

Shark Bites

NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

We're now into our third week of school, and it's been great to see students settling into routines, reconnecting with friends, and diving into learning with positive energy. The building is full of that early-year buzz, and we're excited for what's ahead. Our Junior High volleyball teams have been finalized—congratulations to all who tried out! Best of luck to our Senior teams as they head into their first tournament this weekend. Go Sharks!

Extracurriculars like band and clubs will be rolling out soon—we encourage all students to get involved and try something new.

Save the date: Our first School Council/FASS Meeting is planned for September 23 at 5:15PM in Room #159.

Also, our Terry Fox Run will take place on September 19—we are encouraging all students to wear red and white.

Thanks for your continued support—we're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Laurie Caines, Principal



NEXT WEEK

Monday (15)	Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ Lunch Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM
Tuesday (16)	Gr 4/5/6 Choir @ Lunch Recess Junior High Band @ 3:00-4:00PM Sr Girls Volleyball Game @ SPS @ 4:00PM Sr Boys Volleyball Game @ SPS @ 5:00PM
Wednesday (17)	Early Dismissal @ 1:50PM Sr Girls Volleyball Practice @ Lunch Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM
Thursday (18)	Deadline to Order Hot Lunch @ Noon Gr 6 Hand Chimes @ Lunch Recess EIAA Jr Volleyball Tournament (Girls @ SPS & Boys @ JP11)
Friday (19)	Terry Fox Run Wear Red & White Day EIAA Jr Volleyball Tournament (Girls @ SPS & Boys @ JP11)

Canteen Opens

SEPTEMBER

Coming Up this Month

September 16	Canteen Open at Lunch
September 17	Early Dismissal
September 18	Deadline to Order Hot Lunch
September 19	Terry Fox Run
September 19	Wear Red & White
September 23	School Council/FASS Meeting @ 5:15PM
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 29	Wear Orange Shirt Day
September 30	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (No School)



October 1	Early Dismissal
October 3	Professional Learning Day (No School)

OCTOBER

Terry Fox Run

We're excited for our annual Terry Fox Run happening on **Thursday, September 19!** Here's what you need to know:

- Fundraising is now open! Support your child's classroom by donating through the SPS Terry Fox Donation Page (each class has its own team link that teachers will be sending out).
- Students are also welcome to bring in cash donations as part of our "Toonies for Terry" campaign – every little bit helps!
- Our school goal this year is \$6000. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of \$5437!
- The top three fundraising classes will earn a pizza party, and the top student fundraiser will win a Terry Fox t-shirt.
- Encourage your child to wear red, white, Canadian, or Terry Fox-themed clothing on run day!
- The run will take place on our usual outdoor route, and students will watch a few short Terry Fox videos before heading outside.

Thank you for supporting cancer research and keeping Terry's legacy alive. Go Sharks!

Note:

September's Hot Lunch online ordering is now open

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

****Deadline to order is SEPTEMBER 18****

September Hot Lunch

☀ Grades 1-3	24 Sept
☀ Grades 4-6 and Mon/Th K	25 Sept
☀ Grades 7-9 and Tues/Fr K	26 Sept



**"I wanted to set an example that would never be forgotten."
- Terry Fox**

Meet Our Staff

for 2025-2026



Elementary

Ms. Henderson (ECS)
Ms. Salkeld (ECS)
Mrs. Gulseth (1JG)
Mrs. Gacek (1RG)
Ms. Sheridan (1S)
Mrs. de Jong (2D)
Mrs. Lechelt (2L)
Mrs. Foster (3F)
Ms. Germaine (3G)
Ms. Oram (3O)
Mr. Zukiwsky (3Z)
Mrs. Beasley (4B)
Mr. Davis (4D)
Mrs. Estey (4E)
Ms. Bossert (5B)
Mr. Epp (5E)
Ms. Ward (5W)
Ms. Hartwick (6KH)
Mr. Henderson (6RH)
Mrs. Percy (6P)
Ms. Yule (Music)
TBD (Library)

