



# 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.

There are many exciting additions to our staff this year. We welcome Mary Jane Allison as our new Southern Tutchone Native Language instructor. Eleanor Charlton joins us this year as our Learning Assistance teacher. Jenna Peterson joins the team again this year as an EA, and our new EAs for this year are Isabelle Piché and Mishka Soter. We are very happy to have you all on our team.

We are excited to welcome a few new students this year as well. New additions to our school in K4 are Alyson, Jaden, Max, Brooklyn, Sage, Aiden and Connor. In Kindergarten we have Dawson, Mackenzie, and Nevaeh. In Gr.2/3 we have Kaia, Cash and Samara. In Gr. 5 we have Mitehos and in Gr. 7 we have Lahela. In Gr. 8 we have Denise and Quintton, in Gr.9 we have Joanna, Emma and Skyler. In Gr. 10 we have Justice. We hope you all 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!

## **K-4 Student Start Date:**

The K-4 students will have their first day of school on Wednesday Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We are currently working on the morning and afternoon placement schedules for that day. The school will contact parents once this schedule has been determined.

## **Breakfast Club:**

St. Elias School Council offers a daily breakfast club for students at our school. Students are welcome to come to the school lunch room from 8:00am to 8:25am Monday to Friday, for a healthy and nutritious breakfast. A great big thanks goes out to Jeannine St. Marie for coordinating breakfast club, and to the School Council for supporting this great program.

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## 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 20 bus and out of town students staying for lunch on a daily basis.

Parents of students who live in town and occasionally are not able to provide lunch due to work schedules or absences, are asked to please send a lunch with their child and notify the school to add their child to the lunchroom list for that day.

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.

### **SECS Community Gathering:**

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

### 2017-2018 Bell Schedule:

Here is our Bell Schedule for parent information:

<b>BELL SCHEDULE: 2017 – 2018 School Year</b>					
First bell to enter school rings at 8:20 a.m.					
<b>Morning:</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Afternoon:</b>	<b>Begin</b>	<b>End</b>
Period 1	8:30	9:10	LUNCH	12:05	1:05
Period 2	9:10	9:50	Period 6	1:05	1:50
RECESS	9:50	10:05	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			

## **Messages from Yukon Education:**

### **Avoiding pertussis (whooping cough)**

The current outbreak of pertussis is expected to continue into the 2017/18 school year. Parents can protect their children and others from exposure by:

- washing hands often
- covering mouths when coughing/sneezing
- ensuring immunizations are up to date
- staying home if unwell
- remaining at home for 5 full days after starting antibiotics for pertussis

Pertussis is highly contagious and can easily be spread in schools through coughing, sneezing or by touching surfaces that have been contaminated and are not properly cleaned. A person with pertussis can be contagious for several weeks, and it takes as little as five minutes of face-to-face contact to spread pertussis.

Early symptoms include: sneezing, runny nose and low-grade fever, followed by a cough which can worsen to coughing fits, whoops, or coughing that ends in gagging/vomiting. Coughing can be worse at night and can last up to a month or two.

For more information about pertussis, contact: your family physician or community health centre, Yukon Communicable Disease Control at 667-8323 or the Yukon Health Line by dialing 811. You can also find more information on HealthLink BC's webpage at [www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/hw65653](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-topics/hw65653).

### **School calendar survey – information for newsletters and school websites**

The Yukon government is asking students, parents, School Councils and communities to fill out an online survey and provide their opinion on how the school calendar should be organized.

We are asking for all of you to take the time to [fill out the survey](#). Hard copies are also available through the school.

It is important to voice your opinion so we can prepare a school calendar that works best for our school.

The survey will be open to complete until **October 16, 2017**.

The feedback from this survey will be considered when preparing school calendars for the next four school years, including 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the school. If you require assistance filling out the survey, please contact Amanda Dieckmann at [amanda.dieckmann@gov.yk.ca](mailto:amanda.dieckmann@gov.yk.ca) or 867-456-6751.

For more information, you can also visit [www.education.gov.yk.ca](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca).



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## Violence Threat Risk Assessment Notification to Parents

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The safety of our children is a top priority for everyone. The tragedies that have occurred where students commit violent acts against other students and educators in Canada and in the United States have caused government officials, educators, parents, students and other community members to assess how we make our schools and communities safe for our children and students.

Public Schools Branch staff members have been involved in an intensive safety training program with our community partners, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Yukon Department of Health and Social Services, Yukon Department of Justice, and Yukon College. From what we have learned in this training we know that student acts of violence are not random; individuals do not suddenly 'snap' and commit serious acts of violence. In cases where serious acts of violence have occurred there have been many indicators and escalating signs that these individuals are on a path to commit serious harm to themselves or others. The training has helped our professionals to recognize these signs, assess them, and put in place interventions to support and reduce the level of risk. Together with our community partners, Public Schools Branch has developed a plan to respond to situations in which students may be demonstrating behaviours that pose a risk to themselves or others.

