



SYLVAN MEADOWS ADVENTIST SCHOOL 2023-24 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Teachers and Staff:

Administrative Principal: Chris Dubyna
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Head Teacher/Gr 5-9 Teacher: Skyla McCreery
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Grades K-4 Teacher: Karel Blankenfeldt
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Daily Schedule:

School Begins Monday - Thursday 8:15 am

School Dismisses Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm

Our School

Our Mission: is to use the Bible and its principles to equip students for a life of service.

Our Vision: is to inspire students to:

- build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
 - Pursue academic excellence
 - Develop positive social relationships
 - Learn practical life skills
 - Achieve an optimum level of physical health
- . . . with the intent of enabling them to share with others the hope of Christ's soon return.

Our Philosophy: is to foster a balanced development of the whole person - physical, intellectual, social, and spiritual

Objectives: The expectations of staff and student behaviour at SMAS can be summed up as follows:

- If it enhances Christianity, it's OK.
- If it increases learning, it's OK.
- If it builds people, it's OK.

Accreditation:

SMAS is a fully accredited educational facility, registered with the Government of Alberta as a "Category I Private School" authorized to offer the ECS, elementary, and junior high programs of study. SMAS is also accredited by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church Board of Education

SMAS Board:

The SMAS Board members are elected by the Sylvan Lake SDA Church to serve a term of office up to three years with an option of re-election. The Board is comprised of current/past parents of students as well as current church members. It serves to oversee the overall policies and operation of the financial, administrative, and admission procedures of the school and to ensure a nurturing, rich academic and spiritual atmosphere. Monthly board meetings are called each month (Sept-June). Parents and constituent members of the church are welcome to attend as observer/s providing prior notification is given to the school office. An observer cannot voice opinions or vote on motions.

Early Childhood Services:

The ECS program adopts the school philosophy as stated and accentuates learning and responsible decision making.

Application for Admission

Register for admission at the school website: <https://www.sylvanmeadowsadventistschool.ca/>

All students (new or returning) must complete an online "Application for Admission" form which will be reviewed for approval by the SMAS Admissions Committee. Admission is not guaranteed.

DETAILS: Bring the following personal identification for your child(ren):

- **Alberta Health Care number** (new students only)
- **birth certificate** (new students only)
- **proof of citizenship** (of student and parents, if not Canadian)
- **Previous report card**

NOTE: All Registrants must submit completed application forms and be approved by the SMAS Admissions Committee before the first day of school. The school will interview any new applicants. Registration forms can take up to 2 weeks to process.

Requirements

SMAS is sponsored and supported by the constituent members of the Sylvan Lake SDA Church, with the majority of the students being members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church family. However, no particular religious affiliation is required for admission. Anyone who sincerely desires a Christian education and is willing to uphold the standards and purposes of this school is invited to apply.

It is understood that when applications are made for admission to the school all students thereby pledge themselves to follow the regulations and to live in harmony with the ideals and policies of the school.

School Entrance Age

Students entering **ECS (Kindergarten)** must attain the age of 5 years old and not more than 7 years old by September 30. Students entering **Grade 1** must attain the age of 6 years old by September 30.

Referral Incentive

SMAS will give a \$100 discount on a family's registration fee for each new student they refer who becomes a student as of Sept 30.

Financial Information and Policies:

Registration Fees:

Kindergarten to Grade Nine - \$150.00

Registration fees cover the agenda, technology fund, and classroom expenses. Registration fees are due in September.

Tuition:

In lieu of tuition, parents are asked to make contributions through the Sylvan Lake SDA Church to the tuition replacement fund.

Academic Program and Policies:

Philosophy:

Each student at Sylvan Meadows Adventist School is capable of achieving academic success. For some, this success comes more easily than others, but each student has the ability to reach their greatest potential. The teachers at SMAS are committed to creating an environment that is conducive to learning and helping each student achieve their very best

Grading System:

SMAS teachers from grades K-9 use the grading system set out by the Alberta Seventh-day Adventist Conference. Parents and students (K-9) will be able to access grades at any time using PowerSchool, an online grading program. This allows students to take responsibility for ensuring that all their homework is handed in, and to keep track of how they are doing in class.

Report Cards:

Communication about student progress is of crucial importance. Report cards are issued three times a year and are accompanied by an interview with the teacher twice a year. Informal reporting also occurs throughout the year. Parents and students are encouraged at any time to contact your teacher with any questions, concerns or comments.