Admin Team

Mrs. Caines (Principal)
Mr. Giesbrecht (Assistant Principal)
Mrs. Nelson (Assistant Principal)
Mr. Frimpong (Counsellor)

Junior High

Ms. Connors
Mrs. Dallyn
Mr. Kokotailo
Ms. Lichak
Ms. Louma
Ms. McKee
Mr. Nyznyk
Mr. Sudyk

Educational Assistants

Mrs. Butler
Mrs. Dykstra
Mrs. Elmore
Mrs. Hamilton
Ms. Hammel
Mrs. Kenny
Mrs. Pitters
Mrs. Scott
Ms. Wishloff
Mrs. Zielinski

On Mat Leave

Mrs. Jefferis (1RG)
Mrs. Das (5W)

Office Staff

Mrs. Marshall (Secretary)
Mrs. Ferris (Registrar)
Mrs. Grieve (Business Manager)
Ms. Mary (Custodian)

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." — Helen Keller



Counsellor's Corner...

Welcome Back Students & Families!



As we step into a brand-new school year, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our students—whether you're returning or joining us for the first time. The beginning of the year marks a fresh chapter, filled with possibilities, growth, and connection.

School can be exciting, challenging, and sometimes overwhelming. As your school counsellor, I'm here to support you through it all—whether you need someone to talk to, help navigating friendships, or strategies to manage stress and stay organized.

This year, we'll be focusing on building resilience, setting meaningful goals, and creating a school environment where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.

Parents and guardians, I look forward to partnering with you to help your child thrive socially, emotionally, and academically. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Let's make this year one of growth, kindness, and confidence.

All the best, Mr. Frimpong



If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Frimpong any time at kofi.frimpong@eips.ca

SCHOOL PHOTOS!

October 21, 22 & 23

Get ready to smile! School photos will be taken on October 21, 22, and 23. Class photo dates will be shared in an upcoming newsletter and posted on our school website. Stay tuned for more details!



Grateful at the Pointe....

Welcome to “Grateful at the Pointe”, a weekly spotlight where our SouthPointe staff and students share what they’re thankful for — and we hope it inspires your family to reflect on what you're grateful for, too.

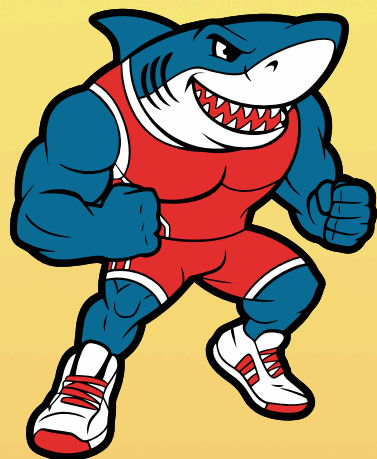


I am grateful for all the amazing colleagues in my life ✨
Thank you for being such wonderful characters in my story.
My book is an adventure—so hold on tight, and let’s keep exploring this incredible world together!

-Mrs. Ferris



WELCOME WEEK



SHARKS ATHLETICS

Monday (15)

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

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Sr Girls Volleyball Game @ SPS vs FSC @ 4:00PM
Sr Boys Volleyball Game @ SPS vs FSC @ 5:00PM

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Jr Boys & Girls Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM

THURSDAY (18)

EIAA Jr Volleyball Tournament (Girls @ SPS & Boys @ JP II)

FRIDAY (19)

EIAA Jr Volleyball Tournament (Girls @ SPS & Boys @ JP II)



*GOOD
Luck!*

MUSIC

Exciting music clubs are starting next week — encourage your child to join the fun!

- Gr 4/5/6 Choir – TUESDAYS at lunch recess
- Gr. 6 Hand Chime Club – THURSDAYS at lunch recess
- Junior High Band – TUESDAYS after school until 4:00 PM

No experience needed — just bring your enthusiasm! A great way to make friends, build confidence, and explore music!

