

Shark Bites NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

We're thrilled to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year! It's been a fantastic first two days back, and it's been wonderful to see our students filling the hallways with energy and excitement.

A big thank-you to everyone who joined us for Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday—we truly enjoyed talking with so many families and continuing to build those important connections that support student success.

Our Kindergarten students have begun their staggered entry, and we're looking forward to having everyone join us full-time next week. Schedule A Kindergarten students will begin full days on Thursday, September 4, and Schedule B will start on Friday, September 5.

We're already looking ahead to an exciting year of learning, growth, and school spirit.

Volleyball tryouts for our junior high teams will be held Tuesday after school, and we encourage interested students to come out and get involved!

Here's to a positive and successful year ahead—we're so glad to have you as part of our SouthPointe community!

Laurie Caines, Principal

SEPTEMBER

Monday (1)	No School (Labour Day)
Tuesday (2)	All Teams Volleyball Tryouts @ 3:00-4:30PM Schedule B Kindergarten Last Name N-Z @ 9:00-11:00AM
Wednesday (3)	Schedule A Kindergarten Last Name P-Z @ 9:00-11:00AM Welcome Week Activities Sr Boys & Girls Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM
Thursday (4)	Welcome Week Activities Jr Team Call Backs @ Lunch Sr Boys & Girls Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM
Friday (5)	Welcome Week Activities Sr Girls Practice @ Lunch

SEPTEMBER

Coming Up this Month

September 1	Labour Day (No School)
September 3-5	Welcome Week Activities
September 3	Early Dismissal
September 4	First Day of Kindergarten Busing
September 4	Full Day Kindergarten Begins for Schedule A
September 5	Full Day Kindergarten Begins for Schedule B
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)

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to DOW, United Way & Fort Saskatchewan RCMP for collecting and donating school supplies for our students!



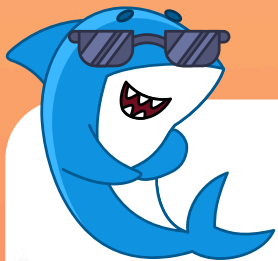


School Start & End Times for 2025-26

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.

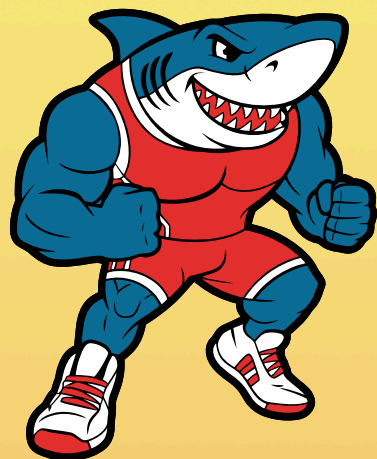


South Pointe School
Bell Schedule
2025/2026

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.



SHARKS ATHLETICS

Monday (1)

Tuesday (2)

All Teams Volleyball Tryouts @ 3:00-4:30PM

Wednesday (3)

Sr Boys & Girls Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM

THURSDAY (4)

Jr Team Call Backs @ Lunch

Sr Boys & Girls Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM

FRIDAY (5)

Sr Girls Practice @ Lunch

**WORK HARD
PLAY HARD**



**BRING YOUR
OWN WATER BOTTLE**

To stay hydrated throughout the day, please ensure your child brings a labeled, non-glass water bottle to school. There are numerous water fountains with water bottle dispensers around the school, so refilling is easy! This not only helps keep them refreshed but also reduces waste, making a positive impact on our environment! Thank you for your support!



**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



FASS MEET & GREET - LEARN ABOUT OPEN POSITIONS!

Thanks to the strong interest in our open FASS positions, we're hosting a Meet & Greet to share more details and introduce you to our current volunteers.

 Where: 4 Becker Cres

 When: Wednesday, September 3 |  5:00–6:00 PM

 Snacks Provided!

Come learn about available roles on the FASS Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) and Coordinator positions (Hot Lunch, Donations, Volunteers).

Note: Board positions must be filled before coordinator roles.

Outgoing members will support all new volunteers.

Questions? Email Laelia at president.fass@gmail.com

News from EIPS

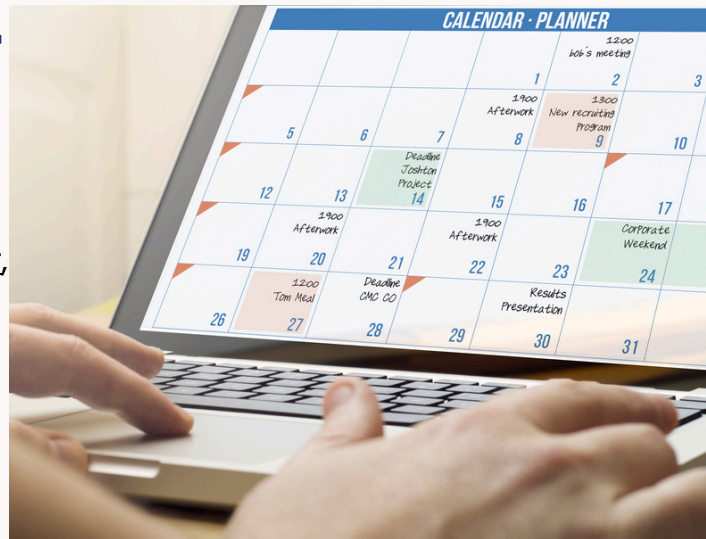


Download these bus apps for a successful ride!

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.

