



St. Elias Community School

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As the weather changes and the temperature drops, we turn our thoughts to preparing for colder weather and less daylight. For safety reasons we would like to remind parents to call the school if your child/youth will not be attending that day, and remind everyone to dress warmly, wear reflective gear while walking to and from school.

School Council By-Election Nominations

Nominations for the St. Elias Community School Council close this Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018 at 12:00 noon.

Nominations will be received on Thursday Oct. 11, 2018 from 10:00am – noon at St. Elias School Library.

A By-Election will be held for 3 School Council vacancies on **Monday Oct. 22, 2018 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm.** The Polling Station is at the St. Elias Community School.

High-School Interim Reports

Interim reports are being sent home this week. Please take this opportunity to review the reports with your child and talk about their progress and steps for further success. If you have questions regarding your student's progress, please contact their subject teacher at the school.

Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon (LDAY) Presentations

Throughout the day on Oct. 11 and Oct. 12, 2018, LDAY Center for Learning will be facilitating presentations to students in Kg to Gr.12. These presentations will have activities focused on recognizing individual strengths as learners and the many different learning styles. We look forward to these workshops.

Fabulous Full Day Friday Kindergarten

On Friday Oct. 12, 2018 our Kindergarten students will be starting their Fabulous Fridays. KG students will attend from 8:30 – 12:05, go home for lunch and return to class 1:05 – 3:15 on Fridays.

French Musical Performance

SECS students in Kg to Gr. 7 will have the opportunity to participate in an interactive musical performance by Malicounda on Monday Oct. 15, 2018. The French musical performance will be held in the school gym at 2:00pm.

Lafayette String Quartet Performance

On Friday Oct. 19, 2018 SECS students will attend a performance by the Lafayette String Quartet, the only all-female ensemble in the world. Our thanks to Whitehorse Concerts and JAM for making this event possible! This special performance will take place at 1:15 at the St. Elias Convention Center. Classes will walk over to the Convention Center and return by 2:30pm.

Upcoming Events:

Oct.11 – School Council
Nomination Day.

Oct.12 – KG Full day Friday
begins.

Oct.18 & 19 – School Photo
Days.

Oct.22 – School Council By-
election day.

Oct.26 – Cannabis Education
Presentations, Gr.8-10.

Oct.31 – Halloween Carnival at
1:05 – 3:00.

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School Photo Days

Wilson Studios will be at SECS for school photos on **Thursday Oct. 18 and Friday Oct. 19, 2018.**

Photo package order forms will be sent home this week and must be returned to the school with payment by Wednesday Oct. 17, 2018. Please note the schedule of class and individual photos below as they will take place on both days.

Photo Schedule:

Thursday Oct. 18 – K4, Gr. 6/7, Gr. 8, Grads. Family Groups

Friday Oct. 19 – Kg, Gr. 1/2, Gr. 2/3, Gr. 4/5, Gr. 9, Gr.10, Gr.11, Gr.12.

Veggie Box Fundraiser

The 'From the Ground Up' fundraiser was a big success again this year. Thank you to everyone who sold or purchased veggie boxes. We sold 194 boxes this year, and 29 were donated back into our school and community.

Terry Fox Foundation

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Terry Fox Run and donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. We raised \$1,020.10 this year to go towards research for the cure for Cancer. Way to go St. Elias School and our wonderful community!

Cannabis Education – Student Information Sessions – October 26, 2018

Mental Wellness & Substance Use and The Health Promotion Unit from Whitehorse have created a Cannabis Education workshop geared for students between Gr. 8-10. Jane Gaudet and her team from Whitehorse, will be at SECS on Friday Oct. 26, 2018 to offer high-school sessions on Cannabis Education. We are working to provide a similar information session for Gr. 11 & 12 in the very near future.

Tobacco Smoking and/or Vaping

Staff at St. Elias have noticed an increase in students smoking and / or vaping. We want to remind students, staff and parents that St. Elias Community School is a smoke-free site for all students, staff and user groups. Students are not allowed to smoke or vape anywhere on school property. In our concern for the health of students and staff, SECS will partner with our local Health Center and CAFN Health Promotions to implement programs and supports for cessation and becoming smoke free. Students will be dismissed and / or suspended from school if found smoking, vaping and (or using) tobacco products on school property.

A Reminder about Drugs and Alcohol

Our youth are precious and SECS staff strives to ensure that they have a safe environment in which to learn and develop to their full potential. The use of, or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia while in the school, or if a student is deemed under the influence of drugs or alcohol at school shall be subject to school consequences (in or out of school suspensions). St. Elias Community School Administration and staff endeavors to work closely with the student, parent, and our community agencies (RCMP, Mental Wellness & Substance Use counsellors) to provide support and counselling for students.

Halloween Carnival:

This year's School / Community Halloween Carnival will be held the afternoon of **Wednesday October 31, 2018** in the gym. Students are invited to come dressed in their costumes and participate in all the fun activities starting at 1:05pm. We look forward to sharing this afternoon with our parents and community. Don't miss the annual Jello Eating Contest set for 2:50pm. See you there!



With Halloween approaching, we would like to remind parents to not send Halloween candy to school with students. Also, we are sending a reminder that SECS is a Nut Free School.