



SouthPointe Newsletter

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Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are now beginning the last month of the school year. I would like to thank the students, parents, and teachers for all their hard work this year.

June still brings us our final exams for our grade seven and eight students and Provincial Achievement exams for our grade six and nine students. All our students will be working very hard in their studies until the end of June to achieve their goals.

We are working to finalize our staffing for next year and will have an update on the website as soon as all positions have been filled.

School supply lists for the 2022-23 year are on our website for next year. For those parents that are interested in ordering their school supplies online from Write-On Stationery, please check out the information on our school website.

Report cards will be available to all parents online at the end of the day on June 28, 2022. Parents will need to sign on to the PowerSchool Parent Portal to access the report cards. A special thanks to our School Council and Fundraising Association for planning and running a number of events, hot lunch, and fundraising opportunities at the school. We appreciate all of the support our parent community has provided us.

Mr. Robertson and I would like to express how grateful we are to be leading such an amazing community of students, parents and staff. It has been a wonderful year. We are very proud of all the achievements and accomplishments of our students here at SouthPointe School.

For those students that are leaving SouthPointe at the end of the year, we wish you all the best at your new schools. For those students returning to us in the fall, we are excited to see you on August 30, 2022

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Carol Brown, Principal

Indigenous History Month

In June, our country commemorates National Indigenous History Month. During this month, SouthPointe School will recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples across Canada. We will be participating in a variety of in-class and school wide activities throughout the month.

Junior High Awards

SouthPointe students in Grades 7, 8 & 9 who have been nominated for an award will be presented with their certificate by the administration team at an assembly being held between 12:00 – 1:00 pm on June 17, 2022.



The following awards will be presented:

- **Merit 7, 8 & 9** — To receive a Merit Award students must achieve a combined average of at least 75 percent in the four academic core subjects (language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics).
- **Honours 7, 8 & 9** — To receive an Academic Honour Certificate students must achieve a combined average of at least 80 percent in the four core courses (language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics). To be eligible for Honours, students also must have passed all other courses.
- **SHARKS Outstanding Citizenship 9** — This award goes to a student that exemplifies the motto, mission and philosophy of SouthPointe School. This individual is committed to their personal success and of their classmates both inside and outside of the classroom. The recipient demonstrates the qualities of a lifelong learner, collaborates well with others, is a leader and role model among their peers, and is a positive member of our school community.
- **SHARKS Junior High Male and Female Athlete of the Year** — These awards go to a male and female junior high athlete that have a great attitude on and off the court or field, commitment to the team, and demonstrate excellent leadership and sportsmanship.
- **CTF and Elective Awards** — To receive these awards, students will have demonstrated excellent planning, decision making and problem-solving skills. In addition, recipients will have supported effective relationships, collaborated to achieve common goals and demonstrated exemplary knowledge and skills in the specific subject matter. Finally, students will have effectively communicated their growth while exploring their interests and passions.

REMINDER: 2021-22 school fees

School fees for the 2021-22 school year are posted on the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). All fees are due within 30 days of being posted. Throughout the year, fees are often added to cover the costs for various activities, such as field trips, extracurricular activities, and late, damaged, or lost textbooks.

To access your fee information, simply log in to the PowerSchool Parent Portal and go to “Student Fees.” There you can view fees and pay them online using a credit card. Make sure to monitor your child’s account on an ongoing basis.

For more information about school fees, waivers, and payment deadlines, visit eips.ca/schools/fees. And, if you have questions, think there is an error or need help creating a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your child’s school directly before the summer break.

NOTE: Pursuant to [Board Policy 23: School Fees](#) and [Administrative Procedure 505: School and Administrative Fees](#), EIPS will forward any unpaid 2021-22 fee amounts to a collection agency. To prevent this from happening, remember to pay your fees before Aug. 31, 2022.

Updating Your Contact Information

Have you recently moved or has your contact information changed throughout the past year? Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) encourages families to review the information the division has on file to ensure it's up to date. Using the Correction and Verification Form available through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), families can review their information on file for each student—including addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, parent and guardian information, emergency contacts, medical details and other related information—and submit any updates needed.

Reviewing and updating the form ensures the Division has the most up-to-date information regarding your child. Your review is especially important in case there's any communication the Division or school needs to send out over the summer months related to classes next year. All EIPS families are asked to review their child's Correction and Verification Form by **June 13 at noon**. After this time, EIPS will turn the form off for the remainder of the school year--available again at the start of the 2022-23 school year.

NOTE: Only submit updates for the changes that have already taken place. If you're moving this summer, you'll submit the necessary updates to your address through the Correction and Verification Form at the start of next school year after you've moved.

If you have questions about the form or the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), contact the school at 780-998-2747.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

School supply lists for the 2022-23 school year are now available on our [website](#).

