

Shark Bites NEWSLETTER

SouthPointe School

Principal's Message

As we head into the final days of September, I want to take a moment to thank you for the dedication, energy, and positivity our students and staff have brought to the start of this school year.

Next week, we will take time to recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. This important day honors the history, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in Canada, while also acknowledging the lasting impacts of residential schools. At SouthPointe, students will engage in activities and discussions that help us listen, learn, and strengthen our commitment to reconciliation.

On **September 29**, we encourage all students and staff to participate in **Orange Shirt Day** by wearing **orange**. Originating from the experiences of Survivors, Orange Shirt Day is a powerful reminder that *Every Child Matters*. It honors those who attended residential schools, their families, and their communities, and calls us all to build a future rooted in respect and understanding.

Please note there is **no school on September 30 in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**. We encourage families to take this time for reflection, conversation, and learning together.

Thank you for being part of our compassionate and committed school community. Together, we continue to grow as a school that values respect, inclusion, and understanding.

Laurie Caines Principal, SouthPointe School

NEXT WEEK



Monday (29)	Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM Orange Shirt Day
Tuesday (30)	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation No School
Wednesday (1)	Early Dismissal @ 1:50PM Sr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:30PM
Thursday (2)	Gr 6 Hand Chimes @ Lunch Recess Jr Boys & Girls Volleyball Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM Sr Girls/Boys Volleyball Game @ LAM @ 4:00PM/5:00PM
Friday (3)	Professional Learning Day - No School

SEPTEMBER

Coming Up this Month

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 16 Hot Lunch Deadline at 12:00PM
October 18 FASS Bottle Drive Fundraiser
October 20 Municipal Election
October 21 School Photo Day for KBH, KBS and Grades 1-4
October 21 Gr. 5 Community Building
October 22 School Photo Day for Grades 5-9
October 22 Gr 1-3 Hot Lunch Day
October 22 Early Dismissal
October 23 School Photo Day for KAH
October 23 Gr 4-6 & M/Th Hot Lunch Day
October 24 Gr 7-9 & T/Fr Hot Lunch Day

OCTOBER



Thank You for your support!
With your help, we were
able to raise \$3831.15

Terry Fox Run



Congrats to Eva Litt in 3G for
raising the most money in
our school for Terry Fox!

****Deadline to order Hot Lunch for October is on October 16th at 12:00PM****

Note:

Please remember to
update your child's
grade and teacher when
ordering hot lunch. This
helps us deliver meals to
the correct classroom.

October Hot Lunch

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

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

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 5-9 **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...

♥ Honoring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – September 30



On September 30, our school community will observe Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time to reflect on the legacy of residential schools and honour the children, families, and communities affected.

This day is also known as Orange Shirt Day, inspired by the story of Phyllis Webstad, whose orange shirt was taken from her on her first day at a residential school. It serves as a powerful symbol of the loss, resilience, and ongoing journey toward healing and justice for Indigenous peoples.

Throughout the week, students will engage in age-appropriate learning activities that explore:

- The history and impact of residential schools
- Indigenous voices, cultures, and contributions
- The importance of reconciliation and respectful relationships

We encourage all students and staff to wear orange on September 30 to show solidarity and support. Families are invited to continue these conversations at home and explore resources that deepen understanding of Indigenous history and perspectives.

Let us walk together in the spirit of reconciliation, with open hearts and a commitment to learning.



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



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

Get ready to smile!

School photos will be taken on:

**October 21 – Photos for KBH, KBS,
and students in Grades 1–4**

**October 22 – Photos for students
in Grades 5–9**

October 23 – Photos for KAH



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 sports!
Especially baseball.
-Bryer E



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Community Events

September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a time to reflect, learn, and honor the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, particularly Survivors of residential schools, their families, and communities.

Looking for meaningful ways to participate as a family?

The City of Fort Saskatchewan is offering several community events and activities.

You can find a full list here:

👉 [Things to Do in Fort Sask - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

We encourage families to take part in these events as we continue our journey of learning, understanding, and reconciliation together.

