



St. Elias Community School

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Welcome back everyone! We hope all our families had a wonderful Christmas and that 2021 brings good health and safer times for everyone.

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 for our students and with school programs and activities.

Staffing Update

Thank you to Mr. Sharpe who's last day was December 17, 2020. Mr. Sharpe is on Paternity Leave for the remainder of the school year. We wish him and his wife the very best as they await the birth of their twins!

We invite you to join us in welcoming Sarah-Monique Chanona to SECS who will be filling in for Mr. Sharpe for the remainder of the year. Ms. Chanona will start this Friday Jan. 8th, 2021. Welcome to SECS and Haines Junction Ms. Chanona!

SECS Ski Club

Skiing at SECS is a little different this year. In November and December Ms. Flood and Ms. Cooper skied with all Kindergarten to grade 7 classes at least once during their PE class. Skiing during PE classes will continue to be offered until March Break. Each class is assigned a specific week for using the equipment.

After school ski club will initially take place in the school field with interested students from a specific class. Later, we might go to the ski trails. More information will be sent home in the near future with those students who wish to participate in after school skiing.

You may view the COVID 19 Health and Safety plan for skiing on the school website. Thanks to RPAY for the loan of ski equipment and for funding a RHEAL leader (Ms. Cooper). If you have any questions regarding skiing please contact Ms. Cooper or Ms. Flood.

Staff Professional Development Day

Parents and students are reminded that **Friday January 22, 2021** is a staff Professional Development day. There are no classes this day.

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 15 to 21 – SEM I Gr. 8-12
Final/Mid-term Assessments
- Jan. 21 – Semester I ends
- Jan. 22 – PD Day, no classes this day
- Jan. 25 – Semester II classes begin
- Jan. 25 – BC Gr. 10-12 Numeracy
Assessment – 8:45am
- Jan. 26 – SEM I Gr. 8-12 Final/Mid-
term Progress Reports sent
home

**Welcome back to Karsten in Gr.4,
Ever in Gr.5, Ayla in Gr. 6
and Jacey in Gr.7!**

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Inclusive and Special Education Review

Yukon Government is completing a review of inclusive and special education services in response to recommendations from the Auditor General of Canada in the 2019 Audit Report on Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in Yukon. All families can fill this tool out, not only those with children who use additional supports. We want to learn about the experiences all students and parents have had with ensuring their or their child's individual learning needs are being met. Please see the attached Yukon Education Information to Share with Families.

Gr. 8-12 Final Assessments

The Gr. 8 -12 Semester I Final and Mid-term Assessments will take place from **Friday January 15 to Thursday January 21, 2021**. Please see the attached Exam Schedule.

Semester I Written Assessment Reports for Gr. 8-12 students will be sent home on **Tuesday January 26, 2021**. Our Semester II classes begin **Monday, January 25, 2021**. We will send home our Semester II timetable next week. Please call us if you have any questions regarding your youth's courses and programming.

BC Provincial Assessments

The BC Numeracy Assessment for all Gr. 10 students and some Gr. 11/12 students is scheduled for **8:45am Monday January 25, 2021**. Students will attend regular afternoon classes on this day.

More information regarding BC Numeracy Assessment and sample assessments can be found at:
<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/grade-10-numeracy-assessment>

Foundation Skills Assessments:

The Foundation Skills Assessment is an annual Territory-wide assessment of all Yukon students' academic skills in grades 4 and 7, and provides parents, teachers, schools, and Yukon Education with important information on how well students are progressing in the areas of Reading, Writing, and Numeracy.

St. Elias Gr. 4 and 7 students will be completing these assessments this month and next. More information regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment can be found at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/assessment/fsa-parent-brochure.pdf> . If you have any questions feel free to contact your child's teacher or Ms. Mann at 634-2231.

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Information to Share With Families– online tool to participate in the review of inclusive and special education

This is a reminder that the online tool to participate in the review of inclusive and special education remains available for you to fill out until January 24, 2021.

- Share your experience through the online tool at:
<https://app.spryng.io/goto/6DhtiyieGZSruKpi2Mypyb>
- **If using a phone or tablet:** select 'browser' in the pop-up to continue to the online tool. The app is not being used for this engagement.

Open to all families:

All parents and students are encouraged to fill out the online tool, not just those who use additional supports. Part of this review is learning about how all students have their individual learning needs met at school.

Filling it out with your child:

We also encourage you to have your child fill it out if they are 13 or older. It is important to hear the voices of students as part of this review.

Using the online tool:

The online tool takes 10-15 minutes to fill out. It is not like a typical survey. You can fill it out as many times as you would like with as many experiences as you want to share. [Watch this video](#) about filling out the online tool (English only).

For families who may not have a computer at home, we encourage you to contact the school, to fill out the tool on a computer at the school.

A note about privacy: You should not share any personal information that could identify you or others. Instead, you can make general references, such as, "at school", or "my teacher", or "in my community,". Any information that could identify you or others will be removed so that all responses are anonymous.

For more information about the review:

- Watch this video from Dr. Yee about the review: <https://youtu.be/krwubfADtEk>
- Visit: engageyukon.ca/en/2020/review-inclusive-and-special-education-yukon

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SECS Grade 8 to 12 Exam Schedule — January 2021

All Exams and Tutorial Sessions are mandatory. Students must stay a minimum of 1.5 hours. All Assignments due Jan. 18th @ 12:00noon. Exams/Tutorials start at 8:45am and 1:00pm.

Friday Jan. 15 <u>8:45 a.m.</u> French 8/9 Exam – Room 3 Southern Tutchone 8/9 Exam – Room 1 Career Ed 10 Exam – Room 5 BC Math Assessment Tutorial – Shop, Art Rm (for some Gr. 11/12 students)	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> Pre-Cal Math 10 Tutorial – Room 9 A&W Math 10 Tutorial – Room 5 English 11/12 Tutorial – Art Room
Monday Jan. 18 <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Math 8 Tutorial – Room 3 Socials 9 Tutorial – Room 5 Math 10 BC Assessment Tutorial – Room 9 English 11/12 Exam – Art Room	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> Math 8 Exam – Room 3 Science 9 Tutorial – Science Lab Socials 10 Tutorial – Room 5 Shop 11/12 Exam - Shop
Tuesday Jan. 19 <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Science 9 Exam – Science Lab Math 11-12 Tutorial – Shop, Art Rm	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> Science 8 Tutorial – Science Lab Socials 10 Exam – Room 5 Math 11/12 Exam – Shop, Art Rm
Wednesday Jan. 20 <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Science 8 Exam – Science Lab Socials 9 Exam – Room 3 French 10-12 Exam – Art Room Southern Tutchone 10-12 Exam – Room 9 Science 11 Exam - Shop	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> Music 8/9 Exam – Room 3 Pre-Cal Math 10 Tutorial – Room 9 A&W Math 10 Tutorial – Room 5 BC Math Assessment Tutorial - Shop (for some Gr.11/12 students)
Thursday Jan. 21 <u>8:45 a.m.</u> Pre-Cal Math 10 Exam – Room 9 A&W Math 10 Exam – Room 5	<u>1:00 p.m.</u> Make Up Exams

Jan. 25, 2021 –Grade 10 B.C. Numeracy Assessment at 8:45am