



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

It has been a smooth start up at SouthPointe this year. We have been enjoying getting to know all our new students.

A big thank you to all the families that were able to join us for Meet the Teacher night on Wednesday. It was well attended, and we enjoyed the opportunity to say hello to everyone.

Next Friday is the Terry Fox Run at school. We are encouraging students to bring Toonies for Terry. All money raised goes to support cancer research.

It looks like another great weekend of weather. We hope everyone has an opportunity to get outside and enjoy the warm weather.

Carol Brown, Principal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Sept. 18	Senior Volleyball practice until 4:30 pm
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Junior Volleyball practice until 4:30 pm
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Senior Volleyball practice until 4:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 21	Junior Volleyball practice until 4:30 pm
Friday, Sept. 22	<p>Terry Fox School Run Day Hot Lunch order deadline, 3:00pm Correction Verification Form deadline Junior EIAA Volleyball tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys @ JP II / Girls @ SPS

COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH

September 27	Hot Lunch – Grade 1-3, Mon/Wed Kindergarten
September 28	Hot Lunch – Grade 4-6, Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
September 29	<p>ORANGE SHIRT DAY Hot Lunch – Grade 7-9</p>
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

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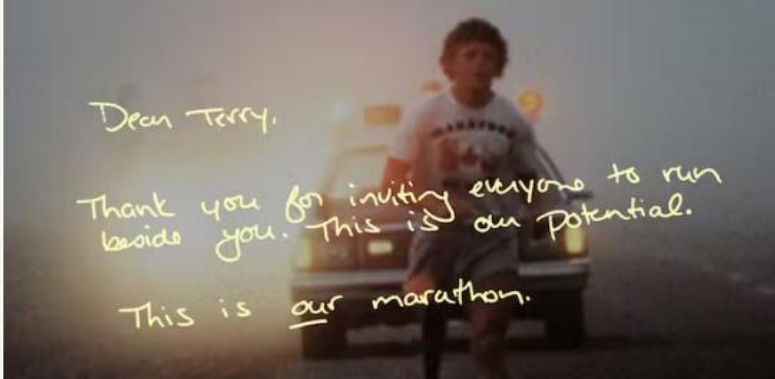
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Terry Fox Run



Hello SPS families! The 2023 Terry Fox School Run is set for this month, and we are so excited to be taking part! Our event will be taking place on September 22. We would appreciate your help to boost our students' fundraising. This event supports vital cancer research while also building incredible school spirit for our students. You can donate online at this link: schools.terryfox.ca/29804 or send in cash donations with your child to give to their homeroom teacher!

Update your PowerSchool information

The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is available online through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Use the form to access and update your child's records information—including address, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts and medical information. Reviewing the form and submitting updates ensures the school has the most up-to-date information regarding your child.

When reviewing the form, pay close attention to all listed phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information. Also, if you recently moved, now is the time to ensure the Division has your updated address. Throughout the year, the Division and school uses the listed information to communicate with families about important information, including updates, the latest news and events.

[EIPS Correction and Verification Form](#)
Review and update the form by Sept. 22, 2023.

For more information about the PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form, contact the school office at 780-998-2747.

2022/23 Yearbooks Still Available

We have a limited number of last year's yearbooks for sale at the office. They are \$20.00 each and available on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. Drop in or call the office to purchase.



Fundraising Association Update

Hot lunch this month is Boston Pizza, and the hot lunch days are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 27 - Grades 1 to 3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- Thursday, September 28 - Grades 4 to 6 and Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
- Friday, September 29 - Grades 7 to 9



To order hot lunches, we use the spschool.hotlunches.net website. Parents must create an account and add their children. All parents must go in and select their child's new teacher for this year. To pay for your order the website uses PayPal. There is an option to check out as a guest

through PayPal if you do not have an account; doing so this way will not save your credit card information. For those who do not have credit cards there is an option to pay via cash; please bring your printed receipt along with the exact amount to the office prior to the end of school on the last day for orders. Failure to pay for the order by the deadline will result in the order being cancelled.

If your child is sick on the day of their hot lunch, please call the office and let them know. You can either pick up their lunch from the office at your convenience before the end of the school day or you can anonymously donate it to another student. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch.

