

# Shark Bites NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

## Principal's Message

It's hard to believe we're already heading into Week 4! The energy around the school continues to be amazing as students and staff settle into routines and classrooms are buzzing with learning, creativity, and connection.

This week, we came together as a school community to honour the legacy of Terry Fox. It was truly heartwarming to see our students and staff dressed in red and white, running and walking together to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. Terry's message of hope, courage, and determination continues to inspire us all—thank you to everyone who participated and donated.

Looking ahead, we have a few exciting things coming up next week! On Tuesday at 5:15 PM, we invite all parents and caregivers to join us for our School Council/FASS meeting. It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and work together to make SouthPointe the best it can be for our kids. Whether you're a regular attendee or considering coming for the first time, we'd love to see you there!

Next week also brings a favourite for many students—our first Hot Lunch days of the year on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday! Thank you to our amazing volunteers and organizers who help make this happen.

As always, thank you for being a part of our vibrant and caring school community. We're so glad to be on this journey together and look forward to all the great things ahead!

Laurie Caines, Principal



## NEXT WEEK

Monday (22)	Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM
Tuesday (23) <i>Canteen Open!</i>	Gr 4/5/6 Choir @ Lunch Recess Junior High Band @ 3:00-4:00PM Sr Girls/Boys Volleyball Game @ FTV @ 4:00PM/5:00PM School Council/FASS Meeting @ 5:15PM
Wednesday (24)	Early Dismissal @ 1:50PM Gr 1-3 Hot Lunch Sr Boys & Girls SPS Invitational Tournament @ SPS
Thursday (25)	Gr 4-6 & M/Th Hot Lunch Gr 6 Hand Chimes @ Lunch Recess Jr Girls/Boys Volleyball Game @ HR @ 4:00PM/5:00PM Sr Girls/Boys Volleyball Game @ SPS @ 4:00PM/5:00PM <i>Fall Family Gathering</i>
Friday (26)	Sr Boys & Girls SPS Invitational Tournament @ SPS

# SEPTEMBER

Coming Up this Month

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 25	EIPS Indigenous Fall Family Gathering @ 6:00PM @ West River's Edge
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 8	Early Dismissal
October 13	Thanksgiving (No School)
October 15	Early Dismissal

# OCTOBER

## Terry Fox Run



Thank You for Supporting Our Terry Fox Run!  
A huge thank you to our incredible school community for the amazing support of this year's Terry Fox Run! Students and staff proudly wore red and white as they ran, walked, and cheered each other on in honour of Terry's legacy. The beautiful fall weather made it a perfect day to come together for a great cause. Stay tuned — we'll be announcing the total amount raised next week!

Thank you for helping us keep Terry's dream alive.

### Note:

Stay tuned for upcoming Hot Lunch details.

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



LET'S  
**RAISE**  
SOME DOUGH!

COBS BREAD



## **RAISE SOME DOUGH FOR SOUTHPOINTE SCHOOL!**

**DO YOU SHOP AT COBS BREAD IN FORT SASKATCHEWAN? IF SO, THERE'S AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WHILE PICKING UP YOUR FAVOURITE BAKED GOODS!**

**SIMPLY MENTION "SOUTHPOINTE SCHOOL" AT THE CHECKOUT, AND COBS BREAD WILL DONATE 5% OF YOUR PURCHASE BACK TO OUR SCHOOL! IT'S THAT SIMPLE — NO EXTRA COST TO YOU!**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HELPING SOUTHPOINTE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME. COBS BREAD IS COMMITTED TO GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT SUPPORT THEM, AND WE'RE GRATEFUL TO BE PART OF THAT PARTNERSHIP.**

**LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH TOGETHER!**

# CANTEEN

**FOR THIS FALL & WINTER, THE CANTEEN  
WILL BE OPEN TO STUDENTS IN  
GRADES 1-9 ON TUESDAYS ONLY.**

**PRICES:**

CHOCOLATE BAR - \$2.00

CHIPS - \$1.50

HOT ROD - \$1.00

CHEEZIES - \$1.50

WELCH'S - \$0.50

WAGON WHEEL - \$0.50

HI-CHEWS - \$0.75

GATORADE - \$2.00

WATER - \$1.00

JUICE - \$1.00

SKITTLES - \$2.00

BUBLY - \$1.25

MINI EGGS - \$2.00



# Counsellor's Corner...

## Canteen Helpers and D & D Club



As we settle into the school year, I'm thrilled to share two fantastic ways for students to get involved, build friendships, and grow their confidence:

### Dungeons & Dragons Club – Imagination Meets Strategy!

Do you love storytelling, fantasy, or solving problems as part of a team? The Dungeons & Dragons Club is back and open to junior high students who want to explore magical worlds, create characters, and work together to overcome challenges. Whether you're a brave wizard, a clever rogue, or just someone who wants to try something new, this is a great space to connect and have fun. No experience needed—just curiosity and a sense of adventure! Meeting times have yet to be determined, stay tuned.

