



# St. Elias Community School

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Welcome back everyone! We hope all our families had a wonderful Christmas and that 2020 has been a gentle start. As we get into the swing of the new year, we extend a very special thank you to our parents and community for the continued support and assistance with school programs and activities.

With the latest cold snap giving us a reminder of how harsh winter can be, we would like to remind students and parents to make sure you have adequate warm gear for walking, playing outdoors, and in the case of any emergencies. Remember to wear your touque, mitts, scarf, snow pants, warm coat and boots every day.

### Staff Professional Development Day

Next week on Monday January 20, 2020, SECS staff will be participating in a Professional Development Day. There are no classes for students this day. We will return to classes on Tuesday January 21, 2020.

### Staffing Update

Welcome to Kàlx'òkw (Mary Jane Leger) who started back at SECS in her Southern Tutchone Language Instructor position on January 13, 2020. It is great to have you back with us Maryjane!

A huge thank you to Ms. Vivian, who has been filling in as our Southern Tutchone Language Teacher. Ms. Vivian is with us until Friday finishing the semester, and then she will be enjoying her well-deserved retirement. We appreciate the time and care you have given our students this year and will miss your smiles in our halls!

Mr. Preto has accepted a term teaching position with the ES11 program in Whitehorse for Semester II. We wish him all the best this semester. Mr. Preto's position has been advertised and in the interim, Ms. Maria Rodreguez will be filling this position as a Teacher on Call.

Our Reading Recovery Teacher, Ms. Cooper, has taken a reduction in schedule to half days, while Mr. Sharpe will be working full days for Semester II. Our Gr. 6/7 Teacher, Mr. Voogd, will be on parental leave for Semester II, and Mr. Soter will take over the Gr. 6/7 Teacher position for the remainder of the year. We welcome Ms. Vanessa Klassen and Mr. Brendan O'Toole who have recently been hired in EA positions for the rest of the year. Welcome aboard! Both have had EA positions in the past at SECS and we are glad to have them back.

*Welcome back!  
MS. Mann*

### Upcoming Events:

- Jan 17 Grad Radio Bingo Party at Daku.
- Jan 20 PD Day – no classes this day.
- Jan 21 High-school Final Written Reports sent home.
- Jan 23-24 Gr. 8-12 student viewing of Screenagers video.
- Jan 24 Grad Pizza fundraiser.
- Jan 27 SECS Cell Phone Policy goes into effect.
- Jan 29 Family Fun Night.

Welcome back to Ever in Gr.4 and Ayla in Gr. 5!

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### Upcoming Grad Fundraising Events

Our 2020 Grads are busy fundraising for their Grad ceremony. Here are a few events to watch for.

Radio Bingo Party: Tomorrow, Friday January 17, 2020, the Grad's will be hosting a Radio Bingo Party at Daku. Bring your radio bingo packages and enjoy evening playing bingo with friends and family. Doors and Concession open at 6:00 p.m. Delicious food for supper and yummy baking available! The Grads will be offering child care during the bingo.

Pizza Night: Grads are now taking pizza orders for their Pizza fundraiser on Friday January 24, 2020. Please call Jina Kirk at the school, 634-2231, if you have not heard from a grad to place a pizza order. Pizza's are \$25.00 each and come in Deluxe, Pepperoni, Hawaiian, and Veggie. Orders will be delivered or can be picked up at the school after 4:00pm on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>.

### SECS Ski Club 2020

Students in Kg to Gr. 7 are welcome to sign up for this year's SECS ski club, which starts up after school on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Students in Kg need to have a Parent or Guardian with them to participate. Permission and medical forms must be returned by tomorrow, January 17, 2020 to Ms. Cooper, Ms. Cheetham or Ms. Burton.

### School Council Parent Meeting

A reminder to high-school parents that St. Elias School Council invites parents of Gr. 8-12 students to attend a meeting along with local government, school and agency representatives to continue the conversation about current issues and tough choices our high school students are facing. This meeting will begin with a presentation about the 40 Developmental Assets that are protective factors that have been consistently shown by research to buffer youth from risk. The meeting takes place in the Mezzanine at 6:00pm Monday January 20, 2020.

### Gr. 8-12 Final Assessment Reports

The Semester I Final Assessment Reports for Gr. 8-12 students will be sent home on Tuesday January 21, 2020. We have attached a copy of Semester II timetable for your information. Please call us if you have any questions regarding your youth's courses and programming.

### BC Provincial Assessments

Our Gr. 10-12 students will have BC Provincial Assessments next week. The BC Numeracy Assessment for Gr. 10-12 students is scheduled for 9:00am Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020. The Gr. 10 Literacy Assessment is scheduled for 9:00am Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020. Students will attend regular afternoon classes on both days.

