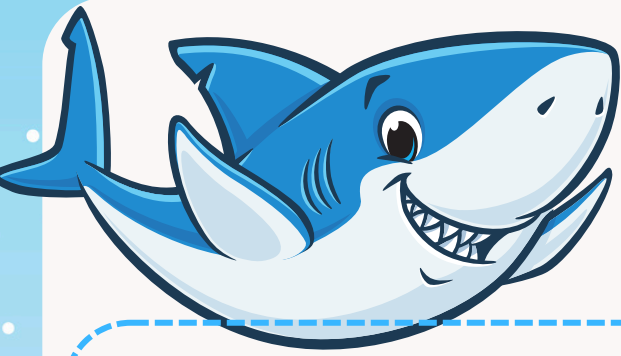


Shark Bites

NEWSLETTER



SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

Thank you to all the families who could join us for the Elementary Winter Concert on Wednesday. It was heartwarming to see the students shine and share their talents with such enthusiasm. They were truly excited and proud to perform!

A special thank you to Ms. Yule for her dedication in organizing the event, working with the students, and directing such a fantastic program. I would also like to extend my gratitude to the staff for their support in making the concert a success. Many contributed by helping set up and tear down the gym, assisting with sound, decorating, and rehearsing with their classes.

Additionally, a big thank you to our School Council and the parents who helped organize the class gingerbread decorating contest. Your efforts brought so much joy to the students and added to the festive spirit of the season!

Looking ahead, we have several themed days planned for next week. Please see the details below. We encourage all students to participate and show their festive spirit!

Laurie Caines, Principal

NEXT WEEK



Monday (16)	Festive Headwear (Hats, Headbands) Day SYNC/Coding/Multi-Cultural Session Senior Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00PM-4:15PM Senior Boys Basketball Practice @ 4:15PM-5:30PM
Tuesday (17)	Festive Socks Day Jr High Band Session 3:00-4:00PM *Last One for 2024 Junior Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00PM-4:15PM Junior Boys Basketball Practice @ 4:15PM-5:30PM
Wednesday (18)	Holiday Sweater Day Mon/Wed Henderson A Kinder Winter Concert @ 1:00PM Senior Boys Basketball Practice @ 3:00PM-4:15PM Senior Girls Basketball Practice @ 4:15PM-5:30PM
Thursday (19)	Red & Green Day Tues/Thur Salkeld B Kinder Winter Concert @ 1:00PM Senior Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00PM-4:15PM Senior Boys Basketball Practice @ 4:15PM-5:30PM Dungeons & Dragons @ 3:00-4:30PM *Last One for 2024
Friday (20)	Pyjama Day Tues/Thur Henderson B Kinder Winter Concert @ 1:00PM Last Day of School Before Winter Break

Coming Up this Month

December 16	Festive Headwear (Hats, Headbands)
December 16	SYNC/Coding/Multicultural Session (Gr. 5 Only)
December 17	Festive Socks Day
December 18	Holiday Sweater Day
December 18	Mon/Wed Henderson A Kindergarten Winter Concert @ 1:00PM
December 19	Red & Green Day
December 19	Shark Island Ice Cream Treat Day for the 3 Winning Classes
December 19	Tues/Thur Salkeld B Kindergarten Winter Concert @ 1:00PM
December 19	Junior High Band Christmas Concert @ 6:30PM @ The Legion
December 20	Pyjama Day
December 20	Tues/Thur Henderson B Kindergarten Winter Concert @ 1:00PM
December 20	Popcorn Day for \$1 for All School
December 20	Last Day of School Before Christmas Break
January 6	First Day Back to School!
January 8	Early Dismissal @ 1:46PM
January 16	Deadline to Order Hot Lunch



School Start & End Times

8:10AM - School Begins

11:08AM to 11:48AM - Lunch

2:46PM - School Dismissed

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



Fee Waiver Application Deadline



If circumstances exist where you're unable to pay school or transportation fees, you can apply to have fees waived by submitting an Application for a Waiver of Fees. **The application deadline is Dec. 16, 2024.** If you're new to the Division, the deadline is the latter of Dec. 16, 2024, or 45 days after registration. 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 them online using Visa or MasterCard. All fees are due within 30 days of being posted.

