

Shark Bites NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

Welcome to a brand-new school year! I hope this message finds you well and that you've had a wonderful summer filled with rest, adventure, and time with loved ones. We are thrilled to welcome both returning and new families to what promises to be a fantastic school year ahead.

Our first day of school is this Thursday at 8:00AM, with dismissal at 2:50PM. We can't wait to see our students' smiling faces back in the building, ready to learn and grow together!

New this year: We will have early dismissal every Wednesday at 1:50PM. Please make note of this weekly schedule change so you can plan accordingly.

To kick things off, we're excited to invite you to our Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday from 3:00–5:00PM. This is a casual, drop-in opportunity for families to visit classrooms, connect with teachers, drop off school supplies, and help your student feel confident and ready for the first day.

We're looking forward to a year of learning, growth, and strong partnerships between home and school. Thank you for being part of our community—we're so glad you're here.

Laurie Caines, Principal

AUGUST

Monday (25)	Office is Open
Tuesday (26)	Office is Open
Wednesday (27)	Office is Open Meet the Teacher @ 3:00-5:00PM
Thursday (28)	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
Friday (29)	



AUGUST

Coming Up this Month

August 26 Professional Learning Day
August 27 Meet the Teacher @ 3:00–5:00PM
August 28 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**



September 1 Labour Day (No School)
September 3 Early Dismissal
September 4 First Day of Kindergarten Busing
September 10 Early Dismissal
September 17 Early Dismissal
September 18 Deadline to Order Hot Lunch
September 24 Grade 1–3 Hot Lunch
September 24 Early Dismissal
September 25 Grade 4–6 & M/Th K Hot Lunch
September 26 Grade 7–9 & T/Fr K Hot Lunch
September 30 National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)

SEPTEMBER

School Supply Lists Available Online!

School supply lists for this school year are posted on our school website. Click [here](#).

Need School Supplies or a Backpack?

If your family could use a little extra support with school supplies or a backpack to start the year, we're here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office at 780-998-2747 or email us at general.sps@eips.ca

All inquiries will be kept confidential.



Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, August 27

3:00-5:00PM

When you arrive, please enter through the main entrance of the school. Our staff will be there to greet you and lend a hand if needed. We encourage students to bring their school supplies, as this is a great chance to drop them off, settle into classrooms, and get ready for the year ahead.

During the event, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Meet your child's teacher
- Visit the classroom and drop off school supplies
- Learn about your child's assigned entrance/exit door.

On Tuesday, August 26, you will receive an email from your child's classroom teacher introducing themselves. They will also provide details about the Meet the Teacher event. We look forward to seeing you there!



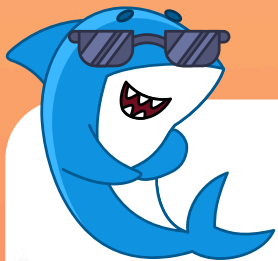


School Start & End Times for 2025-26

Due to recent changes related to early dismissal every Wednesday and transportation needs, our start and end times have changed for this school year.

School will start at 8:05AM and end at 2:50PM each day.

- Outdoor supervision will begin at 7:50AM.
 - School doors open at 8:00AM.
 - Afternoon supervision ends at 3:00PM, so we kindly ask that students are picked up by that time.
- Please see below for our 2025-26 Bell Schedule.



South Pointe School
Bell Schedule
2025/2026

Wednesday

Regular Day		
	7:50 AM	Outside supervision begins.
	8:00 AM	Students may enter the school.
Period 1	8:05 - 9:00	
Period 2	9:00 - 9:55	
AM Break	9:55 - 10:10	
Period 3	10:12 - 11:07	
Lunch	11:07 - 11:47	
Period 4	11:49 - 12:44	
Period 5	12:44 - 1:39	
PM Break	1:39 - 1:54	
Period 6	1:56 - 2:50	
Dismissal	2:50pm	Supervision until 3:00 pm

Early Dismissal Day		
	7:50 AM	Outside supervision begins.
	8:00 AM	Students may enter the school.
Period 1	8:05 - 8:50	
Period 2	8:50 - 9:35	
AM Break	9:35 - 9:50	
Period 3	9:52 - 10:37	
Period 4	10:37 - 11:22	
Lunch	11:22 - 12:02	
Period 5	12:04 - 12:49	
PM Break	12:49 - 1:04	
Period 6	1:06 - 1:50	
Dismissal	1:50pm	Supervision until 2:00 pm.