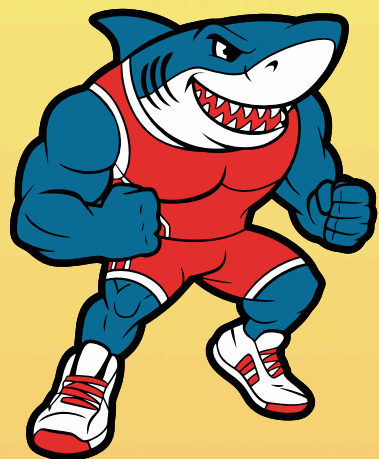
Bridging Cultures: First Nation, Metis, Inuit Learning at SouthPointe

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 (29)

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

Tuesday (30)

Wednesday (1)

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

THURSDay (2)

Jr Boys & Girls Practice @ 3:00-4:15PM
Sr Girls Volleyball Game @ LAM @ 4:00PM
Sr Boys Volleyball Game @ LAM @ 5:00PM

FRIDay (3)



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!



HOT LUNCH 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:

☞ **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!

How to Order Hot Lunch:

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 to make arrangements.

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.

**Orders must be placed by Thursday at noon the week before hot lunch is served.

REMINDER:
Please still send
SNACKS on Hot
Lunch Day

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH

Tim Hortons & Papa John's – October 22, 23 & 24

Order deadline: Thursday, October 16 @ Noon

Don't forget to update your child's grade and teacher when ordering to ensure correct delivery!

FASS/School Council Info



Get Involved - Fundraising Society Updates

Want to stay connected and make a real impact at our school? Join our Fundraising Society!

Our **Annual General Meeting** is coming up on **Thursday, October 23 at 5:15PM**. Elections for new positions will be held, and we're still looking for a Canteen Coordinator to help organize snacks and meals during school sports tournaments and special events (6–8 per year). This fun, hands-on role involves planning menus, restocking supplies, and coordinating volunteers—a great way to get involved and support our students!

Joining is easy—just fill out this quick form:

<https://forms.gle/rpyBlw9i7ot4fwuJ9> to be added to our mailing list for monthly updates and meeting minutes.

Upcoming Fundraisers

Bottle Drive – Saturday, October 18

Clear out those recyclables and help raise funds for our school! Volunteers are needed—please email president.fass@gmail.com if you can lend a hand.



BearTracks Ice Melt – Coming Late October

Back by popular demand! Order through hot lunch or pick up buckets during parent–teacher interviews. Stock up before winter hits and support our school at the same time!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

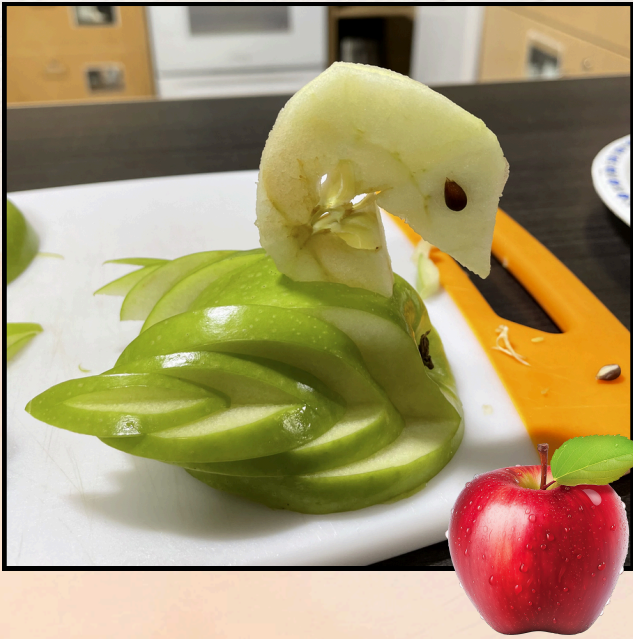
Thursday, October 23rd at 5:15PM

All caregivers welcome to attend!

This will be our Annual General Meeting



What's Happening AROUND SOUTHPOINTE...



This week, Grade 8s got fancy in World of Foods—check out these elegant apple swans! Culinary creativity at its finest!

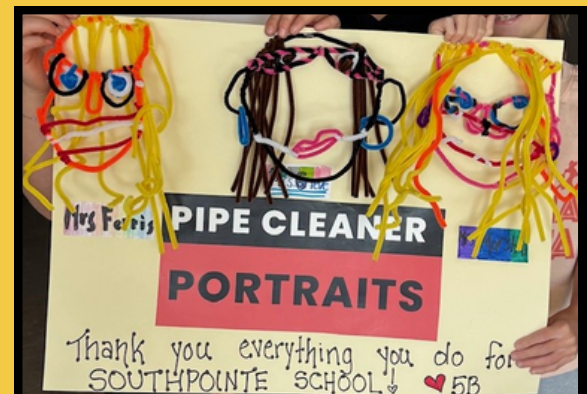
Who Wore It Best?

It was a twinning moment at school 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!

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.

