École Bishop Savaryn



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Chief Superintendent September 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.

Bienvenue à l'année scolaire 2025-2026!

Dear École Bishop Savaryn Families,

We are delighted to welcome you to the start of a new and exciting school year at École Bishop Savaryn. As we open our doors this September, our hearts are filled with hope, joy, and enthusiasm for the learning journey ahead.

At our school, we are deeply committed to fostering a vibrant and inclusive learning environment where each student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. This year, we look forward to celebrating growth, achievement, and the many milestones that will shape your child's educational experience.

We are proud to offer a rich French Immersion program, providing students with the opportunity to broaden their horizons through bilingual learning. The cognitive, cultural, and career benefits of acquiring an additional language are far-reaching, and we are excited to help your child unlock these advantages.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year of collaboration, celebration, and success!

A special welcome to all the new families and staff members who are joining our community this year.

Passez un bon mois de septembre, Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin

Directrice Directrice-Adjointe



Reminders

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

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

Parent Volunteer Forms

will be sent home by email on Friday. Please sign and return forms if you plan to volunteer this year.

Teacher Labour Action information:

https://www.ecsd.net/labouraction

Individual Picture Day:

Monday, October 6

Website:

bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net.

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September Important Dates



| Sept 2 | First Day of School Grade I-6 |
|------------|--|
| Sept 2,3,4 | Kindergarten Staggered Entry |
| Sept 8 | Kindergarten First Day School Council Meeting at 6:00 PM |
| Sept I2 | Opening Assembly @ 9:30 AM |
| Sept 18 | Family Picnic/ Meet the Teacher 5:00-7:00 PM |
| Sept 23 | ECSD Cross Country Run - Rundle Park |
| Sept 24 | Grade 4 Bible Ceremony |
| Sept 26 | Terry Fox Run Hot Lunch |
| Sept 29 | Orange Shirt Day |
| Sept 30 | NO SCHOOL Truth and Reconciliation Day |
| | IMPORTANT: |



IMPORTANT:

It is important that students arrive on time. Students should be on school grounds by 8:15 AM for the first bell. Instructional time begins promptly at 8:20 AM.

Opening Assembly

Our Opening Assembly will be held on September 12 at 9:30 AM. We will share the book Hope Is An Open Heart and our Division Theme: People of Hope. Families are welcome to attend. The assembly will be held in the gymnasium. Throughout the year we will learn more about saints and Catholic values during our assemblies and highlight Catholic values in action.

Family Picnic Meet the Teacher

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: **SEPTEMBER 18 @ 5:00 PM**

Family Picnic - Meet The Teacher
Please join us on September 18th at 5:00 PM
for our annual Family Picnic, and Meet the
Teacher event. This will be a special
gathering for our Bishop Savaryn community:
students, parents, and staff can start the
school year with a meet and greet. More
information will be provided next week.
We are hoping for nice weather! Remember
to bring a blanket for outdoor seating.

5:00 pm Family Picnic 6:00 pm Classroom Visits 6:30 pm Classroom Visits



Clubs

Bishop Savaryn Clubs

We are thrilled to be able to offer a variety of clubs for our students this year. Throughout the year, clubs including art, dance, prayer, coding, skipping and running will be offered. We begin the year with our Running Club. Students in Grade 3-6 can join and train for the ECSD Elementary Cross-Country Run at Rundle Park on Tuesday, September 23. Participants will be required to submit a field trip form and pay a small fee to cover the entry fees and transportation. Participants will be provided with detailed information. **NEW THIS YEAR...** Students will indicate participation in a club in their agenda. Ask your child about the club and why they chose to join. Parents are strongly encouraged to look at the agenda daily for updates.



HOURS OF OPERATION 2025 - 2026

| | Grades 1 - 6 | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | First Bell | Morning Recess | Lunch and Recess | Dismissal |
| Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri | 8:15 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 – 12:40 pm | 3:04 pm |
| Thurs | 8:15 am | 10:15 am | | 11:35 am |

| | Kindergarten am/pm | | | |
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| | First Bell | Recess | | Dismissal |
| Mon/Tue/Wed/fri AM | 8:15 am | 10:00 am | | 11:23 am |
| Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri PM | 11:56 am | 1:30 pm | | 3:04 pm |



2025-2026 Staff List



| Kindergarten | Mme Barr |
|--------------|--|
| 1C | Mme Godinez |
| 1D | Mme Assia et Mme Sina |
| 2C | Mme Melissa |
| 2D | Mme Brianna |
| 3C | Mme Angela |
| 3D | Mme Melong |
| 4C | Mme Tétreault |
| 4D | Mme Amna |
| 5C | Mme Khair |
| 5D | Mme Leclerc |
| 6C | Mme Adèle Mme Quintin Mme Bujold |

| Mme Alice | Educational Assistant |
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| Mme Monique | Educational Assistant |
| Mme Chantal | Educational Assistant |
| Mme Jolene | Behaviour Therapy Asssistnat |
| Laura Moniz | Family Support Liaison Worker |
| Mr Quach | Head Custodian |
| Mr Nestor | Senior Custodian |
| Mme Sousa | Administrative Support |
| Mme Quintin | Assistant Principal |
| Mme Thomlinson | Principal |





Transportation

Transportation Services offers detailed information for parents who want to know more about their child's bus route such as upto-date bus information and delays. Click the following link to access their site: <u>ECSD</u> <u>Transportation</u> Webpage.

