

École Bishop Savaryn



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Chief Superintendent October Message

BIENVENUE

The mission of Bishop Savaryn School is to provide a Catholic education that empowers students to achieve their full potential as they journey toward becoming faith-filled, ethical, global citizens.

Dear École Bishop Savaryn Families,
Our school community continues to shine as a beacon of hope. It was truly heartwarming to see so many of you at our recent family picnic—the joyful atmosphere and spirit of connection were a beautiful reflection of the caring community we are building together.

A heartfelt thank you for your generous support of the Terry Fox Run. Thanks to your contributions, we surpassed our fundraising goal and raised \$1145.00. Bravo les dragons!

Each morning at Bishop Savaryn begins with prayer and gratitude for the privilege of living on Treaty 6 territory. We also celebrate music during announcements, nurturing an appreciation for cultural diversity. To support a strong and proud French Immersion identity, we invite you to enjoy the song [Au Canada](#) with your family. It's a musical journey across our beautiful country, highlighting iconic cities and landmarks through the eyes of a French-Canadian traveller.

Speaking of music, we hope to see you at our upcoming Family Dance on September 24.

Labour Disruption: At this time, there are no changes to classes or school operations. Students should continue to attend school as usual. We remain hopeful that an agreement will be reached without disruption to teaching and learning. All information can be found at <https://www.ecsd.net/labourupdate>

Wishing you a faith-filled month ahead!

Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin

Directrice

Directrice-Adjointe

Welcome



Important Reminders

*****Student Agendas*****

Please include important information and any changes to transportation in your child's agenda.

SCHOOL FEES and **VERIFICATION FORMS** are available on PowerSchool and are now due.

Transportation fees are due monthly by the 15th.

Labour Disruption information is available at

<https://www.ecsd.net/labourupdate>

Individual Picture Day:

Monday, October 6



Website:

bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net

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October Important Dates

Hispanic Canadian Heritage Month



October 2	Custodian Appreciation Day Thank you Mr. Quach and Mr. Nestor
October 3	Musée Héritage Presentation for all grades - Indigenous Awareness
October 4	Saturday French Immersion Event at Bishop Savaryn Ciné-Céréales 10:00 - 12:00
October 5	World Teacher Day
October 6 -10	Read-In Week- Special reading activities all week
October 6	Picture Day
October 7	October Assembly @ 1:00 PM Virtue: Sharing - Saint Nicholas & Physical Wellbeing School Council Meeting at 6:00 PM
October 10	Thanksgiving Celebration at 9:30 AM
October 13	No School - Thanksgiving Monday
October 18 - 24	Catholic Education Week - Wear blue on Thurs. Oct 23
October 20	Municipal Election
October 24	Family Dance 6:00 - 8:00 PM
October 31	Halloween and Hot Lunch (Boston Pizza)

*IN ALL
Things
GIVE
Thanks*



Assembly and Thanksgiving

Our October assembly will be held on October 7 at 1:00 PM. We will explore the virtue of sharing, learning from the example of Saint Nicholas. We will focus on physical wellbeing as an essential part of the medicine wheel.

Thanksgiving Celebration: We will gather as a school family to celebrate Thanksgiving on Friday, October 10 at 9:30 AM. Families are welcome to attend.

Field Trips

New This Year...

Field trip forms will be emailed to parents this year detailing all the information regarding the event. We will only send a copy of the consent form home with students. Please ensure consent forms are sent back to school promptly and payments are made on PowerSchool. If you plan to volunteer, please ensure the volunteer registration for this year has been submitted.

Back to School Tips

Articles for Families

It's back to school time for teachers and families alike. These articles can help families with tips to settle into the new school year: 6 tips to help your child head back to school ([English](#) and [French](#))

Transportation

BusPlanner Delays App:

A reminder to download the BusPlanner Delays App on your mobile phones to receive late bus notifications. Instructions are located on <https://www.ecsd.net/yellow-bus-delays> or on the portal for school use.



French Immersion

We are excited to invite you to Ciné & Céréales, a new event designed especially for our French Immersion families! While students enjoy the movie *Ron ne va plus* (Ron's Gone Wrong) in the gym, parents and caregivers will participate in a variety of workshops focused on supporting French language learning at home. Join us for a fun and practical morning full of easy-to-use strategies to build confidence in literacy and language at home. Click [HERE](#) for full event details or visit the School Fees tab in PowerSchool to pay and register.

FRENCH IMMERSION PARENT

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2025

ISSUE #1

French Immersion Parent Newsletter:

We are pleased to share a new newsletter designed to support parents with students in French Immersion. Created in response to the feedback provided by parents in the French Immersion engagement data, this resource will be published four times per year and provides practical ideas and strategies to help families engage with their child's learning. Click [HERE](#) to access this important publication.

School Council

CASINO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ecole Bishop Savaryn Fundraising Association is having a casino fundraiser on Friday & Saturday November 7 & 8, 2025 at Century Casino Edmonton. We are looking for volunteers to help us run this casino. Please consider signing up to help our fundraising association raise money for our school. Feel free to invite a partner or friend as well to help fill all the positions! In the past, casinos have raised over \$70,000 for our school.

