



St. Elias Community School

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Welcome back to a new and exciting school year ahead! We hope all our families have had an enjoyable summer vacation and we look forward to hearing of the memorable events.

This year brings some exciting changes to the building! Over the summer we've had renovations to increase much needed classroom space. The science lab has been updated to create a more modern learning space, and Room 3 has been renovated into a new classroom for the Gr. 3/4 class.

Join us in welcoming some returning and some new teachers this year. Madelyn Flood joins us this year as the Gr. 3/4 teacher. Ms. Flood joins us from Beaver Creek where she taught at Nelna Bessie John School. Daniel Sharpe joins us as a high-school teacher. Mr. Sharpe taught in Nunavut for the past 3 years. Sherri Cooper returns as our Reading Recovery teacher, and Rosemary Buck returns as our Counsellor. Danielle Bray has joined the team as an Education Assistant, and we are still in the process of hiring one more EA. Ms. Vivian returns to support our Southern Tutchone program while the position is posted. Welcome everyone! We look forward to a great year with you on board!

As our school population grows, we have adjusted class compositions to accommodate the number of students in each grade. Teaching assignments for elementary classes are: Ms. Primozic - K4/Kg, Mr. Drummond - Gr.1, Ms. Cheetham - Gr.2, Ms. Flood - Gr. 3/4, Ms. Burton - Gr. 4/5 and Mr. Voogd - Gr. 6/7.

We are excited to welcome a few new students as well. New additions to our school in K4 are Ila, Rowan, A.J., Jacob, Len and Evelyn. New to our Kindergarten class we have Louis and Indyana. Welcome to all of you, we hope you enjoy your experience here at SECS.

Please know that parents are welcome to drop into the school or to make appointments with their child's teachers to discuss student achievement, ask questions or share concerns. Staff are always available to discuss student progress with parents. Student success is our main priority. We look forward to seeing you soon!

K4 Student Start Date:

The K4 students will have their first day of school on Monday September 9, 2019. K4 class starts at 1:05 and goes to 3:15 Monday to Thursday each week. There is no school for K4 on Fridays.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 2 – Labour Day, no classes.
- Sept. 4 – SECS/Community BBQ.
- Sept. 9 – K4 Students start classes.
- Sept. 16-21 – Sr. REM at SECS.
- Sept. 25 – Terry Fox Run.

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Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club is a program supported by SECS School Council and coordinated by Jeannine St. Marie and many staff and community volunteers. Breakfast Club is open every morning from 8:00 – 8:25am, and students are welcome to join us for a healthy breakfast before starting their classes. If you are interested in supporting the Breakfast Club, please contact Jeannine St. Marie at 332-5220.

Lunch Hour at S.E.C.S

St. Elias School's lunch room is a busy place at lunch hour. **The noon hour lunch program is for students from out of town and bus students.** We currently have over 35 out of town and bus students staying for lunch on a daily basis.

Students who live in town go home for lunch. We understand, on occasion, parents who live in town are not able to provide lunch due to meetings or being away. It is important that we ensure adequate supervision is available in the lunchroom each day, so we ask on these occasions that parents please notify the school in advance to have their child added to the lunchroom list for that day, and send a lunch with their child.

We encourage parents to send lunches that do not require cooking preparation. Two microwaves are available to reheat meals, but food requiring longer time to cook tie up the microwaves. Thank you for your cooperation.



Nut Free School:

A reminder to parents that SECS is a nut free school. We ask that snacks and lunches you send for your student or the classroom do not contain nuts or nut products. Thank you for your understanding.

Cell Phone Policy:

Our current cell phone use policy is under review for the 2019/20 school year. Staff have noticed that cell phone use has increased the distraction from learning. Over the next few weeks, students will be invited to be part of the review discussion.

For the time being, students may use their phone at the following locations in SECS: high school boot room and at their locker. Cell phones may be used before 8:30, during morning break, during lunch and after 3:15. We ask that if parents/guardians need to connect with your youth during class time, please call the school and we will assist in getting messages to students.

SECS Community Gathering:

Students and their parents are invited to attend our annual Meet & Greet BBQ Wednesday Sept. 4th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm on the playground at the school. Please bring your potlatch bags and join us for this always fun event!

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Student Drop Off Zone:

Student safety is a priority at our school. The student drop-off zone created in front of the school on St. Elias Street is in place to increase the safety of our students being dropped off and picked up from school.

