

SCA Newsletter

Living lives of thankfulness



Principal, Luke Morse



Our school is raising funds for general expenses, sports equipment and field trips by selling winter greeting cards! Buy a package of four unique hand-painted greeting cards this Christmas season for only \$20.00! Come by the Main Office to get an order form!



Principal's Message:

We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" when they ask and receive, but it's far more difficult to cultivate in them a spirit of thankfulness. Words are easy; the condition of the heart is another matter altogether. Our culture doesn't encourage thankfulness -- if anything, it encourages a constant desire for the next best thing. Christian teachers are painfully aware of the effects of our consumer culture, as we strive to teach our students to be aware of the allure of materialism, and to choose things of spiritual significance instead. True joy cannot be bought, and some of the wealthiest people are the least satisfied. Jesus demonstrated thankfulness for us, giving thanks to His heavenly Father for the most meagre meals, which miraculously fed the masses, and for His impending suffering, as He distributed the symbolic bread and wine to His disciples during their last meal together. Jesus could see the big picture. He rejected entitlement, taking the form of a humble man, and counted His suffering as joy, in the knowledge that all those who believed in Him would be saved. Now that's something to be thankful for!



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"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For his steadfast love endures forever!" —Psalm 100:4

Subject Specialist Update

SCA has started something new in grades three through eight this year; students begin the day in their homeroom, and rotate from class to class on the half hour for a new subject in a new environment with a new teacher. Students have been excited about this change and love having the chance to get up, move around, and switch gears. "It is great to have different methods of teaching and to be able to switch teachers as well as subjects to get a different feel for each subject." —commented a student in grade 8

Teachers have also been loving this new system. Our literacy specialist says; "I love having the consistency to teach students from grades three through eight. Each class has something different to offer and it is exciting to be able to specialize in literacy and be able to have a longer prep and class time with each grade level." SCA is growing and learning new and better ways to teach and how to raise up the next generation!





October Events



Cross Country Running finished up for this season with a final meet at Adanac Ski Hill. We had each student finish the race and some students come in the top 10 in their grade! Well done, SCA Eagles!

We had a school wide trip to Laurentian University's Olympic Gold Pool this month, where all students had the opportunity to have an afternoon of swimming fun!

Our Grade 1/2 class went to Lake Laurentian for a seasons themed workshop where they hiked, and played games and enjoyed lunch at the conservation area!

Our first **Spaghetti Dinner** of this year went off without a hitch! Staff, students, parents and families enjoyed homemade spaghetti dinner and helped fundraise for our year-end trips! Thanks for all your support!

Guest Speaker Tim Barnett visited our school for a public lecture and PD session this month. He spoke on, "If God, Why Evil?" and got all of our minds inquiring and asking some tough questions!



Looking Forward

Christmas is coming quickly and SCA has committed to doing its part for those in need globally and locally! Please help us fill one Operation Christmas Child Shoebox per family. These boxes are due back at SCA on <u>Friday, 17 November 2017</u>!

Last year, approximately 150 people had their Christmas Eve meal at the Elgin Street Mission, including men, women, and children. Local child poverty is much more widespread than some people realize, and we want to help bring relief. Please fill at least one backpack (speak to your child's teacher to find out items that are needed) per family and send them along with your child to their respective classrooms. The deadline for these backpacks for Elgin St. Mission is <u>Friday, 1 December 2017!</u>

The City of Greater Sudbury Santa Clause Parade is coming up soon! Join us and ride in our very own SCA float. This years theme is "Merry Christmas, Canada! Happy 150th Birthday!" So come out in your best Canada gear (red clothes, Canada hats and mitts) and help us bring in the Christmas season at the parade! If you are available to help us set up and/or tear down or just ride the the float please contact the main office so we can solidify our numbers! Set Up: 17 November 2017, Parade: 18 November 2017

Join us on November 8th at 8:30am as we have a special Remembrance Day Chapel service to remember those who sacrificed so much for our freedom and our country and as we think of and pray for the safety of our soldiers at home and abroad.

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November Special Events

Nov 3rd – School-wide trip to Science North Nov 8th-Remembrance Day chapel service Nov 9th-Hot Lunch - chili & a biscuit Nov 10th-30 Day Prayer Challenge & **Bullying Awareness Kick-Off** Nov 13-17-Bullying Awareness Week Nov 17th– Operation Christmas Child boxes due Nov 18th—Santa Clause Parade @ 5:30pm Nov 20th–Early Dismissal - day ends @ 2:30pm Nov 21st-Treat Tuesday - popcorn Nov 22nd–Grade 3/4 Chapel Presentation & School Picture re-takes Nov 23rd—Hot Lunch - pancakes & sausages Nov 24th–Non-Uniform Day (\$2) Nov 27th-PD Day - NO SCHOOL! Nov 28th–Hot Dog Day

See you next month!