS Meeting @ 5:00 pm
May 18	Fort Saskatchewan Track & Field Day, Junior High Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
May 19	School Closure Day – NO SCHOOL
May 22	Victoria Day STAT – NO SCHOOL
May 23	SYNC/Community Building @ 12:30 pm
May 24	Hot Lunch Division 1 & Mon/Wed ECS
May 25	Hot Lunch Division 2 & Tues/Thurs ECS
May 26	Hot Lunch Junior High Hat Day
May 30	Kindergarten Information Night



### **Lost and Found**

The school has accumulated a large amount of clothing, water bottles, masks and other items in our lost and found. We would appreciate it if you and/or your child would have a look through the items to claim anything that belongs to them.

### **2023-24 Junior High Elective Selection**

Junior High elective selection for the 2023-24 school year is now taking place. Together parents and students will be selecting and ranking their elective choices through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Detailed instructions were sent to all parents and guardians of our current grade 6-8 students through SchoolMessenger. The information is also posted on our [website](#) under the Programs menu.

The deadline for submitting your course selections through the Parent Portal is **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**.

### **Get ready for Kindergarten!**

Do you have a child registered in kindergarten next year? If so, make sure to attend SouthPointe School's upcoming Kindergarten Information Night on May 30 at 6:00 pm. You'll get to:

- tour the school;
- meet the teachers;
- gain insight on play-based learning; and
- see what a typical day looks like.



### **Kindergarten Information Night 2023:**

*Date:* May 30, 2023

*Time:* 6:00 pm

*Location:* SouthPointe School

To make the transition to school as smooth as possible, Elk Island Public Schools has put together a toolkit for families. The kit includes information about registration, important dates, programming options, what to expect, eligibility, finding your designated school, transportation and more. Find it at: [Welcome to EIPS Kindergarten](#).

Additional information about SouthPointe School's kindergarten program is available on the school [website](#).

### **SouthPointe Night of Music**

SouthPointe School is hosting a Night of Music on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm. The concert will happen in the large flex space near the gym. This will be a concert for all students who have been involved in extracurricular music including band, choir, hand chimes, and recorders. Students have been working hard at recesses, lunches, and after school to prepare several space-themed musical selections. There is no limit to seating so please come out to support music at SouthPointe. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Basaraba ([maureen.basaraba@eips.ca](mailto:maureen.basaraba@eips.ca)).



## **NIGHT OF MUSIC**

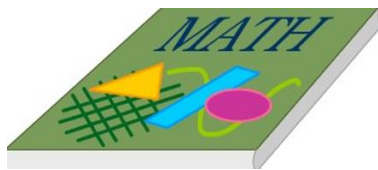
**MAY 11 @ 6:30 PM  
FLEX SPACE**

*featuring*  
Junior High Band  
Grade 6 Band  
Elementary Choir  
Junior High Choir  
Handchime Ensemble  
Recorder Ensembles

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF SPACE-THEMED PERFORMANCES

### **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.

### **Math at Home - Parent's Corner**

**Why is numeracy so important?** ([NewLearnAlberta](#)) "Every day we are presented with quantitative or spatial information that we need to interpret and use to make sense of our world. We rely on our numeracy skills to compare costs, get to a destination, judge distances, fit objects into a limited space, interpret a chart or adapt a recipe. In school, numeracy, along with literacy, enables students to make meaning of the things they are learning in subjects like math, language arts, science and social studies."

### **Caregiver Series: April Sessions**

Alberta Health Services offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include understanding anxiety, substance use, and building executive functioning skills. In these Lunch & Learn webinars, the discussion on executive functioning skills involves ways to support the development of your child's working memory, inhibition, and mental flexibility. The webinars on anxiety will explore how anxiety can lead to negative thoughts and thinking traps that can hold us back and how to move toward more realistic thinking. The anxiety webinars will also discuss how avoidance of stressors can increase our stress response over time and how we can manage stressful situations in steps using effective coping skills. The list of [April 2023 sessions](#) is now available.

## **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

## **Last Week to Order your 2022-23 Yearbook!**

Where to order: Visit [ybpay.ca](http://ybpay.ca)

Yearbook code: 14214923

Price: \$20 each.

Deadline: April 28, 2023



## **Jump Rope for Heart**

Thank you so much to everyone that participated in Jump Rope for Heart in March of 2023. As a school we raised \$2,490.00 for this fundraiser. Way to go, Sharks!

