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*March 2024 – Parent Newsletter*

**UPCOMING DATES:**

<b>Mar 1</b> – 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mural Contest Deadline	<b>Mar 18</b> – Wear Green (St. Patrick’s Day)
<b>Mar 7</b> – Parent Teacher Interviews Begin (Evening)	<b>Mar 18</b> – Home & School Meeting at 6:00pm
<b>Mar 8</b> – Parent Teacher Interviews (No Classes)	<b>Mar 22-28</b> – March Break (No Classes)
<b>Mar 11</b> – Gr 3 go to Eastlink Ctr. – Agriculture Days	<b>Mar 29</b> – Good Friday (No Classes)
<b>Mar 12</b> – Spring Photos (morning)	<b>Apr 1</b> – Easter Monday (No Classes)
<b>Mar 15</b> – School Skate #2 (more details below)	<b>Apr 2</b> – Back to classes 😊

**STAFFING UPDATES:**

**Custodians:** Our beloved Sharon Gordon will be taking a well-deserved retirement in April. Her last day is April 16<sup>th</sup>. We sure are going to miss having her around SKC hallways!

**SKC HOME AND SCHOOL:**

All parents/guardians are welcome! We encourage new membership, and it is never too late to join/attend meetings. Our next meeting date will be in March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the school staff room. This might be the last meeting of the school year depending on committee schedules.

We are planning a “SKC Swing into Spring Auction” on Facebook from April 12-19<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds going towards school needs. Details to come at a later date.

Home & School will be purchasing a yearbook for each grade 8 student as a closing gift. Home & School is also sponsoring the ice rental and bus costs for the school skate on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PHYS ED UPDATES:**

Ball hockey intramurals will continue until approximately May at recess on Days 2, 4 and 6.

Badminton club started on Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5-6 students play after school on Wednesdays. Gr 7-8 students play after school on Mondays. Pickup is at 3:30pm. The club will last until the end

of February. In March, we will rollover into badminton tryouts after school with the same schedule as the club.

Mr. Bell started a snowshoe/cross-country ski club for interested students in Gr 5-8. The first day will be Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Students must return permission forms, as we have a limited number of equipment. Students must come prepared with winter boots (not Blundstones), heavy socks, snow pants, winter coat, and gloves. We hope to run this group every Thursday until the snow is gone. We will not be able to start on Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, as Mr. Bell needs to attend a PD day. There will be no club on Thu, Mar 7<sup>th</sup> due to parent teacher interviews. We hope to have the club after school on both March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. If we add in an extra day before the break, we will notify the group.

### MUSIC UPDATES:

Rock band practice (Gr 6-8) will continue every Day 3 at 1<sup>st</sup> recess, and Tuesdays after school (pickup at 3:30). Choir practice will continue (Gr 3-8) every Day 1 & 5 at 1<sup>st</sup> recess.

We are planning to do a Spring concert on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. This will hopefully include students in K-6, Rock Band, and Choir. More information will go home with participating students at a later time.

### SCHOOL SKATE #2:

**What:** School skate at the Northumberland Arena on Fri, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Students will travel by bus.

**Info:** Students must bring their own skates, and a CSA approved helmet. \*A very limited number of helmets and skates may be available for borrowing at the rink, but a parent should verify this ahead of time. Parents are not required to go to the rink; we will have staff and leadership students helping tie skates. Please ensure skates/helmets are labeled, and students are dressed appropriately.

For those students who do not want to skate, gym activities will be planned at the school. Students who are not skating will not be going to the rink.

**Time:** Grades K-3 will skate from 9:15am – 10:00am  
Grades 4-8 will skate from 10:30am – 11:30am

Note: regular classes will take place for remaining hours of the day

**Cost:** No cost 😊 A big thank you to our Home & School who offered to cover the cost of the ice rental and bus fees. \*Please note that the canteen will be open and available to students while they are there.

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – TERM 2:**

Parent teacher interviews will be held in person on the evening of March 7<sup>th</sup>, and during the day on March 8<sup>th</sup>. There are no classes for students on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Report cards will be issued to students on Wed, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Like in the Fall, we will be using Sign-Up Genius to schedule interviews. An online link was sent out by email on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is also posted on our school Facebook page, and school website. Each slot is 10 mins. One slot per student per teacher. If you feel you need two slots, please contact your child’s teacher. Teacher email addresses are listed on our school website at: <https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/about/staff>

If you need assistance to book a time, please call Afton in the office at 902-962-7400. The link is more user friendly on a computer/laptop as opposed to a cell phone.

**Booking link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA9AA2DA3F9C70-47928819-parent>

## **YEARBOOKS:**

Yearbooks are still on sale! Order forms already went home with students, but if you need an extra form, please ask Afton in the office. They are \$20 each. We can accept cash, cheque, or can be ordered online. Cheque’s can be made payable to Southern Kings Consolidated. Please note that grade 8 students do NOT need to order a book. They are being ordered and purchased for them as a gift from Home & School.

Online orders: [ybpay.ca](http://ybpay.ca)  
ID Code: 13769024  
Deadline to order: April 29, 2024

## **SPRING PICTURES:**

Lifetouch is returning to our school on Tues, March 12<sup>th</sup> to do another round of school pictures (like in previous years). These photos are not mandatory – only voluntary. The photographer plans to start around 9:00am. Please ensure that you discuss with your child if you are wanting a photo done, as the entire class is not brought to the photo area – only those who are interested.

### ART CLUB UPDATE:

The first three sessions of the Gr 3-4 after school Art Club have gone well. The remaining three art club sessions will be on the following Tuesdays: March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup>. Pickup is at 3:30pm. April 16<sup>th</sup> is the final session.

### GRADE 8 UPDATE:

Save the Date: Grade 8 travel to Magic Mountain/Moncton is tentatively booked for Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. More information to come.

The Yearbook committee is looking to collect a baby/toddler photo from each grade 8 student. Please kindly send in a photo with your child. It will be scanned and returned to you same day. You may also email a clear quality photo to [tacann@edu.pe.ca](mailto:tacann@edu.pe.ca) . Thank you.

 February 27<sup>th</sup> marks 100 days of school. 

**Next parent newsletter will be circulated via email and posted to the school website during the first week of every month.**