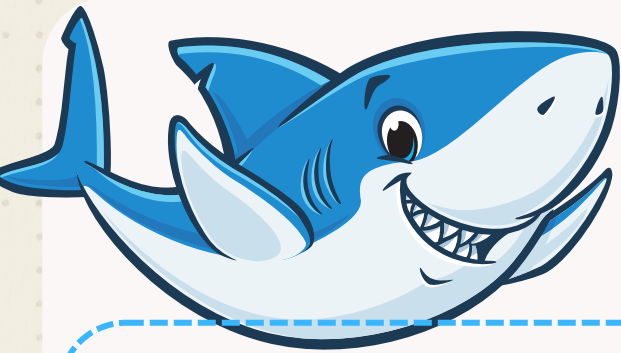


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NEWSLETTER



SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

It's hard to believe it's October next week! September was a great month here at SouthPointe School! A HUGE THANK YOU to all our staff, students and families that participated and donated to our Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 20th. Keep reading for a great update from our Terry Fox Committee; our school community's generosity is amazing! Another BIG THANK YOU to our FASS Hot Lunch Team for organizing hot lunch for our school. We would not be able to do it without all our amazing Hot Lunch helpers! With the size of our school, our FASS has to organize it over 3 days for all of our students to be accommodated. We so appreciate the hard work and time put in so that we can offer this to our students; they love Hot Lunch day!

Our volleyball teams have been busy with tournaments and their first league games. This weekend our Senior Girls & Boys teams will be hosting a tournament at SouthPointe, come on out and cheer them on! In honor and recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this Monday, September 30th, all EIPS schools will be closed. As a school, we will be participating in Orange Shirt Day tomorrow. We are encouraging staff and students to wear an orange shirt as an act of remembrance and reconciliation. To learn more about Orange Shirt Day, check out this Youtube link <https://youtu.be/E3vUqrOIkAk>. With the weather in the morning turning a little cooler, please encourage students to wear appropriate coats, hats and mitts if needed.

Have a great weekend! Laurie Caines, Principal

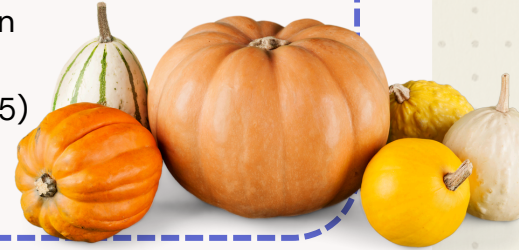


NEXT WEEK

Monday (30)	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation *NO SCHOOL
Tuesday (1)	Junior Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM Grade 4/5/6 Choir at Lunch Recess Jr High Band Session 3:00-4:00PM
Wednesday (2)	EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:46PM Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM Senior Boys & Girls Game @ 4:00PM @ Veg
Thursday (3)	Junior Boys & Girls Game @ 4:00PM @ HR Senior Girls Game @ 4:00PM @ Lamont Senior Boys Game @ 5:00PM @ Lamont Grade 6 Hand Chimes at Lunch Recess
Friday (4)	Professional Learning Day *NO SCHOOL

Coming Up this Month

September 30	National Truth & Reconciliation Day *NO SCHOOL
October 2	Early Dismissal (School Out @ 1:46PM)
October 7	Photo Re-take Day for M/W Kindergarten & Grades 1-4
October 8	Photo Re-take Day for T/Th Kindergarten & Grades 5-9
October 14	Thanksgiving *NO SCHOOL
October 16	School Council Meeting at 5:00PM in Flex Space
October 22	Parent Teacher Interviews @ 4:00PM-7:00PM
October 23	Hot Lunch for Grades 1-3 & M/W Kindergarten
October 23	Parent Teacher Interviews @ 4:00PM-7:00PM
October 24	Hot Lunch for Grades 4-6 & T/Th Kindergarten
October 25	Hot Lunch for Grades 7-9
October 28	SYNC/Coding/Multi-Cultural Association (Gr. 5)
October 30	Wear Orange & Black
October 31	Halloween *Wear Costumes



School Start & End Times

8:10AM - School Begins

11:08AM-11:48AM - Lunch

2:46PM - School Dismissed

(1:46PM - School Dismissed on Early Dismissal Days)



Drop Off & 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 8:10AM 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 sign in at the office before going to class.

