NEWSLETTER

School Message
Dear Sikh Academy Families,

As we head towards Winter Break, we encourage all students to remain on top of their studies and classroom expectations. We encourage parents to meet with teachers to ensure the second term kicks off smoothly. Please review the newsletter for up to date information on events at SA.

“Children must be taught HOW TO THINK, not what to think”
- Margaret Mead

Important Dates
*Please note the dates below in your home calendars.

- SA Toy Drive: Dec. 10th
- Term 1 Report Cards: Dec. 13th
- Parent Teacher Conferences: Dec. 14th
  (Early Dismissal @ 12:00 noon)
- Religious Assembly: Dec. 15th
- Winter Assembly: Dec. 16th
- Last Day before Winter Break: Dec. 16th
- Winter Break (School Closed): Dec. 19-Jan. 2nd
- School Re-Opens: Jan. 3rd

Religious Assembly
On December 15th, Sikh Academy will be hosting a Religious Assembly for Saka Chamkaur Sahib & Saka Sirhind Shaheed Divas from 8:35AM – 9:45AM at Newton and 8:30-9:30 at Fleetwood (for Grade K, 4, 6, 7), and at 10:00-11:00 at Fleetwood (for Grade 1, 2, 3, 5).

Term 1 Report Cards
Term 1 officially wrapped up on November 30th. Term 1 Report Cards are set to go out on Tuesday, December 13th. We remind parents to discuss the report cards with their child(ren) to discuss their progress in the first term. Parents are then to sign the report card envelope, acknowledging they have received it, and return only the envelope to the classroom teacher. Parents keep the original Report Card for their records.

Term 1 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, December 14th from 1:00-3:00PM and 4:00-6:00PM. Students will be dismissed at 12:00PM on the 14th to allow for the conferences. Parents can sign up for a meeting time outside their child’s classroom.

Please note that Religious Teachers will also have sign-up sheets outside of their teaching areas/classrooms for parents to book an appointment.

BC’s New Curriculum – Term Report Cards
As part of the new curriculum, SA students, parents, and families will see a new format to the Term Report Cards. The term report cards will have comments for each subject area, and list the learning standards (what students should be able to do) and a standing on each of these learning standards. As always, there are no letter grades for students in Grades Kindergarten to Grade 3.

For Intermediate students (Grades 4-7), there will be comments for each subject, an assessment of their learning standards, and letter grades for only the four core subjects (English Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies). Students in Grade 5-7 will also receive a letter grade for Core French. All other subject areas will include comments and an assessment of learning standards (what students should be able to do).

Comments for each subject is more aligned with the requirements of the new curriculum and its skill based approach. If any parents need help understanding the new report card, please feel free to speak to your classroom teacher or any member of the Administration team.

We encourage all parents to explore the website for the new curriculum (https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/) and become familiar with the new expectations.
Winter Assembly

Sikh Academy’s Annual Winter Assembly will be held on Friday, December 16th from 10:00-11:15AM at both schools. We would like to invite all families to come and attend to see all the great student led performances. Come out and see how we transform our school into a Winter Wonderland, and you never know when a special guest may visit.

SA Winter Toy Drive

Sikh Academy is proud to once again work alongside Guru Nanak Free Kitchen to host our Second Annual Toy Drive from Dec 1st to Dec 9th at both schools. Students and parents can donate new toys (for students aged 3-13) to their classroom teachers. These toys will then be sorted and wrapped on Dec 10th in order to be handed out to those kids in the community who are not in the position to be given gifts during the holiday season. SA is proud to support these students and families.

SA would like to invite all parents to help support this great cause. Any parents who can volunteer to wrap gifts, bring lunch items, or volunteer in any other way on December 10th please come out to our Newton location between 12:00-3:00 and/or talk to the school office.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will once again be held in December at both schools. The Book Fair will run on December 12/13/14. The Book Fair will be open to specific Grade levels at lunch time and to all students after school on these dates from 3:30-4:00PM. We invite all families to attend, and help support our school library. Proceeds from the Book Fair are used to purchase additional resources for students.

Basketball at Fleetwood and Newton

The after-school Basketball program has begun at both schools. Skill development sessions are held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30PM at Fleetwood. Skill development sessions at Newton are held on Mondays are for Primary Grades and Wednesdays for Intermediate Grades. Friday practices at Newton are held for the school team consisting of Grade 6/7 students.

Kindergarten Registration

SA would like to inform parents that Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year begins on January 4, 2017 at both schools. We encourage all parents, who are interested in registering their KG students for the next school year, to do so as soon as possible. Seats are limited and often go quickly.

Parents can access the registration form on the school website, and bring in the required documents (birth certificate, care card, proof of student status, immunization record, proof of parent status, and proof of address). More information can be found on the school website.

Recess and Lunch – Be Active

Over the last few weeks, we have noticed students are staying inside for recess and lunch. We encourage all students to go outside for recess and lunch to be active. Please speak to your children and reaffirm the importance of students going outside, getting fresh air, and being physically active as an important part of their health.

When weather permits, we will be encouraging all students to go outside at recess and lunch on a daily basis. Please send students with appropriate winter wear.

School Uniform

All students must be wearing full uniform daily, which includes Navy Dress Pants, and our Sky Blue Polo or Dress Shirts. Navy SA Sweaters are now mandatory until the end of February. Students in Grade Kindergarten, One, & Two may wear their PE uniforms for the entire day during the days they have PE. All other students are to change into PE uniform and back into their full uniform on PE days.

Student Healthy Lunches and Snacks

Sikh Academy follows a healthy lunch policy as part of our school goal to promote healthy living. As such, students are not allowed to bring junk food, pop, chips, juice, etc. to school as part of their lunch. Instead, parents should be packing fresh fruits and vegetables for students to eat and water to drink. Students who bring junk food or unhealthy snacks will be asked to put those items back in their bags to take home. If there are any questions about our healthy diet policy, please feel free to talk to your child’s teacher or the school administration.

Reminder: SA is a Nut Free School.
**Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up (Newton)**

To ensure the safety of all students/staff/families, we request the following from parents at Newton:

- If entering Sikh Academy from 128th St. & 85th Ave, please drop your kids off in the parking lot by the Nishan Sahib (preferred) or drop off at the front of SA and continue driving towards the Nishan Sahib and exit at 86 Ave & Dasmesh Marg. Continue in one direction.
- If entering Sikh Academy from 132nd St., please drop your kids off in the parking lot by the Nishan Sahib (preferred) or drive past the school, make a u-turn in the cul-de-sac on 128th St. & 85th Ave, and drop off at the front of SA and continue driving towards the Nishan Sahib to exit at 86th Ave & Dasmesh Marg.
- Do not turn your vehicle around in front of the school or park in the parking stalls across from the school. Vehicles parked in the parking stalls across from the school could be ticketed.

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श्रायतसंवत

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A PAC

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