If you need to cancel or change an order, you must do so before the deadline. A refund will be processed as a credit on your account to be used for future hot lunch orders. Once the deadline has passed orders cannot be changed or cancelled.

Hot lunch orders for September will close on Friday, September 22 at 3:00pm. Please ensure you have ordered and paid before the cut off.

Should you have any comments, suggestions, or questions you can reach out via email at spschoolhotlunchadmin@gmail.com.

BEAR TRACKS

We will be doing bear tracks again this year as a fundraiser. Hoping to have the buckets come by October 26 or 27 tentatively. Watch for more information to come.

BOTTLE DRIVE

A Bottle Drive will take place on September 30. We will need 15 volunteers to hand out flyers on September 27 & 28. We will need 7 volunteers to pick up bottles on September 30. We also will need 2 people to stand with the truck that day. Bottle drive will take place from 10 am till noon. Please email president.fass@gmail.com or vicepresident.fass@gmail.com if you are available to help.

FASS Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to join the FASS team come October! If interested, please contact Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com. This is a great way to get involved with the school.

PAPA JOHNS DEAL

Papa John's has a special offer for the new school year! As a small gesture they would like to offer teachers, staff, parent council members and anyone associated with the school 20% off your upcoming order! Simply visit their website and enter promo code STUDENT24 before placing your order.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS

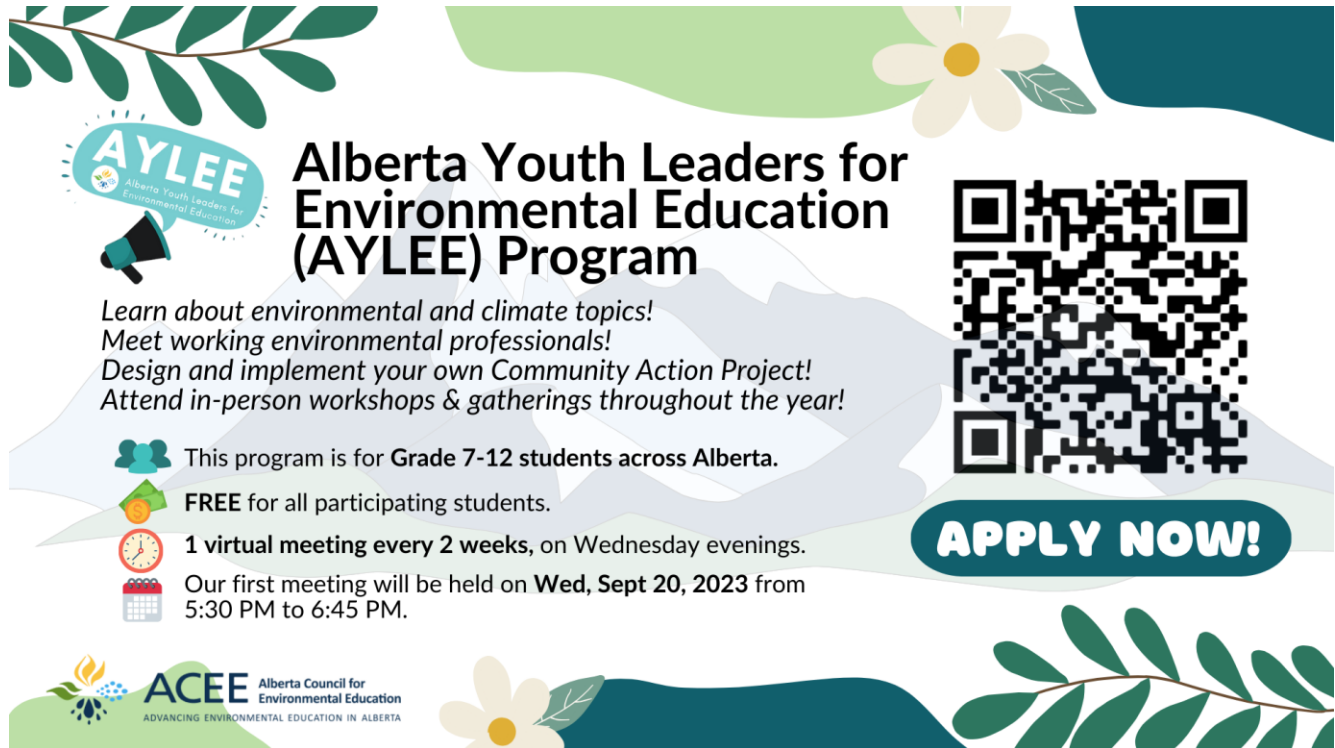
COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location only):

- 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

- Perfect timing to start Christmas shopping!
- For online shopping! (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)
- You can even get/reload your gift cards here!
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!