## **Fundraising Association Update**

### **Bottle Drive on April 22, 2023**

The Bottle Drive is happening this Saturday, from 10am – 12pm.

There will be a trailer parked at the school if you would prefer to drop off any bottles you may have. If not, our wonderful volunteers will be out collecting, so please make sure you have the bottles visible from the road, with the bright pink flyer taped to them.

Thank you for helping us reach our fundraising goal!

### **Plant Fundraiser**

The Fundraising Association of Southpointe School is selling beautiful plants to raise money for next year's student agendas. Please check out the website to order before the deadline <https://fass.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>

Order Deadline Date: Friday, May 5 @ 4 pm

Pick Up Date: Thursday, May 25 @ 2:30 - 4 PM

(Dependent on plant delivery and weather conditions.)

If you have any questions, please feel free to email [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com).

10 Volunteers will be needed to help with delivery and pick up on Thursday, May 25 (time to be confirmed at a later date). If you are able to volunteer, please email [president.fass@gmail.com](mailto:president.fass@gmail.com) or feel free to reach out via the Facebook page post.

### **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 today, **April 21** at 3:00 pm. Orders can be placed online through [hotlunches.net](http://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.**

**If your child is away on their hot lunch day**, please phone the school before lunch to let them know what you would like done with it, e.g., parent pick up at front office or donate. If we are not notified, meals will be given to students without a lunch or shared with staff. Unfortunately, we have no fridge space to store these meals.

### **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!

### **❖ 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!



## **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](mailto:communications@eips.ca) and [general.sps@eips.ca](mailto: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.

## **Community Resources**

### **Mental Health Week**

There will be drop-in fitness classes at Dow Centennial Centre the week of May 1-5, 2023. Please click [here](#) for more info.

### **Jumpstart Play to Lead – Unleashing women's power through sport**



The Jumpstart **Play to Lead** program has opened its application process which closes on April 21. Use this link for more information or to apply <https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/pages/play-to-lead>.

**Play to Lead** focuses on enabling high-school aged female participants to become leaders in sport and through sport, by offering them an opportunity to:

1. Improve their leadership skills through interactive and experiential programming

2. Develop a deeper sense of belonging and confidence as young women in the sport community, by building relationships with likeminded peers, staff and mentors
3. Grow their network by providing access to female role models, mentors, and opportunities for growth beyond sport

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

#### Athletes:

1. Young women, enrolled in grade 9 & 10 for the 2023/24 school year
2. Committed to participate in the full duration of the program (Fall 2023 – Spring 2024) If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to [playtolead@cantire.com](mailto:playtolead@cantire.com)



## BGC Fort Saskatchewan Youth Night

## April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Dip & Dive Dodgeball Easter Scavenger Hunt Chubby Bunny Challenge Rock Climbing! 	4 Yoga Smoothies Sock Tie Dye Rock Climbing! 	5	6	7 <b>CLOSED</b>
10 	11 Yoga Smoothies Sock Tie Dye Rock Climbing! 	12	13 Hot Dogs Arm Wrestling Tournament Prizes! 	14 Hide & Seek Hot Dogs Arm Wrestling Tournament Prizes! 
17 	18 Capture The Flag Chicken Noodle Soup Push up Contest Rock Climbing! 	19	20 Nachos Paint Night 	21 \$5 Swim at Harbour Pool Nachos Paint Night 
24 	25 Basketball Shootout Chilli BINGO Rock Climbing! 	26	27 Popcorn Bar Minecraft Build Challenge Prizes! 	28 Movie Night Popcorn Bar Minecraft Build Challenge Prizes! 

#### Ages 11+ All Welcome

Youth nights are completely free to all youth ages 11+. Come and check out the fun!

#### Contact Information

Please call the club at 780.992.0103 and ask for the Youth Programs Coordinator.

#### Time Reminders

Tuesdays 6:30-9pm

Fridays 6:30-10pm

# Mental Health Week Events

**May 01**

**Bring your loved ones and get your laugh on with the HILARIOUS Sean Lecomber**

Admission is only \$5.00 thanks to the generosity of Inter Pipeline!

Tickets can be purchased at [ticketpro.ca](http://ticketpro.ca) or by calling 780-992-6400



**STAND UP COMEDY**



Doors 7:00 pm  
Show 7:30-8:30 pm

Fort Saskatchewan Community Centre - Normandy Room

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*All proceeds support local mental health programming*



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