### "Screenagers" Documentary

To help with the new Cell Phone Policy being implemented later this month, SECS is hosting a parent/community showing of "Screenagers", a documentary that looks at the impacts of screen time for youth. A showing of this special documentary will be held at 6:30pm Tuesday January 21, 2020 at the Convention Center Grand Hall. We invite parents and guardians of Gr. 8-12 students to attend to learn more about the effects of screen time on teenagers and the new policy. Check out this link for more information: <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/>


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**SECS Cell Phone Policy Takes Effect**

As to earlier communication sent home in December, St. Elias School and School Council will be adopting a new Cell Phone Use policy. The policy goes into effect on **Monday January 27, 2020**. St. Elias Community School will be a cell-phone free zone. Kg to Gr. 7 students should not be bringing cell phones or devices to school. For high-school students this means cell phones will remain off and in lockers during instructional time. This is a change from the school's existing policy. All staff will have a consistently worded cell phone policy in their classrooms, supported by a progressive administrative policy to reinforce it. We ask that parents please help to promote this policy by restricting phone contact with your child to lunch hours, when cell phones use will be allowed. A copy of the new cell phone policy is attached. Please review the policy with your child/youth.

**Family Fun Literacy Night:**

On **Wednesday January 29, 2020 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** St. Elias School is hosting a **Family Fun Literacy Night** in the school gym. Please bring your family and join us for an evening of literacy and numeracy board and word games that encourage fun and learning! Plan to make this a family and community event!!!

 <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-left: 100px;">Jan. 2020</span>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
12	13 Semester I Final Assessments	14	15	16	17 Semester I Ends Grad Radio Bingo Party	18
19	20 Professional Development Day—No classes	21 First Day Semester II High-school Sem. I Written Final Reports sent home.	22 Gr. 10 Literacy Assessments @ 9:00am.	23 Screenagers Videos - Student viewing @ 1:05 - Parent viewing @ 6:30	24 Grad Pizza Night	25
26	27 SECS Cell Phone Policy goes into effect	28	29 Family Fun Night	30	31 100's Day	

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## St. Elias Community School Cell Phone Policy

St. Elias Community School and St. Elias School Council recognize the importance of communication and collaboration, and provide devices for students to be productive in the classroom. To keep the focus on academics and to reduce unnecessary distractions, the following procedures will be in place regarding cell phone and mobile device use at St. Elias Community School:

**K4 – Grade 7:** Students should not bring cell phones or electronic devices to school. If there is an instance when a cell phone is needed, the student should have the cell phone turned off and left with the classroom teacher for the day. Parents can reach students by calling the Main Office at 634-2231.

### **Grade 8-12:**

Cell phones and all electronic devices will be placed in student lockers by 8:20 a.m.

- Cell phones and all electronic devices will be kept in a student's locker during instructional time (8:20-9:50; 10:00 – 12:05 and 1:00 – 3:15 p.m.) – not in clothing pockets or backpacks
- Cell phones and all electronic devices are not allowed to be used in classrooms, hallways, the library, gym, common areas, or restrooms during instructional times (8:20-9:50; 10:00 – 12:05 and 1:00 – 3:15 p.m.)
- Cell phones and all electronic devices can be used in the high school wing only from before 8:20; 9:50-10:00; 12:05-1:00 and 3:15 onward. **Cell Phones and electronic devices are to be in the lockers at 8:20; 10:00 and 1:00 p.m.**
- If a student needs to make an emergency call during the day, they are to come to the office
- Parents and guardians can leave messages for students or speak with their youth by calling the main office at 634-2231

We ask that families and students use the main office 867-634-2231 when communicating messages from home or school.

Students using phones or electronic devices during instructional time will be asked to take his/her phone or electronic device to the main office, where it will be kept safely until the end of the school day. There is a charging station in a secure area in the main office where phones will be kept.

If this occurs a second time, the student will be asked to take his/her phone or electronic device to the main office to be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the day.

If this occurs a third time, the student will be asked to take his/her phone or electronic device to the main office and a meeting with administration and parents will be set up and may result in the phone / device being left in the front office daily or a personal electronics contract being created.

Students who do not follow teacher directives will be acting in defiance which could result in a disciplinary referral.