AYLEE Program





AYLEE
Alberta Youth Leaders for Environmental Education


Alberta Youth Leaders for Environmental Education (AYLEE) Program


Learn about environmental and climate topics!
Meet working environmental professionals!
Design and implement your own Community Action Project!
Attend in-person workshops & gatherings throughout the year!

 This program is for **Grade 7-12** students across Alberta.


 **FREE** for all participating students.

 **1 virtual meeting every 2 weeks**, on Wednesday evenings.

 Our first meeting will be held on **Wed, Sept 20, 2023** from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM.



APPLY NOW!



ACEE Alberta Council for Environmental Education
ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN ALBERTA

Pay School Fees online!

School fee information for the 2023-24 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. 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 online using a credit card.

Don’t forget to log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal regularly throughout the year. Fees are often added to your child’s account to cover the cost of certain school activities such as field trips, class projects, athletic-team fees and more. Additionally, junior high and senior high fees can change as courses are added and deleted.

If you’re unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#) by submitting an [Application for a Waiver of Fees](#). The application deadline is Dec. 15, 2023.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines visit [eips.ca](#). Alternatively, contact Mrs. Chantelle Grieve, Business Manager, at SouthPointe School, at (780) 998-2747.

Download these bus apps for a successful ride!

Have a child taking the bus this school year? Download the following apps to stay up to date with all the busing information you’ll need throughout the year.

Bus Status

A new version of the Bus Status app is available: Bus Status 4. The app provides the same features and functionality as before, but faster and more reliable for users. Families who previously used the Bus Status 3 app will need to download the new version from the App Store or Google Play. You won’t be able to update directly from one version to the next. New users can download Bus Status 4 directly now.



Through the Bus Status app, families can access information about buses that are running late or cancelled throughout the year. Simply save your child's bus routes as favourites and turn on push notifications to stay up to date.

Refer to the [Bus Status: Frequently Asked Questions](#) for more information about the update, and plan to download the new version now.

Ride 360

The Traversa Ride 360 website and app enable parents and students to access their own secure data for bus stop location, route and pickup time. With Division buses equipped with GPS hardware, Ride 360 uses GPS geolocation to let users know when to expect their bus each day. Parents and students log in with their own information to access their specific routing information and details.

Ride 360 will be updated in the coming year. Families are encouraged to download the current Ride 360 app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) for the start of the school year and set up their account. When the update takes place, login information will seamlessly roll over to the updated app.

Refer to [additional instructions and the tutorial video](#) on the Division website for more details about setting up your Ride 360 profile.

Video surveillance on buses

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance?

Video surveillance and equipment help:

- ensure the safety of all students, drivers and property; and
- discourage destructive acts.

On a regular basis, EIPS Student Transportation reviews the video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*. The recordings assist the department with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

EIPS buses are also equipped with [Tyler Drive tablets](#). The goal: To enhance safety, improve communication, increase efficiency and provide oversight. These tablets allow bus drivers to stay on time with turn-by-turn route directions and show student pictures and information when bus drivers get to stop locations. To ensure students get where they need to go, there are now two distinct audible tones when students scan their bus pass boarding or leaving the bus. One tone indicates they're getting on the correct bus or at the correct stop, and the other tone indicates they're on the incorrect bus or leaving at the incorrect stop. By using live information, Tyler Drive tablets provide more accuracy than paper schedules.

For more information about the collection, use and disclosure of personal information, contact the EIPS FOIP Co-ordinator at 780-464-3477.

Download the SchoolMessenger App

SouthPointe School and the Division use the SchoolMessenger platform for communicating 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.

You can directly manage your phone and email subscription preferences through [SchoolMessenger](#). Simply log in to your account—or create one if you don't already have one—and select the message types you'd like to receive to each phone number and email address on file.

The easiest way to stay connected is to download the SchoolMessenger app. Get the latest updates 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 your inbox. Download the SchoolMessenger app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) today.