Check the Yellow Bus Delay Board button for current bus delays. You will need your child's bus number.

No personal information is stored on the bus pass itself, as the card cannot hold any data. The process is quick and easy and allows our transportation staff to identify whether a student is on the bus, missed the bus, or got off at the wrong stop. It is important for students always carry their bus passes and scan on and off every time they enter and exit the bus. Your child will receive one bus pass that will be used for the entire school year, replacing the monthly pass. RFID bus passes are not applicable to Kindergarten Noon Hour and Curb Services Routes.

The website has more information about the new Bus Pass Scanner System and a video explaining the process.



Parking

Parking & School Safety
Review all parking information

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Kiss & Drop Lane

Parking and waiting are not permitted. The Kiss and Drop Lane is for a quick drop off or pick up and is meant to be free-flowing. We thank you for your patience as construction and delays continue to occur in our neighbourhood.

SAFETY OVER CONVENIENCE

Reminder that our Kiss & Drop Lane is for quick drop off and pick up. This is a free-flowing lane. Drive through to drop off or pick up your waiting children. Please, never park and get out of your car in this lane. If you need to park your vehicle, before or after school, please use the 30-minute drop-off zone on Beaumaris Road or park in the residential areas around the school.

There is NO PARKING in front of the school or near the crosswalk. Please help us to keep our families safe and pedestrians safe! STUDENTS MUST USE THE CROSSWALK on Beaumaris Rd and 109 Street. Let's be good role models for our children.

Safety comes first!

Remember that U-turns are illegal in front of our school and that the speed limit is 30 km/hr.

Thank you for your continued support and for keeping our students safe.

Agendas & School Code of Conduct

École Bishop Savaryn Handbook-

<u>Bishop Savaryn Website</u> <u>Bishop Savaryn Handbook</u>

We look forward to working together with your family as we begin this new 2025 - 2026 school year together. With careful planning and skilled educators, it promises to be a positive and rewarding educational experience for your child.

Our School Handbook contains:

- a brief overview of the school policies and procedures that support student learning and foster positive interaction between home and school.
- our Student Code of Conduct Policy

Parents and guardians are encouraged to use their child's agenda to communicate with their child's teacher regularly by signing it and checking for messages/notices DAILY.

May God truly bless our efforts to celebrate our lives as children of God, each doing the work to become the best versions of ourselves as we were created to be – fully alive and passionate about learning as we journey into this new school year together! LEADERS grow here...as disciples of Jesus!



School Fees

Payment for school fees will be available on **September 15th**. All payments must be made online through PowerSchool. We are no longer able to accept cash payments.

Fees are due by September 30th.

Emergency Drills

Safety Drills will be performed throughout the school year as follows:

- 3 Fire Drills in the Fall
- 3 Lock Down Practices
- 3 Fire Drills in the Spring
- 1 Severe Weather Drill

Evacuation would occur if carbon monoxide levels are detected. Families will be informed by email following each drill.

Volunteer Forms

Volunteers are required to complete a Volunteer Form annually. If you plan to volunteer for any school event this year, please complete the form and return to your child's homeroom teacher. Forms will be sent home later this week.

French Immersion

French Immersion Information

Check It Out!! You are encouraged to click on the link for information, videos, resources to support the French Immersion Program at ECSD.

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.

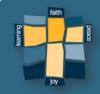
You can report these absences through the mobile app, website, or telephone. You are also still welcome to call your school directly.

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.



HOT LUNCH PROGRAM



September Hot Lunch: Friday, September 26 from EDO

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

Orders are due by Sunday, September 21.

School Council will be organizing a Hot Lunch Program this year. Hot Lunch will be provided once a month. All orders are made online through Healthy Hunger and lunch options will be populated for the full year in the near future. Please begin the process by registering your child/children for the program.



New

Did you know....Indigenous Trivia Tips



Did you know, Indigenous Peoples invented the sport of lacrosse?

Invented by Haudenosaunee, or Iroquois people, in what now is New York and areas in Canada bordering the state. Lacrosse was a tool to resolve wars, heal sick people, develop endurance

and strength of the male population. It was originally known as 'stickball'. The game was initially played in

the St. Lawrence Valley area by the Algonquian tribe and they were followed by other tribes in the eastern half of North America, and around the western Great Lakes.

Scan the QR Code to learn more:



https://www.history.com/news/lacrosse-origins-native-americans



HULLABALOO at the HUB

Saturday, September 6 | 10am-3pm

Joinus at theNorth Central Family Resource Network (HUB) for a day of family fun! A fun and informative day for families and caregivers who have children under the age of 18.

This event is FREE!

Ifyouare a community partner that supports families with any type of services and would like to reserve a table, please contact infohub@ymcanab.ca for more details.

- · Carnival Games
- Bouncy Castles
- Face Painting
- · Temporary Tattoos

& much, much more!



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