Picking your child up 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.

School Fees

Fees ARE NOW posted on [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#).

All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

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

October Hot Lunch

☀️ Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K	23 Oct
☀️ Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K	24 Oct
☀️ Grades 7-9	25 Oct

To order next month's hot lunch, go to <https://spschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>



★
● GET YOUR
● BACK-TO-SCHOOL
● SPIRITWEAR



Got your back-to-school Sharks wear yet? Go to our shop to order your gear! Click here: <https://southpointe.entripyshops.com/>
Happy Shopping!

ART

Mrs. Dallyn's Creative Design 8 students finished their collaborative circles. They were tasked with creating a quarter circle that had a cohesive group theme of nature. As a class they discussed the importance of nature throughout Canadian Indigenous art. Please enjoy their art below.



Mrs. Estey's Grade 4 class created some beautiful fish scale art. The art will be sent to residential school survivors. Thank you Mrs. Estey's class for sharing your art work with us and with residential survivors.





Sharks Athletics

Mon

30: No School

Tue

1: Jr teams practice 3:00-4:30PM

Wed

2: Sr teams practice 3:00-4:30PM

Thu

Sr Girls play @ 4:00PM @ Lamont
3: Jr Girls & Boys play @ 4:00PM @ Holy Redeemer
Sr Boys play @ 5:00PM @ Lamont

Fri

4: No School



Terry Fox Run Update

Hello SPS families,

Thank you to all the staff, students, and families who helped us more than double our original fundraising goal of \$2060. In total, **our school raised \$5297.51** that will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation! We appreciate the time our staff and students took to participate in the Terry Fox Run on Friday, and for helping us continue to keep Terry's legacy alive.

All of our classes worked so hard to raise money for the Terry Fox Foundation, and the top three classes from each division have won a pizza party.

The pizza party winners are as follows:

Div 1: 3G with \$798.80

Div 2: 4B with \$332.65

Div 3: 9-1 with \$404.75

Homeroom teachers will inform families of the date of the pizza party.

Thank you again for your hard work. Go sharks!

-Terry Fox Run Committee

Bussing App

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.



Try Curling in Fort Sask!

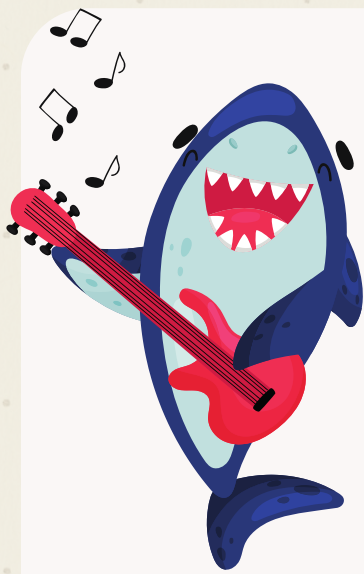
Open House Oct. 5th 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

2:00 to 3:30 pm - Junior instruction by past champion Alison Thiessen and the Curling Alberta Ready to Rock Program
RSVP @ https://lu.ma/TryCurling_FortSask

Junior Curling League \$100

Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:00 pm, Ages 8-14
Led by past champion Alison Thiessen and Curling Alberta Ready to Rock Program
Call (780)998-3372 to register





MUSIC

**HAND
CHIMES**

Music extracurriculars have started! Students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 can join the choir which meets **Tuesdays at lunch recess**. Hand chime club will only be open to grade 6 students this year and it meets **Thursdays at lunch recess**. Neither of these will conflict with your intramurals games – we check the schedule twice! There will also be a recorder club and grade 6 band in the new year as well.