Don't forget to also 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 various school activities such as field trips, class projects, extracurricular activities and more.

For more information about school fees, waivers and payment deadlines, visit www.eips.ca/schools/fees or <https://www.southpointeschool.ca/about/fees>.

Alternatively, contact Chantelle Grieve, Business Manager at SouthPointe School at 780-998-2747.

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS

Please check your mailbags for a letter with information about Kinder Winter Concerts.

January Hot Lunch

Grades 1-3 and Mon/Wed K	22 Jan
Grades 4-6 and Tues/Thur K	23 Jan
Grades 7-9	24 Jan

To order next month's hot lunch, go to <https://spschool.hotlunches.net/admin/>
****Deadline to order is JANUARY 16 ****



Christmas at SouthPointe

JR HIGH BAND CONCERT

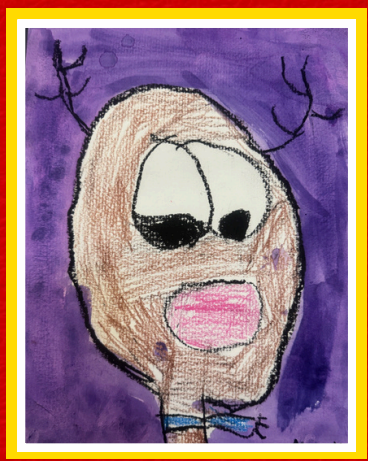
SouthPointe Junior High Band is excited to join with the Fort Saskatchewan Community Band again for a Christmas Concert on **Thursday, December 19**. The concert will be from **6:30PM to 7:30PM** at the hall of the Royal Canadian Legion.

This concert is open to the public and a very festive night. Everyone is welcome to come out and support the band!



Dress Up Days

- December 16 Festive Headwear Day (Hats, Headbands)
- December 17 Festive Socks Day
- December 18 Holiday Sweater Day
- December 19 Red & Green Day
- December 20 Pyjama Day



Enjoy these awesome Reindeer Art from Ms. Sheridan's Class



Well done 1S! These reindeer are so cute!

SHARKS ATHLETICS

Monday (16)

Senior Girls Practice @ 3:00PM-4:15PM
Senior Boys Practice @ 4:15PM-5:30PM

Tuesday (17)

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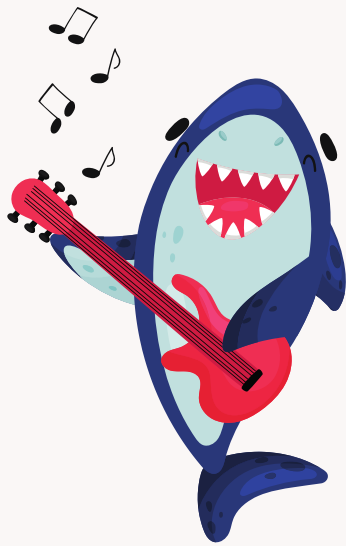
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THURSDAY (19)

Senior Girls Basketball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM
Senior Boys Basketball Practice @ 4:15-5:30PM

FRIDAY (20)

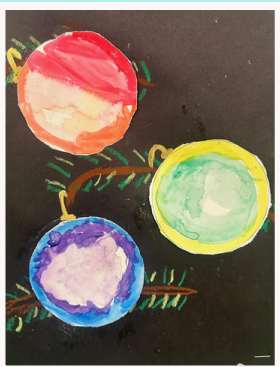
Have fun staying active over
the Winter Break!



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Junior High Band: **TUESDAYS** after school until 4:00PM
*Last one for 2024 is Dec. 17

Gr 4-6 Choir, Gr. 6 Hand Chime Club & Jr High Band will
start back up the week of January 13-17 after the
Christmas Break.