WRITE-ON STATIONERY

We have again partnered with Write-on Stationery to provide parents the opportunity to purchase a school supply package for their child that is specific to SouthPointe School and his or her grade. Save some time this year and order through Write-on Stationery – it's quick and easy! Orders can be placed at [write-on.ca](#) until **August 1, 2022**. School supply packages will be delivered directly to your home address—we will not be providing pickup at the school this year. It is not a requirement to order your supplies through this program.



Please Note: SouthPointe is unable to collect orders/money for Write-on Stationery. **All orders must be placed online.**

If you have any questions about school supplies, please contact the school at 780-998-2747.

Calming Spaces

Having a calming space in your home helps provide your kids a place to self-regulate and practice positive coping skills. Join Strathcona County Family and Community Services for this online session to learn how to create a calming space and for suggestions on how to make it effective for your family. Supplies included.

Tuesday, June 7

5 to 5:45 p.m.

Sign up

Fundraising Association and School Council Update

HOT LUNCH:

- June's Hot Lunch will be Boston Pizza on **June 17** (kinder B class will be on **June 16**).
- Ordering cut off for June's Hot Lunch is **June 10 at 3:00 pm**.
- *There are larger sized portions at the bottom of the menus for Boston Pizza.*
- We have already started planning for hot lunches for the next school year!
- If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in helping with our hot lunch program, please reach out to Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS:

We are looking for a lot of volunteers this year! Please let us know if you would like to help us out. We are looking for volunteers for a variety of positions and fundraisers:

- Committee Heads and members (hot lunch program, bottle drives, fundraisers, etc.)
- Marketing Coordinator

Email Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com for more information

MEMBERSHIPS:

Become a member of the Fundraising Association! Have your say and let your voice be heard.

- Membership forms can be found [here](#) or you can email Danielle at secretary.fass@gmail.com for more information.

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS:

COBS (Fort Saskatchewan location)

- Just mention Southpointe School when you are making a purchase
- Cobs gives back 5% of what we spend!

FLIPGIVE

- For online shopping (Old Navy, Indigo, Canadian Tire, Walmart, Home Depot, Starbucks and more!)
- Just download the app, use the code K2TQ9X and start shopping!

GROWING SMILES FUNDRAISER:

Thank you so much to all our volunteers and those who ordered. The fundraiser was a success!

MABEL'S LABELS:

Need labels for your child(ren)'s school supplies for next year? Why not order them from Mabel's Labels?! Stay organized and support the school at the same time! All you need to do is:

- Go to the Mabel's Labels website at mabelslabels.ca
- Select Support a Fundraiser from the drop-down menu options
- Type in FASS
- Complete your order

20% of purchases go back to the school!

mabel's labels

A very big thank you from the Fundraising Association Board to all our volunteers, parents, students, teachers, and school admin for helping to make all our fundraising efforts a success this year! We couldn't do any of this without your help and involvement!

Caregiver Education Sessions

Alberta Health Services, in collaboration with The Mental Health Foundations, offers free online programming for parents and caregivers of children and youth. Sessions are offered through Zoom. Upcoming topics include understanding anxiety, mindfulness, sleep, substance use, understanding autism and preparing for junior high. The list of [June 2022 sessions](#) is now available.

Pride Week

At SouthPointe School we will be celebrating Pride week from June 10 - 17. During this week, each class will be doing different activities. Our focus is promoting inclusion, acceptance, family, and community. Let's celebrate uniqueness and being our authentic selves!

Summer Programs for Children, Teens and Families

Boost your child's ability to self-regulate, cope with stress and work through challenges this summer. Check out Strathcona County Family and Community Services' free summer programs. New half-day and full-day programs available for children in grades 1 to 6. Space is limited.

[Programs at a glance](#) | [Poster](#) | [Full details and registration](#)

Early Years Programs

Some of the programs offered are specifically geared toward families with younger children, including those just starting kindergarten.

- **Camp Slumberkins under the Sea** – Join our friend, Bigfoot, as he jumps feet first into learning about growth mindset this summer. Bigfoot hears lessons from his friends about what it means to try your best, go with the flow, take breaks, and keep trying.
July 4-8 or August 15-19
- **Kimochis Start School** – Supporting children and their parents starting kindergarten. Get ready for kindergarten with Bug, Lovey Dove, Huggtopus, Cloud and Hero. Bug shares feeling of shy and worried about the first day; Lovey Dove reminds us to be friendly to everyone at school; Huggtopus will teach us about social cues; Cloud shows us how to breath; and Hero lets us know change can bring up big emotions.
July 11-14, July 18-21, August 2-5 or August 22-25

Student Transportation: 2022-23 registration

Planning to use Student Transportation in the 2022-23 school year? If so, make sure your child is registered so Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) can plan routes and send your child a bus pass before the first day of school.



All students who indicated needing transportation services through the returning student registration process are now registered. Those families have also received tentative route schedules and invoices—fees are due June 30, 2022.