**Grade 4/5/6
Choir**

recorder club

Jr High Band

Any junior high students wanting to do band are invited to join the **after school band on Tuesdays**. It will meet until 4:00 pm. This is your chance to learn to play the flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, or tuba and have some extra performance opportunities. The first band concert will be on Friday November 29.

-Ms. Yule

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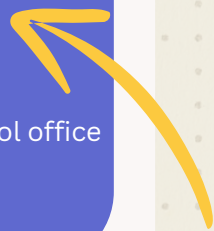
Update Your PowerSchool Info

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.

[PowerSchool Correction and Verification Form](#)

DEADLINE to review & update is tomorrow, Sept. 27, 2024

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



Sync Your Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar?

Simply visit southpointeschool.ca/about/calendar and click on the subscription option:

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

Once you click on the subscription option, follow the instructions.



Community BUILDING

This year, Mr. Epp, Miss Wright and Ms. Bossert will be building community with their students in three different ways!

Once a month, Ms. Bossert will be taking a set group of students (SYNC) to visit with the seniors at Southfort Bend Gardens. Students and seniors will visit together to foster meaningful relationships.

During their time together, they will engage in crafts, share stories, and learn more about each other's experiences growing up in their respective generations. This program thrives thanks to the generous donations we receive, which enable us to cover transportation costs to and from Southfort Bend Gardens, as well as purchase craft supplies.

We're especially grateful this year, as FGG Inspections has generously provided all the funds needed for student transportation, while Twice But Nice has funded our craft supplies. We are VERY grateful and appreciate your financial support!

Mr. Epp will be working with students to develop skills in coding, computer languages, 3D printing, robotics, and other technologies. Being proficient with technology helps students develop problem solving skills that will be vital to their future careers. With Ms. Wright's **Multicultural Adventures**, we will be partnering with the Fort Saskatchewan Multicultural Association, and learn more about other cultures around our community and the world, through guest speakers, crafts, songs, and dancing. This is a fabulous opportunity to broaden horizons, gain empathy, and develop an appreciation for the beautiful diversity of Fort Saskatchewan and the world.



HOT LUNCH



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. **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. 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.

We rely on our volunteers to help make hot lunch happen. If you are able to volunteer, please email spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

October's Hot Lunch is from Boston Pizza!



thank you

Community RESOURCES

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Looking for some tasty and economical meal ideas? Join PCN Registered Dietician Meghan Brooks-Goodburn as she walks us through staying on a budget and healthy meal planning for different types of households including those with kids.



When: October 24th 6:00 - 7:00pm

Where: Fort Sask Public Library

To Register: fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops or call 780.992.6267



FCSS Presents: Childhood ADHD

Does your child struggle with inattention, hyperactivity, distractibility, issues focusing at school, fails to complete assigned tasks, or avoidance of activities that require sustained focus?

Tania Johnson will lead this session:

- Identifying neurological and environmental factors which contribute to ADHD
- Exploring triggers which fuel impulsivity and hyperactivity
- Understanding the impact of a strong, connected relationship
- Developing strategies and tools to help your child
- Nurturing emotional intelligence and resilience

**Virtual Session that you can do at your own pace October 15 - November 15

Register at fortsask.ca/FCSSWorkshops



Are you a caregiver navigating the unique challenges and joys of raising a neurodiverse child? We warmly invite you to join our monthly support group.

This is a safe space to share your journey, learn from others, and gain valuable insights into navigating the world of neurodiversity.

Meeting Dates:

September 16: Group Discussion *location for this date Lang Room City Hall
October 21: Group Discussion
November 18: Group Discussion
December 16: Group Discussion

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Guest speaker announcements to come!

Families First Society
9901 90 St, Fort Saskatchewan, AB T8L 3T1



Children's Programming is Available!

Register by calling (780) 998-5595 ext. 221
no later than one week prior to each session