These are great ways for students to make new friends, build confidence, and explore the joy of music. Encourage your child to check them out — we'd love to see them there!



FASS/School Council Info



HOT LUNCH HELPERS NEEDED – WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP!

Our Hot Lunch Program is a big hit with students (and staff!) — but we can't do it without our amazing volunteers! If you're a parent, grandparent, or caregiver with a bit of time to spare, we'd love to have you join us.

We're looking for help during the following dates:

☛ **September 24, 25 & 26**

☛ **October 22, 23 & 24**

☛ **November 26, 27 & 28**

It's a fun way to connect with the school community, see the kids' smiling faces, and be part of something special. If you're available to lend a hand, please email Amanda, our Hot Lunch Coordinator, at spschoolhotlunch@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping make this program a success!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 24, 25 & 26 11:15AM - 1:15PM in Room 101 (School Council Room)
Please attend!



HOT LUNCH

How to Order:

1. Create an account (or log in) at spschool.hotlunches.net
2. Add your child(ren) and update their new teacher info.
3. Place your order and pay online with PayPal (guest checkout available).
4. Unpaid orders will be automatically cancelled after the deadline.

If Your Child is Sick:

Call the school office.

No refunds are given for absences on hot lunch days.

Need to Cancel or Make Changes?

You can edit or cancel your order before the deadline.

✓ Refunds for cancelled orders are added as a credit for future use.

✗ No changes or cancellations after the deadline.

REMINDER:
Please still send
SNACKS on Hot
Lunch Day

September:



STUDENT SAFETY

Welcome, Constable Ann – Our School Resource Officer!

We're excited to welcome Constable Ann from the Fort Saskatchewan RCMP as our School Resource Officer again this year! She'll be visiting our school throughout the year to connect with students and staff, helping to build positive relationships and support a safe, welcoming school environment.



Arrival, Dismissal, and Early Pick-Up Reminders



To help keep everyone safe and our school running smoothly, here are a few important reminders:

All doors to the school are locked during the day. In the mornings, teachers greet their classes at their assigned doors and bring students into the building together. Please make sure your child uses their designated door when arriving and leaving school.

If your child arrives after 8:05AM, they'll need to come through the main entrance on Allard Way, as all other doors will be locked. They must stop by the office to sign in before heading to class.

Picking your child up early? Please let both your child's teacher and the office know in advance by emailing us at general.sps@eips.ca. When you arrive, you can come into the main office to sign your child out.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our school safe and organized!

We Are a Nut-Aware School

A friendly reminder to all families that we are a nut-aware school. To help keep all of our students safe—especially those with severe allergies—we ask that you avoid sending foods that contain peanuts or tree nuts in your child's lunch or snacks.

Thank you for helping us create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone!



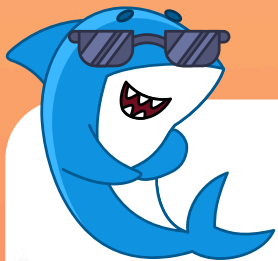


School Start & End Times for 2025-26

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.



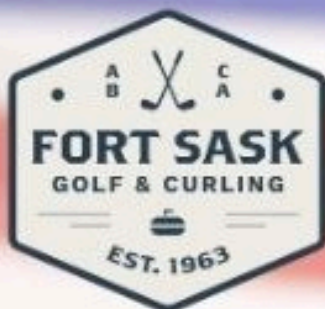
South Pointe School
Bell Schedule
2025/2026

EVERY
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.

Community NEWS



Junior Curling in Fort Sask!

Looking for something for the kids to do this winter? Our fall session of Junior Curling starts October 28, 2025. (All equipment is provided)

Early Bird Rate: \$80 (until Sept. 26th)

After Sept. 26th: \$100 (plus gst)

Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 pm, 8 weeks

Ages 8 - 14

Visit our website at
www.fortsaskgolf.com for more
information.

Call (780)998-3372 or email
fortsaskgolfcurling@shaw.ca to
register.

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 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.