### Canteen Helpers

Looking for a way to give back to the school community? Our Canteen Helper Program is a great opportunity for students to develop responsibility, teamwork, and customer service skills.

- Open to Grades 6–9
- Shifts available during lunch breaks

If your child is interested in either opportunity, they can stop by my office for more information. Let's make this year one of connection, creativity, and growth!

**If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to  
Mr. Frimpong any time at [kofi.frimpong@eips.ca](mailto: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 so grateful for all of YOU! This wonderful community that I consider my Shark family. Thank you all for being my daily blessing.  
-Ms. Hammel



EIPS Fort Saskatchewan Indigenous

## Fall Family Gathering

Join EIPS Fort Saskatchewan First Nation, Métis, and Inuit families for a night of connection of the land.

Please bring a lawn chair and come enjoy this special gathering.

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

6:00 – 7:30 pm

West River's Edge Pavillion



## Bridging Cultures: First Nation, Metis, Inuit Learning at SouthPointe

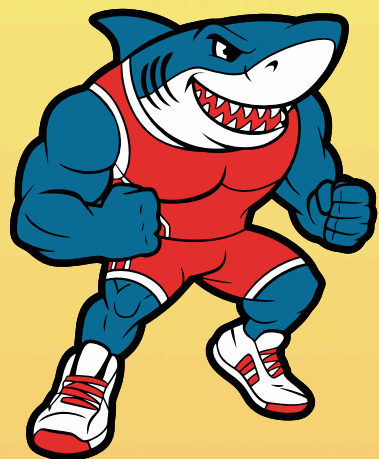
### *The Talking Stick*

September 2025

We are proud to share our District's First Nations, Métis and Inuit Newsletter — a great resource to learn about the initiatives, stories, and voices of our Indigenous communities. You can read the latest issue [here](#).

Stay tuned — there is rich history, inspiring student work, and ways to be involved in supporting Indigenous education in every issue.





## SHARKS ATHLETICS

### **Monday (22)**

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

### **Tuesday (23)**

Sr Girls Volleyball Game @ FTV @ 4:00PM

Sr Boys Volleyball Game @ FTV @ 5:00PM

### **Wednesday (24)**

SPS Sr Boys & Girls Invitational  
Tournament @ SPS

### **Thursday (25)**

Jr Girls Volleyball Game @ HR @ 4:00PM

Jr Boys Volleyball Game @ HR @ 5:00PM

Sr Girls Volleyball Game @ SPS vs SAB @ 4:00PM

Sr Boys Volleyball Game @ SPS vs SAB @ 5:00PM

### **Friday (26)**

SPS Sr Boys & Girls Invitational  
Tournament @ SPS



## MUSIC

Exciting Music Clubs available at SouthPointe:

- 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](mailto: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](https://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:





# What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...

In honor of International Dot Day on September 15, 1JG & 1S let their creativity shine by creating vibrant and imaginative Dot Art! Inspired by the story "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. Each dot is a unique masterpiece that shows how even the smallest mark can lead to something beautiful. Thanks for sharing 1JG & 1S!



**Celebrating International Dot Day  
with Class 1JG & 1S**

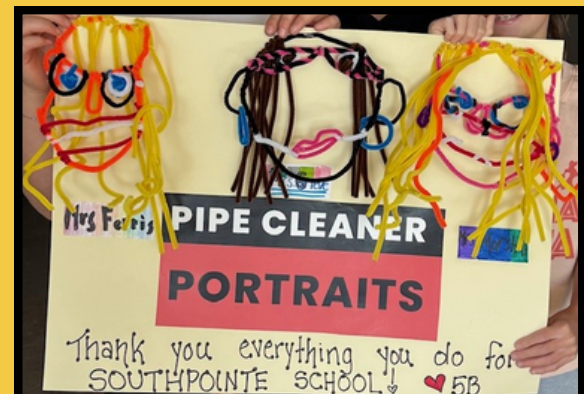


## Who Wore It Best?

It was a twinning moment at school last week when two of our teachers showed up in matching shirts – completely by accident! Great minds really do think alike! Moments like these remind us that a strong school spirit (and a great sense of style!) brings us all together.



**5B's Pipe Cleaner Portraits – Celebrating Our  
School Community!**



Class 5B got crafty and creative by making unique portraits out of pipe cleaners – and they didn't stop at just their classmates! As a special gesture of appreciation, they also created portraits of our amazing office staff! Thanks 5B!

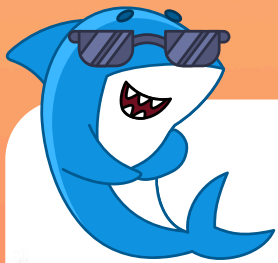


# School Start & End Times for 2025-26

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](http://www.fortsaskgolf.com) for more  
information.

Call (780)998-3372 or email  
[fortsaskgolfcurling@shaw.ca](mailto: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.