THANK YOU 2L
FOR SHARING
YOUR
CHRISTMAS
ORNAMENT
ARTWORK WITH
US! GREAT JOB!





THANK YOU to our School Council for providing and organizing a Gingerbread House Decorating Contest for all the classes! We had so much fun creating & working together on our houses and looking at them all after.



Counsellor's Corner...

Here is a Snowy Sensations Calm Mindfulness video for kids that may be useful this holiday season: [CLICK HERE](#)

December 2024

The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth

Fort Saskatchewan

Operated by:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 2 Appointments 11-7 pm	3 ADHD Support Group 6-7:30pm Youth Employment Workshop 4:30-6pm Appointments 3-7pm	 4 Holiday Decorations with Mitch NGT Youth Panel 4:30-5:30pm Nurse Clinic 2-6pm Psychologists by appointment	 5 Dungeons & Dragons 5:00-7:45pm Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm	6
 9 Appointments 11-7 pm	 10 Youth Employment Workshop 4:30-6pm Appointments 3-7pm	 11 Sugar cookies & Karaoke Night December birthdays night Nurse Clinic 2-6pm Psychologists by appointment	12 Hot chocolate bar and Holiday movies! Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm 	13
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 30 Appointments 11-7 pm				

Contact Information
 780-589-0224
 info@thebridgewhy.com
 Linktree: @thebridgewellnesshubforyouth

Ages 11+ All Welcome
 Youth drop-in nights are free to all youth ages 11-25.

Hours of Operation
 We are open Monday 11-7 pm and Tuesday 3-7 pm for appointments. On Wednesday and Thursday we have youth drop-in nights from 2- 7:45 pm.

What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



THANK YOU SO MUCH to our School Council & Families for generously gifting our teachers with Christmas stockings filled with items from their wish lists during the month of December. Your kindness brings joy to our staff and helps create a festive spirit at SouthPointe. We truly appreciate your thoughtful support this holiday season!



SHARK Island



Only 3 days left of Shark Island! It's a reverse draw style competition with each class entered and the remaining 3 classes on the Island will get an Ice Cream treat the last week of school! Watch the bulletin board in front of the office to see where the sharks are!

LEGO



We are reaching out to our wonderful parent community for donations of new LEGO sets to have in the office. These sets will be used to support our students in a variety of ways. If you have any LEGO sets you are willing to donate, please drop them off at the school office any time. Your generosity will make a meaningful impact on our students' learning experiences.



FASS/School Council Info

Tis the Season!

Grab your BEAR TRACKS (Ice Melt)

FASS has more buckets of Bear Tracks to sell for \$30 each.

To purchase, text: 403-612-9580



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Canteen Coordinator Needed!

FASS is looking for a Canteen Coordinator; if you are interested, email the FASS president at president.fass@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support and for making a positive impact in our community! If you have questions about the available positions or want to learn more about how you can contribute, please email us at president.fass@gmail.com

POPCORN DAY!



***Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten**

Monday, December 16

\$1 per bag



***ALL SCHOOL**

Friday, December 20

\$1 per bag



HOT LUNCH

Hot Lunch is OPEN for January, February & March!

To order hot lunches, we use the spschool.hotlunches.net website.

Deadline to order for JANUARY is Jan. 16th at NOON.

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 **before 10:30AM** and let them know. No refunds will be given if a student is absent on the day of their hot lunch.

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.

**REMINDER:
Please still send
SNACKS on Hot
Lunch Day**

Hot Lunch Volunteer Opportunity:

We're looking for volunteers to assist with our hot lunch program! As a thank-you, each volunteer will receive a \$5 discount on one child's hot lunch account for their help.

If you are able to volunteer, please email spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Board of Trustees

I wish to extend warm holiday wishes to all students, staff and families on behalf of the Elk Island Public Schools Board of Trustees.

As busy as we know this time can be, it's nice to take a moment to look back with gratitude on the past year. We are thankful for the incredible parents and caregivers in the communities we serve, who consistently step up to support both students and educators—day in and day out.

