



Shark Bites Weekly Update

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Principal's Message

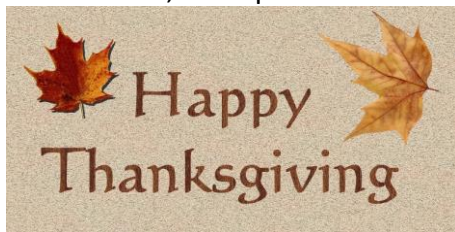
I hope that everyone enjoys the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend.

A big thank you to our Fundraising Association, parent volunteers and all our community members that donated their time or bottles to our Bottle Drive last weekend.

Next week, October 11 is our school wide bus evacuation drill. This is a wonderful opportunity for all our students to practice bus safety.

Our kindergarten students will be participating in the Little Elk Island Adventure Program on October 11-12. I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend!

Carol Brown, Principal



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Tuesday, October 10	
Wednesday, October 12	Bus Evacuation Drill
Thursday, Oct 12	Bus Evacuation Drill
Friday, October 13	

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COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH

October 18	Picture Retakes Gr. 1-4 & Mon/Wed Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30pm
October 19	Picture Retakes Gr. 5-9 & Tues/Thurs Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews 4:30-7:30pm
October 25	Hot Lunch – Grade 1-3, Mon/Wed Kindergarten School Council/FASS Meeting 5:00pm
October 26	Hot Lunch – Grade 4-6, Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
October 27	Hot Lunch – Grade 7-9

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

PIZZA LUNCH

The next pizza lunch will be October 13. We have now opened it up for students in grades 4-9. Please remember this is a first come first serve, so sell out might occur. Please make sure you send your child with a back-up lunch. Pizza is \$2 a slice or a combo of 2 slices and a drink for \$5.



HOT LUNCH

The next hot lunch will be October 25, 26 and 27. The vendor for October is Tim Hortons.

Hot lunch orders for October, November and December are now online for you to order.

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>



BEAR TRACKS ICE MELT

****Unfortunately, due to low sales, we may need to cancel this fundraiser. If you'd like to order, please either use the hot lunch website to prepay, or email president.fass@gmail.com or text Laelia at 14036129580 to preorder your pails for the best ice melt, safe for lawns, concrete and pets! \$30 dollars per 35-pound pail. ****

We are using the same site as we do for hot lunches to pre order bear tracks!

Pick up day is Thursday Oct 19th School loop (U-Haul) 2:30pm to 3:30pm. (Please ensure you do not block the loop. Park your car and the volunteers will help you with your order to your vehicle,) OR pick up at 3:45pm to 6 PM at 4 Becker Cres. If you CANNOT pick up your order at either of these times, please text 403-612-9580 or email president.fass@gmail.com to arrange a time. *Please ensure you order is paid for in full at the time of ordering.

<https://spschool.hotlunches.admin>

Bottle Drive

Thank you to all the volunteers for the bottle drive and all those who donated. We made \$2200. Thank you all!

FASS Secretary

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

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.

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

- 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!



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are taking place between 4:30-7:30 pm on Wednesday, October 18 and Thursday, October 19, 2023. We will be using the online booking system for scheduling an in-person meeting between parents and teachers. Bookings will open on Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 pm (noon). Got to <https://schoolinterviews.ca/code/sjtap> to book your time.

These interviews give parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss the progress students have made to date. This will also give students opportunity to improve before report cards are published. Grades 1-9 report cards will be posted on the PowerSchool Parent Portal on December 1, 2023.

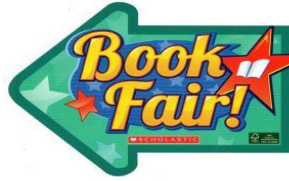
Pay School Fees online!

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.



Book Fair

Dear Parents and Families,

I'm excited to announce that our first Scholastic Book Fair of the school year is quickly approaching! It will take place from **October 16th- October 19th**.

This year's **Arctic Adventure** Book Fair is going to be epic, but we need volunteers to make it happen.

Opportunities to assist include:

- Helping shoppers at the Fair
- Checkout/Cashier

I am looking for volunteers during the school day on **October 16, 17, 18, & 19** for either the morning, afternoon, and/or full days (8:15AM-2:51PM).

If you're available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please contact me at stephanie.gauchier@eips.ca with your availability.

For students, this is one of the most anticipated events of the school year—and as a volunteer, you'll have the chance to experience the Bookjoy firsthand!

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,
Miss. Gauchier



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Music



Junior high students interested in band will be meeting every Tuesday after school from 3:00 to 4:00. Please reach out to Ms. Basaraba (maureen.basaraba@eips.ca) if you haven't already. There is lots of room to join and play music!

Choir practices are now only on Tuesday at lunch recess for grades 4, 5, and 6 students. Hand chime Club starts on October 5th at lunch recesses and will meet every Thursday at lunch. Hand chime Club will be only for grade 6 students to start.

Ms. Maureen Basaraba

Music Teacher
SouthPointe School