For those students who didn't indicate needing transportation service during the registration process and want to now register, simply contact EIPS Student Transportation at 780-417-8151 or email st@eips.ca.

For more information about EIPS Student Transportation visit www.eips.ca/transportation.

NOTE: Families can pay fees online using the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). To pay in person contact Student Transportation to make an appointment.

2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey: Results now available

The 2021-22 EIPS Parent Survey results are now available. In March, the Division conducted the annual survey, which helps EIPS gauge its progress toward meeting the goals and priorities outlined in its [Four-Year Education Plan](#). Families were asked a series of questions about their experiences with EIPS and the school their child attends, the overall performance of the Division, the quality of education being provided to students and areas for improvement.

Thank you to all families who took the time to share their feedback with the Division. Overall, the survey received 3,450 responses from parents and guardians across EIPS. EIPS, and schools, will now review the feedback in detail and use it to develop new strategies to serve students and the wider community better.

The full results are available online:

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: EIPS](#)

[2021-22 Parent Survey results: SouthPointe School](#)

Little Elk Island Adventure: Registration

Elk Island Public Schools is once again planning to run the Little Elk Island Adventure, a fun and informative program for first-time school bus riders.

Annually, Student Transportation offers the Little Elk Island Adventure to new riders and their parents. The program's aim: To help introduce families to busing so they feel comfortable and at ease before even starting school. Through a series of activities, riders learn about school bus safety, danger zones, tips on boarding and how to sit properly on the bus. After that, both the children and parents hop on the bus to practice what they've learned by venturing out on a short ride.



The Little Elk Island Adventure is for first-time school bus riders entering the 2022-23 school year. The tentative session dates and times are as follows:

Location	Date*	Time*
EIPS Central Services	August 16	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 16	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 17	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	5 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 19	6:30 p.m.
EIPS Central Services	August 20	10 a.m.
SouthPointe School	August 18	5 p.m.
SouthPointe School	August 18	6:30 p.m.

** Dates and times may change depending on the province's public-health measures.*

*** SouthPointe School locations are for students attending schools in Fort Saskatchewan.*

EIPS Central Services is located at 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

SouthPointe School is located at 11 SouthPointe Blvd., Fort Saskatchewan

[Register Now](#)

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

More information about busing for kindergarten children is available at:

eips.ca/transportation/kindergarten-busing-faq.

Summer Hours at Elk Island Public Schools

Throughout the summer break, SouthPointe School is closed. It reopens on August 25 at 8:00 a.m. If you have any school-related questions or concerns while the school is closed, contact EIPS Central Services—the office is open all summer to complete year-end activities and prepare for the 2022-23 school year. Students return to school on August 30.

EIPS Central Office Summer Hours: June 29 to August 19

Open: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Phone: 780-464-3477

Address: 683 Wye Rd., Sherwood Park

Statutory Holidays

Closed: July 1 Canada Day

Closed: August 1 Heritage Day

NOTE: Student Transportation also remains open during the summer months--operating the same hours as EIPS Central Services.

Tools for School

SouthPointe School has once again partnered with the United Way for the 2022-23 Tools for School campaign. Annually, Tools for School provides backpacks and school supplies to students in kindergarten through Grade 12 whose families have limited resources. If you're a parent or know a parent who needs access to the program, contact the school directly. Staff will discretely provide the backpack to the child at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Alternatively, if you'd like to donate to the program, you can pick up a few extra supplies when you're out shopping for back to school. Drop-off boxes are located at the EIPS Central Services office, all [Staples locations](#) and various businesses in the community. Any supplies donated within the community are invested back into the region.

For more information about Tools for School, contact the school office at 780-998-2747 or call the EIPS Central Services at 780-464-3477.

[United Way Tools for School: 2022-23](#)

UPCOMING DATES

- June 10-16** Pride Week, Fort Saskatchewan
- June 10** Hot lunch order deadline (Boston Pizza)
- June 14** Grade 9 Math (Part A) PAT
- June 15** Grade 6 Math (Part A) PAT
- June 16** Hot Lunch – Tu/Th ECS only
- June 17** Grade 7/8 Math (Part A) final exam
Hot Lunch
Junior High awards assembly, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- June 20** Grade 6/9 Math (Part B) PAT
- June 21** [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)



June 22	Grade 6/9 Science PAT
June 23	Grade 6/9 Social Studies PAT Grade 7 Science final exam
June 24	Grade 8 Math (Part B) final exam Grade 6/9 ELA (Part B) PAT Grade 7 Social Studies final exam Grade 8 Science final exam Grade 9 Farewell activities, 11:00 am – 2:30 pm
June 27	Grade 7 Math (Part B) final exam Grade 8 ELA (Part B) final exam
June 28	Grade 7 ELA (Part B) final exam Grade 8 Social Studies final exam Last day of school
June 29	Operational day (schools closed to students)
August 25	EIPS schools reopen (schools closed to students)
August 30	First day of school