Parents are asked to enter onto St. Elias Street from Karmen Street, and pull into the drop-off zone in front of the school. Please do not park in the drop off lane. Please use the parking lots at either end of the school if you need to get out of your vehicle to enter the school.

To ensure the safety of students getting on or off the School Bus, parents who use the parking lot at the west end of the school are reminded to please **enter from St. Elias Street and exit onto Bakke Street.**

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to our students' safety.

BELL SCHEDULE: 2019 – 2020 School Year					
First bell to enter school rings at 8:20 a.m.					
Morning:	Begin	End	Afternoon:	Begin	End
Period 1	8:30	9:10	<i>LUNCH</i>	<i>12:05</i>	<i>1:05</i>
Period 2	9:10	9:50	Period 6	1:05	1:50
<i>RECESS</i>	<i>9:50</i>	<i>10:05</i>	Period 7	1:50	2:30
Period 3	10:05	10:45	Period 8	2:30	3:15
Period 4	10:45	11:25			
Period 5	11:25	12:05			

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2019-2020 – SEMESTER ONE SCHEDULE

Kgtn. Rm. 6 Monica Primozic
Gr. 1 Rm. 112 Lee Drummond
Gr. 2 Rm. 111 Karmen Cheetham
Gr. 3/4 Rm. 3 Madelyn Flood
Gr. 4/5 Rm. 7 Selena Burton
Gr. 6/7 Rm. 8 Bryce Voogd
Counsellor: Rosemary Buck

Learning Assistance: Eleanor Charlton
E.A.S: Cindi Cowie, Christine Drinnan, Jina Kirk, Erika Miller, Kim Oakley, Raven Padmos, Jenna Peterson, Martin Samis, Dianna Symanski, Mishka Soter, Danielle Bray
Reading Recovery: Sherri Cooper
Southern Tutchone: Amanda Workman

1/ 8:30 – 9:10			2/ 9:10 – 9:50		
Socials 8	CO	Rm. 5	Socials 8	CO	Rm. 5
Eng. 9	KS	Rm. 4	Eng. 9	KS	Rm. 4
Science 10	MA	Rm. 9	Science 10	MA	Rm. 9
WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab
Career Life Connections 11/12	DS	Art Rm.	Career Life Connections 11/12	DS	Art Rm.
P.E. 4/5	SB	Gym	S.T. 4/5	AW	Rm. 1
			P.E. 6/7	BV	Gym
3/ 10:05 – 10:45			4/ 10:45 – 11:25		
Career Ed 8	CO	Rm. 5	ADST 8	CO	Rm. 5
Drama 9	KS	Rm. 4	Career Ed 9	DS	Art Rm.
WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab
Math 10-12	MA	Rm. 9	Math 10-12	MA	Rm. 9
Math 10-12	BE	Shop	Math 10-12	BE	Shop
P.E. 3/4	MM	Gym	P.E. 2	SC	Gym
S.T. Kg	AW	Rm. 6	S.T. 1	AW	Rm. 112
5/ 11:25 – 12:05			6/ 1:05 – 1:50		
P.E. 8-9	MA	Gym	Fr. 8/9	DS	Art Rm.
Eng. 10	KS	Rm. 4	ST. 8/9	x	Rm. 1
WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab	Eng. 10	KS	Rm. 4
ADST 11/12	BE	Shop	WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab
S.T. 6/7	X	Rm. 1	ADST 11/12	BE	Shop
French 6/7	DS	Art Rm.	ADST 1-7	CO	Rm. 5
			S.T. 3/4	AW	Rm. 1
			P.E. 1	MM	Gym
7/ 1:50 – 2:30			8/ 2:30 – 3:15		
Music 8	KS	Music Rm.	Shop 8	BE	Shop
Shop 9	BE	Shop	Music 9	KS	Music Rm.
WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab	WISE 10	AP	Sci. Lab
P.E. 10-12	MA	Gym	P.E. 10-12	MA	Gym
AYEP 11/12	CO	Rm. 5	AYEP 11/12	CO	Rm. 5
S.T. K4	AW	Rm. 6	S.T. 2	AW	Rm. 111
TEACHERS:					
MA – Michael Allaway		KS – Ken Symanski			
BE – Brian Eleniak		DS – Daniel Sharpe			
CO – Cyndi O'Rourke		AW – Amanda Workman			
AP – Andy Preto		S.T. Teacher -			