For more information on the various volunteer positions, please click [HERE](#).

To sign up to volunteer for the casino please use this [LINK](#)

If you have any questions, please email:

bishopsavarynparents@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Ecole Bishop Savaryn Fundraising Association

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
BISHOP SAVARYN'S CASINO
FUNDRAISER

Sign up online:
volunteersignup.org/AWHAT



Let's raise money for our
new school playground!

Grand Villa Casino
December 30 & 31, 2023

HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT SARAH
SARAHLENER@LIVE.COM

Family Dance

Save the date!

Monster Mash Family Dance

Friday, October 24

More information will follow later this month, including a link to purchase tickets.



School Council Meeting

The next school council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM**. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. The meetings provide the time to connect and be informed. You can join us in-person at the school or online. A link for the meeting will be sent on October 7 in the afternoon. We hope you can attend! If you would like to add your name to the volunteer list, please email : bishopsavarynparents@gmail.com



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM



September Hot Lunch: Friday, October 30 from Boston Pizza

Create your account. Once you have an account, you can order hot lunch for the entire year.

Orders are due by Sunday, October 26.

Late orders will not be accepted.

Bishop Savaryn Hot Lunch Dates:

September 26- Edo
October 31- Boston Pizza
November 21- Taco Time
December 12- Subway
January 23- Carls Jr.
February 20- Little Cesar
March 20- Popeyes
April 24- Mucho Burrito
May 29- Boston Pizza
June 19- The Lunch Lady

Healthy Hunger
Fun Lunch Fundraising

PARENTS

FUN LUNCHES ON-LINE

You have been asked to order your Fun Lunches On-Line... Now what? Go to www.HealthyHunger.ca and click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT". After your account is created, you will be able to view all up-coming Fun Lunches, place orders, and then pay for your orders Online with Visa, or MasterCard.

HOW IT WORKS

Create an account	Add Student	View upcoming fun lunches	Place your orders and make payment online
 STEP 1: Click "REGISTER YOUR STUDENT" and create Your account. REGISTER YOUR STUDENT	 STEP 2: Login, and add your children to the account. ADD STUDENT	 STEP 3: View all the Up-coming fun lunch dates. ORDER NOW	 STEP 4: Place your orders and make payment Online. PAY NOW

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Catholic Education Week October 18 - 24

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain. – Hebrews 6:18-19

The Catholic Education Week theme in Alberta challenges us to move from maintenance to mission, from protecting what we have to boldly proclaiming who we are. To become beacons of hope means living and leading in a way that draws others toward that truth—with clarity, courage, and joy. In a time of uncertainty, Catholic education stands as a visible sign of conviction, compassion, and Christ-centred purpose. You are invited to attend mass at [St. Charles Parish](#) to celebrate Catholic Education week on the weekend of Oct. 18 & 19 and to wear blue on Thursday, October 23.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: We will have our annual food drive for the Society of St Vincent de Paul in November when the pantry shelves are bare and need to be replenished. Watch for more information in November.

****New****

Did you know....Indigenous Trivia Tips



TRIVIA TIP: INUK NHL PLAYER

Did you know, Jordin Tootoo was the first Inuk NHL player?



After playing 13 seasons in the NHL, Tootoo retired in 2018.

He is known for speaking to youth and maintaining his Inuit culture. Jordin has also authored two novels and is a father to two daughters who he calls his "Stanley Cups"

**Scan the QR Code
to learn more:**



<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/inuk-nhl-player-jordin-tootoo-on-life-after-going-all-the-way-1.5025515>



School Messenger

Reporting Student Absences

Edmonton Catholic Schools is using a new school notification system called SchoolMessenger to keep in contact with our families. This system allows the Division and our schools to send important messages quickly.

You have received a text message that says, "You're registered 4 SchoolMessenger." This means you will start receiving text messages from your school and our Division. If you want to change how you get these messages, you can contact your school, and they can update your contact information.

Reporting Student Absences

The SchoolMessenger app includes a new system for reporting your child's absences called SafeArrival.

SafeArrival is a more efficient way to report student absences. It allows you to report an absence in advance, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and helps us reduce the time it takes to confirm your child's attendance.

You can report these absences through the mobile app, website, or telephone. You are also still welcome to call your school directly.

Download SafeArrival

To learn how to use the SafeArrival automated system through SchoolMessenger, please visit ecsd.net/reportingabsences. There, you will find step-by-step instructions and a video on downloading and using the app. To ensure easy account setup, please use the same email address and phone number you use for PowerSchool.

The SafeArrival system will also be able to notify you quickly in the event of an unexpected absence. This will also be done by email, text, or phone call, and the system will continue to contact you until the absence is explained.

We hope this new system will enhance our communication with you and improve the efficiency of our attendance processes. Thank you for your continued partnership as we strive to provide your child with the best possible Catholic education.

Edmonton Catholic Schools.