We appreciate our staff members, in schools and at Central Administration, for their commitment to excellence in learning. And we celebrate students across the Division, who work so hard and make us proud.

We hope you enjoy all the wonderful concerts, shows and festivities happening at your school, and that you get a chance for rest and reflection during the break. To all of you—have a joyous holiday season, and a healthy and happy New Year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Jan. 6, 2025.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays,

Cathy Allen EIPS Board Chair

Spread the Word: EIPS is Hiring!

Do you know someone who may be interested in part-time, flexible work as a substitute educational assistant or substitute teacher in the specialty areas of French Immersion or CTS/CTF? Elk Island Public Schools is hiring.

Spread the word!

Substitute teaching and non-teaching staff are critical to filling planning and unexpected vacancies when Division staff are away. Substitutes are needed to fill various positions at all school locations until the end of the school year.

Upcoming application deadlines are December 12 and 13. If you know someone who'd be great in this role, encourage them to apply today.

Share Your Thoughts on Budget Planning for 2025-26

Alberta Education allocates funds to school boards to fulfill their delegated responsibilities of providing education programs for students in kindergarten to Grade 12. As part of Elk Island Public Schools' (EIPS) commitment to stakeholder engagement and to continue allocating resources according to local priorities, the Division conducts an annual budget planning survey to seek input from staff, families Grade 12 students and community partners.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous and takes about five to 10 minutes to complete. The survey questions suggest possible budget areas for EIPS to focus its resources, which align with the Division's current Four-Year Education Plan. If you believe there are other areas where the Division should concentrate its resources, you can also indicate what these are. EIPS will consider all budget planning input to guide future decision-making.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY NOW

Survey closes Dec 18, 2024 Grade 12 students will complete the survey at school. Thank you for sharing your input to help inform Division planning.

Community RESOURCES

December Newsletter

What is happening at The Bridge?

Happy holidays! With the holiday season finally here, check out the cozy activities The Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth has planned for the month!

Upcoming Events

- Making holiday decorations: Dec 4
- Sugar cookies & karaoke night: Dec 11
- Hot cocoa & holiday movies: Dec 12
- Holiday celebration & dinner: Dec 18
- Dungeons and Dragons: Dec 5, 19
- Closed** Winter Break: Dec 24th - 26th

Hours

- Monday:** Appointments 11am - 7pm
- Tuesday:** Appointments 3pm-7pm
- Wednesday:** drop in 2-7:45pm
- Nurse Clinic Wed 2-6pm
- Thursday:** drop in 2-7:45pm
- Youth Outreach Worker 2-7:45pm



Operated by:



Tutoring at The Bridge

Struggling in a class or looking for extra guidance/support?

We have an on-site tutor who does it all! Email info@thebridgewhy.com to book a free one-on-one tutor session today! (for youth ages 11-25)

Resource Spotlight

Kickstand Connect

A free, confidential virtual clinic that can connect people ages 11-25 to mental health and substance use counselling, peer support, employment services and register for free workshops and support groups!

scan to take a look at the website!



Survey: Win a \$25 gift card!

Give feedback on community mental health supports for youth



JAYME-LEE K-12 Individual Tutoring

In-person at the Bridge - Kickstand Fort Sask. Book your first session today!



Free tutoring available
It's never too late to ask for help!



Personalized Learning

- Available for All Youth Ages 11-25
- Experienced & Qualified Tutor
- Tutors All Subjects and Grades
- Experience working with students with learning disabilities

Location: 10307 100 Ave
Suite #2, Fort
Saskatchewan, AB T8L 1Y9



For More Information
780-589-0224

programcoordinator@thebridgewhy.com



CRAM-A-THON

January 10, 2025

Fort Saskatchewan

Public Library

6:00PM - 10:00PM

For Student Studiers ONLY; Grade 7-12

- Drop-in event
- snacks & drinks!
- quiet study spaces
- tutors available
- study with friends or by yourself!