We wish to advise parents that we have adopted a protocol, which requires schools to undertake a threat assessment in all cases of students making threats to harm others. These threats may be physical, verbal or written, they may be gestures or messages posted on the Internet. The purpose of the Yukon Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol is to determine how best to support students considered at risk so that their behaviour does not become hurtful or destructive to themselves or others.

The complete Yukon Education Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol is available at [www.education.gov.yk.ca](http://www.education.gov.yk.ca).

Parents can play an active role in keeping our schools safe by advising the school of any information communicated to them from their children concerning threatening behaviours that their children may have been subjected to, in or out of school, and continuously monitoring their children's use of the Internet and Internet chat lines.

This letter is intended to provide you with notice that all Yukon schools will respond to all threats in a professional manner that provides for safe, healthy, and caring learning environments. Any threats or threat making behaviours will be taken seriously and assessed accordingly.

We are pleased to be able to provide this level of support to our school communities and appreciate having the ongoing support of our community partners.

Sincerely

Maggie Mann, Principal  
St. Elias Community School.

## 2017-2018 – SEMESTER ONE SCHEDULE

**Kgtn.** Rm. 6 Monica Primozic  
**Gr. 1** Rm. 112 Sherri Cooper  
**Gr. 2/3** Rm. 111 Karmen Cheetham  
**Gr. 4/5** Rm. 7 Selena Burton  
**Gr. 6/7** Rm. 8 Leisa Robinson-Collin  
**Counsellor/Gr.6/7:** Rosemary Buck

**Learning Assistance:** Rosemary Buck, Eleanor Charlton  
**E.A.S:** Cindi Cowie, Christine Drinnan, Jina Kirk, Erika Miller, Kim Oakley, Raven Padmos, Jenna Peterson, Martin Samis, Dianna Symanski, Isabelle Piché, Mishka Soter  
**Reading Recovery/Gr.2 Reading & Math:** Lee Drummond  
**Southern Tutchone:** Mary Allison, Amanda Workman

1/ 8:30 – 9:10			2/ 9:10 – 9:50		
Math 8	MA	Rm.9	Math 8	MA	Rm.9
Socials 9	AP	Sci. Lab	Socials 9	AP	Sci. Lab
Music 10-12	KS	Music Rm.	Music 10-12	KS	Music Rm.
Shop 10-12	BE	Shop	Shop 10-12	BE	Shop
P.E. 6/7	LR	Gym	P.E. 4/5	SB	Gym
French 4/5	CO	Rm.5			
Southern Tutchone 4/5	MJA	Rm.1			
3/ 10:05 – 10:45			4/ 10:45 – 11:25		
Science 8	AP	Sci. Lab	Science 8	AP	Sci. Lab
Math 9	MA	Rm.9	Math 9	MA	Rm.9
Socials 10/11	CO	Rm.5	Socials 10/11	CO	Rm.5
English 12	KS	Rm.4	English 12	KS	Rm.4
5/ 11:25 – 12:05			6/ 1:05 – 1:50		
Drama 8	KS	Rm.4	French 8/9	CO	Rm.5
P.E. 9/10	MA	Gym	Southern Tutchone 8/9	MJA	Rm.1
Sci.Tech 11 / Distance Learning	BE	Shop	P.E. 10	MA	Gym
Biology 11/12	AP	Sci. Lab	Sci.Tech 11 / Distance Learning	BE	Shop
French 6/7	CO	Rm.5	Biology 11/12	AP	Sci. Lab
Southern Tutchone 6/7	MJA	Rm.1	P.E. K4/Kg	MP	Gym
7/ 1:50 – 2:30			8/ 2:30 – 3:15		
English 8	LR	Rm.8	English 8	LR	Rm.8
English 9/10	KS	Rm.4	English 9/10	KS	Rm.4
Foods 11/12	CO	Home Ec.	Foods 11/12	CO	Home Ec.
Automotive 11/12	BE	Shop	Automotive 11/12	BE	Shop
Math 6/7	MA	Rm.9	Math 6/7	MA	Rm.9
P.E. 1	MM	Gym	P.E. 2/3	AP	Gym
Southern Tutchone 2/3	AW	Rm.111	Southern Tutchone 1	AW	Rm.112
<b>TEACHERS:</b>					
MA – Michael Allaway	MM – Maggie Mann	MP – Monica Primozic	AW – Amanda Workman		
SB – Selena Burton	CO – Cyndi O'Rourke	LR – Leisa Robinson-Collin	MJA – Mary Allison		
BE – Brian Eleniak	AP – Andy Preto	KS – Ken Symanski			