This policy will be in effect January 27, 2020 until June 5, 2020. A review of the policy will take place in May and June of 2020

## 2019-2020 – SEMESTER TWO SCHEDULE

<b>Kgtn.</b>	Rm. 6	Monica Primozic	<b>Learning Assistance:</b> Eleanor Charlton
<b>Gr. 1</b>	Rm. 112	Lee Drummond	<b>E.A.S:</b> Cindi Cowie, Jina Kirk, Erika Miller,
<b>Gr. 2</b>	Rm. 111	Karmen Cheetham	Kim Oakley, Raven Padmos, Jenna Peterson, Martin Samis,
<b>Gr. 3/4</b>	Rm. 3	Madelyn Flood	Dianna Symanski,
<b>Gr. 4/5</b>	Rm. 7	Selena Burton	<b>Reading Recovery:</b> Sherri Cooper
<b>Gr. 6/7</b>	Rm. 8	Mishka Soter	<b>Southern Tutchone:</b> Amanda Workman, Maryjane Leger
<b>Counsellor:</b>		Rosemary Buck	

1/ 8:30 – 9:10			2/ 9:10 – 9:50		
Eng. 8	KS	Rm.4	Eng. 8	KS	Rm.4
Science 9	MA	Sci.Lab	Science 9	MA	Sci.Lab
Socials 10	CO	Rm.5	Socials 10	CO	Rm.5
Social Studies 11/12	BE	Shop	Social Studies 11/12	BE	Shop
Specialized Science 11/12	DS	Art Rm	Specialized Science 11/12	DS	Art Rm
Chem 12 (DL)	x	Rm.9	Chem 12 (DL)	x	Rm.9
P.E. 4/5	SB	Gym	S.T. 4/5	ML/AW	Rm.1
3/ 10:05 – 10:45			4/ 10:45 – 11:25		
Science 8	MA	Sci.Lab	Science 8	MA	Sci.Lab
Math 9	x	Rm.9	Math 9	x	Rm.9
Career Ed 10	CO	Rm.5	Career Ed 10	CO	Rm.5
Eng. 11/12	KS	Rm.4	Eng. 11/12	KS	Rm.4
Fr. 6/7	DS	Art Rm	P.E. KG / 2	DS	Gym
S.T. 6/7	ML	Rm.1			
S.T. Kg	AW	Rm.112			
P.E. 3/4	MF	Gym			
5/ 11:25 – 12:05			6/ 1:05 – 1:50		
Fr. 8/9	DS	Art Rm	Math 8	x	Rm.9
S.T. 8/9	ML	Rm.1	Socials 9	DS	Art Rm
Math 10	MA	Sci.Lab	Math 10	MA	Sci.Lab
Shop 10-12	BE	Shop	Shop 10-12	BE	Shop
Music 10-12	KS	Music	Music 10-12	KS	Music
ADST 1-7	CO	Rm.5	S.T. 2	AW	Rm.111
S.T. 3/4	AW	Rm.3	P.E. K4	MP	Gym
P.E. 1	x	Gym			
7/ 1:50 – 2:30			8/ 2:30 – 3:15		
Math 8	x	Rm.9	P.E. 8/9	MA	Gym
Socials 9	DS	Art Rm	Automotive 10-12	BE	Shop
Automotive 10-12	BE	Shop	Fr. 10-12	CO	Rm.5
Fr. 10-12	CO	Rm.5	S.T. 10-12	ML	Rm.1
S.T. 10-12	ML	Rm.1	Music/Drama 3/4	KS	Rm.4
P.E. 6/7	MS	Gym	S.T. 1	AW	Rm.112
S.T. K4	AW	Rm.6			
<b>TEACHERS:</b>	CO – Cyndi O'Rourke		MM – Maggie Mann		
MA – Michael Allaway	DS – Daniel Sharpe		AW – Amanda Workman		
BE – Brian Eleniak	KS – Ken Symanski		ML – Maryjane Leger		

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## Parenting Workshop

Come to share and learn about your own style of communicating as a parent.

It can be hard to understand why our children feel and act the way they do.

What are they trying to tell us?

What do they need from us to grow into strong, caring and committed community members and adults?

Learn how to build safety in relationships for your children.



### 3 Weekends

- January 18, 19<sup>th</sup>
- February 15, 16<sup>th</sup>
- March 7, 8<sup>th</sup>

(10:00 am - 4:00 pm)

*Recommended to attend all three weekends.*

### At Champagne Hall

- Daycare is available for children ages 1-5 yrs & Da Ku programming for children ages 6 to 13 yrs (must attend workshop to receive the childcare services).
- Small fuel allowance offered to those travelling from Whitehorse/Takhini/Haines Jct.
- Lunch for participants at the workshops.
- Children must bring a bagged lunch, snacks provided for children at Daycare and Da Ku.
- Transportation from Haines Junction to Champagne via CAFN Bus daily.
- Helen Gartner will be a cultural support and Elder.
- Additional cultural supports will be attending as well.
- Facilitated by internationally renowned teachers.
- Nataschaa Chatterton, MA, SEP, trauma counsellor, will offer support throughout workshops.

Contact: [nchatterton@cafn.ca](mailto:nchatterton@cafn.ca) to register or for more information call (867) 335-4460