**WELCOME
TO THE TEAM!**

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING STAFF TO
OUR SCHOOL TEAM THIS YEAR! PLEASE JOIN US IN
GIVING A WARM WELCOME TO:

MR. ZUKIWSKY

MR. DAVIS

MRS. DEJONG (BACK FROM MAT LEAVE)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE POSITIVE IMPACT THEY'LL
HAVE ON OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL THIS YEAR!

FASS/School Council Info

ONE YEAR, BIG IMPACT - JOIN US AT SOUTHPOINTE

We're looking for new parent volunteers to help make SouthPointe a vibrant place
for students next year—as many current Council and FASS members have
graduating kids.

All positions are for just one school year and include roles like:

School Council: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

FASS: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Hot Lunch & Donation
Coordinators

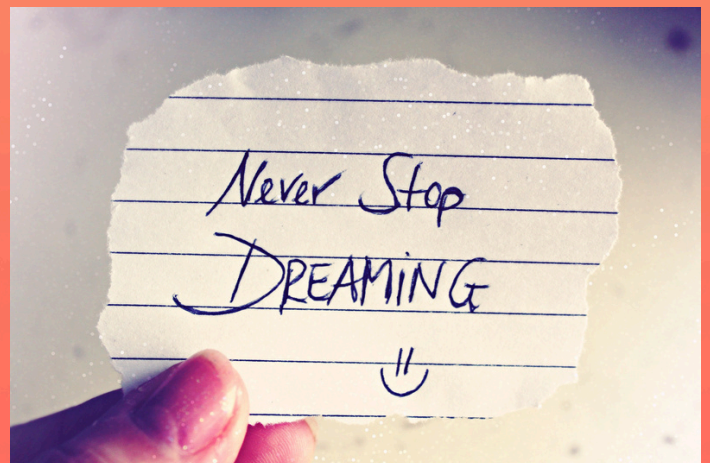
You'll be part of a supportive team that helps keep programs like hot lunch and
special events running. Without volunteers, some of these may not continue.

Interested?

✉ FASS: president.fass@gmail.com

✉ Council: southpointeschool.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Get involved—just one year makes a big difference!



News from EIPS

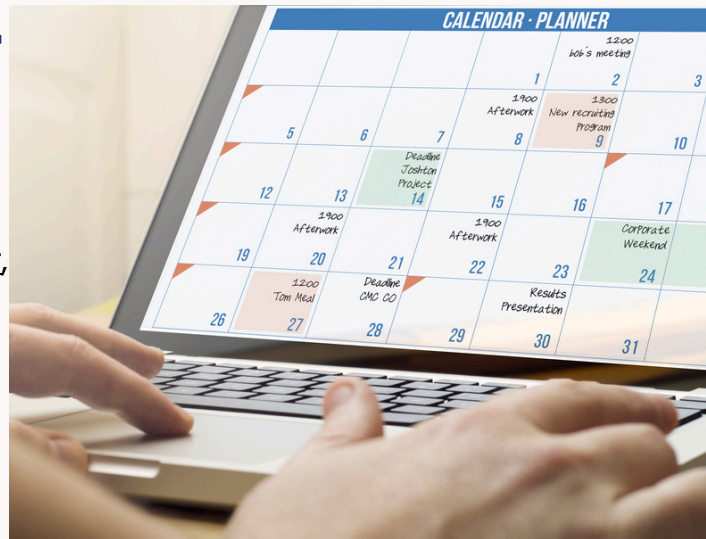


Download these bus apps for a successful ride!

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.

Sync the School Calendar to Your Calendar

Did you know you can sync the school calendar to your own calendar? Simply, visit <https://www.southpointeschool.ca/about/calendar>, click on "Subscribe to Calendar" and follow the instructions. Within seconds, your calendar will contain all SouthPointe's important dates including holidays, school-closures days, planned activities and events, and it will remain synced with all the latest updates throughout the school year.



Pay School Fees Online!

Wondering when and how to pay for school fees? School fee information for the 2025-26 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. 15, 2025.**

For more information, visit SouthPointe's School Fees page on our school website. Alternatively, contact Chantelle Grieve at SouthPointe at 780-998-2747.

Video Surveillance at Schools and 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 Protection of Privacy 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 Privacy Officer at 780-464-3477.

