



# Shark Bites Weekly Update

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2024-25 school year at SouthPointe School. I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and that you are as excited as I am for the new school year! We have had an excellent first week back, with welcome week activities, a pancake breakfast, and division assemblies. Thank you to our School Council and parent volunteers for the pancake breakfast. It was delicious and enjoyed across the school. Many thanks!

Thank you to our students, parents/guardians, and staff that participated in our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a positive way for us to start the school year and begin to build connections with students and families.

Please note that we have picture day coming up next week. This is for individual student pictures. September 9<sup>th</sup> is for Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten students and Grades 1-4. September 10<sup>th</sup> is for Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students, Grades 5-9, and Mr. Epp's Grade 4/5 class.

I am honored to be the Principal at SouthPointe School and look forward to working with you and your child/children throughout the school year. Mrs. Danielle Nelson and Mr. Ben Giesbrecht are our two Assistant Principals. As always, please reach out to our team as needed.

Laurie Caines, Principal

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, Sept. 9	Student Photos – Mon/Wed Kindergarten and Grades 1-4
Tuesday, Sept. 10	Student Photos – Tues/Thurs Kindergarten and Grades 5-9 & Mr. Epp's 4/5 Class
Wednesday, Sept. 11	
Thursday, Sept. 12	
Friday, Sept. 13	

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## COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH

September 25	Hot Lunch – Grade 1-3, Mon/Wed Kindergarten
September 26	Hot Lunch – Grade 4-6, Tues/Thur Kindergarten
September 27	<u>ORANGE SHIRT DAY</u> Hot Lunch – Grade 7-9
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation <b>(NO SCHOOL)</b>

### **Parking**

Parents, when dropping off or picking up your children, please use the parent drop off located at the front of the school on Allard Way or along the street on SouthPointe Blvd. **Please DO NOT stop, park or allow your child to walk through the bus lanes at any time.** We also ask parents not to park in the accessible stalls at the front of the school or in the staff parking lot. Thank you for modeling safety and respect in this manner.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**



All students should be using their designated doors to enter and exit the school at the beginning and end of the school day. If your child arrives after 8:10 a.m., please send them through the main entrance doors (located on Allard Way) as all other doors are locked after this time. They will have to come through the office to sign in before going to class.

Picking up your child early? Please let the teacher and the office know in advance. Once you are here, you can call the office at 780-998-2747 and we will send your child out or you can come into the main office. **Thank you for continuing to sign in at the office if you are at the school for an appointment.**

# Don't forget PICTURE DAY is coming up!

**Monday, September 9:** Mon/Wed Kindergarten and Grades 1-4


**Tuesday, September 10:** Tues/Thurs Kindergarten and Grades 5-9 & Mr. Epp's 4/5 Class


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## Picture Day!

SouthPointe School  
**Monday, September 9th &  
Tuesday, September 10th**

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

  
Students are photographed  
on Picture Day\*

  
Proofs are sent home  
with your student

  
Order packages and more on  
[mylifetouch.ca](https://mylifetouch.ca)

\*All students will be photographed. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want an individual picture taken of your child. Your child may be included in a class picture if requested by the school.

Questions? Contact our Help Center at [lifetouch.com/support-ca](https://lifetouch.com/support-ca).  
Select K-12 School Photography for assistance.

**Lifetouch.**

## Pay school fees online!

Wondering when and how to pay for school fees? [School fee information](#) for the 2024-25 school year will be posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) in late September. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. *NOTE:* Additional fees may be added throughout the year—for example, at the beginning of each semester, as your child takes part in various activities, or they may be adjusted by changes in selected optional courses in junior and senior high school. If you're unable to pay your school fees, you can apply to have certain [fees waived](#). The application deadline is Dec. 16, 2024.

For more information, visit [SouthPointe School's Fee Page](#) on the school website. Alternatively, contact our business manager, Chantelle Grieve at SouthPointe (780-998-2747).

**If you're interested in volunteering this year, please scan the QR code below. We love volunteers!**

## Declaration for Volunteers 2024-25

Please scan the QR code and complete the form.



Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) values the partnership of staff, students, parents and community in supporting teaching and learning. Volunteers provide much needed support to schools by working positively and co-operatively with the school team.

Thank you for volunteering at SouthPointe!

## Download these bus apps for a successful ride!

Is your child riding the bus this year? If yes, [download](#) the My Ride and Bus Status apps to stay in the know about your child's bus stop location, route, pickup time and whether their bus is running on schedule.



## Update your PowerSchool information

The EIPS Correction and Verification Form is available online through your [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#)—at the top of the left-hand menu. 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 use the listed information to communicate with families about important information, including updates, the latest news and events.

### [PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form](#)

**Review and update the form by Sept. 25, 2024**

If you have questions about the form or your Parent Portal account, contact the school office at **780-998-2747**.

## Video surveillance on buses

Did you know each EIPS bus is equipped with video surveillance, and many school sites have video monitoring equipment?

Video surveillance and equipment help:

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

As needed, EIPS school administration and Student Transportation staff review video recordings, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*. The recordings assist schools and the Division with monitoring student and driver conduct and may be used as evidence in a disciplinary matter.

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

## **Fundraising Association Update**

### **Hot lunches are back!**

- Wednesday, September 25 - Grades 1 to 3 and Mon/Wed Kindergarten
- Thursday, September 26 - Grades 4 to 6 and Tues/Thurs Kindergarten
- Friday, September 27 - Grades 7 to 9



To order hot lunches, we use the [spschool.hotlunches.net](https://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 [spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com](mailto:spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com).

## **ONGOING FUNDRAISERS**

### **BOSTON PIZZA:**

- Collect your receipts and drop them off at the school
- Boston Pizza donates 5% back to the school!

### **FLIPGIVE**

- 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!

## Sync the School Calendar to your calendar.

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? You can. Simply, visit [southpointeschool.ca/about/calendar](https://southpointeschool.ca/about/calendar) and click on the applicable subscription option:

- Download to iCal
- Add to Google Calendar
- Subscribe to Calendar

*NOTE:* Options are located above the calendar.

Once you click on the desired subscription option, follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all SouthPointe's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities, events and more.

### Division Code of Conduct

EIPS has three administrative procedures (APs) that address the Division's code of conduct:

- [AP 311: Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments for Students](#)
- [AP 350: Student Code of Conduct](#)
- [AP 351: Student Conduct on School Buses](#)

The Division, and **SouthPointe School** are committed to ensuring all members of the school community are provided with welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments that respect diversity and foster a sense of belonging. EIPS encourages all students, staff and families to review the procedures to understand and practice the conduct expected throughout the Division.

### Did you know?

The Board of Trustees meets throughout the school year to discuss and make decisions regarding matters important to students, families, schools, communities and public education overall. Community members are encouraged and welcome to attend in person or to tune into the public livestream on the [EIPS YouTube channel](#). For 2024-25 Board Meeting dates, visit the [EIPS website](#) and [subscribe to the Division calendar](#).