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Chief Superintendent January 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 Bishop Savaryn Families,
We hope you enjoyed a joyful and restful Christmas holiday season filled with God's love. As we begin this new year, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a happy, healthy, and successful 2026.

Reflecting on the close of 2025, we are incredibly proud of how our school community came together to face a challenging start to the school year and remain rooted in hope. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul sends their gratitude for the food donations. Your generosity and compassion truly embody the spirit of unity that defines us.

Looking ahead, we are filled with excitement and optimism. One of the highlights of our school is our French Immersion program—a cornerstone of our identity. Our program not only enriches our students' learning experience but also fosters cognitive growth, cultural understanding, and pride in our diverse community. Learning an additional language opens doors to new opportunities and perspectives, and we are thrilled to see our students thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will make 2026 a year of growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for all our students.

Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin

Directrice

Directrice-Adjointe

January



Important Reminders

January 6: Epiphany
Celebration at 9:00 AM

January 7: Assembly at 9:45 AM

January 23: Hot Lunch and
Twin Day

January 27: Progress Reports

January 30: **No School** -
Bishop Savaryn PD Day

ECSD Annual Survey:

Students will bring home the survey. Take a few minutes to fill out the survey and return it to school by January 23.

Your voice matters!

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 4: Open House at 6PM

Feb. 6: Family Dance 6-8PM

Website:

bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net

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January Important Dates



January 5	Welcome back - Classes Resume
January 6	Epiphany - Celebration at 9:00 AM
January 7	January Assembly at 9:45 AM Virtue: Hope (Saint Charles) Wellness Focus - Mental Health
January 14	School Council Meeting at 7:00 PM
January 15	Kindergarten Extra Day
January 23	Hot Lunch - Pasta Pantry Theme Day: Twin Day
January 27	January Progress Reports Live for parents at 4PM
January 30	Bishop Savaryn PD Day - No classes for students



Coming Soon...
**Bishop Savaryn Merchandise
Online Store**
More information coming soon!.

**Bishop Savaryn Open House:
Wednesday, February 4**

January Assembly

Our January Assembly will be held on January 7 at 9:45 AM.

This month our leadership skill will focus on the Catholic virtue of hope. Our Wellness Leaders will continue to share information on holistic wellness grounded in the Indigenous Medicine Wheel. January will focus on mental health and well-being.

Families are welcome to attend the assembly.

School Council

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
January 14 at 7:00 PM

Bishop Savaryn School Council Hybrid Meeting.
Join us for an informative evening.

Epiphany Celebration

Our school community will join together for our Epiphany celebration on Tuesday, Jan.6 at 9:00 AM. Deacon Joseph will be leading our liturgy and we thank Mme Angela, Mme Barr, 3C and K-AM for preparing this important celebration.



St Charles Parish

St Charles Weekend Mass Times
Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

<https://saint-charles.com/>

Reading Corner

Embed reading into your daily routine!! 15-30 minutes a day when everyone in your family is reading. It does not matter what: novels, magazines, graphic novels, digital newspapers or articles, cookbooks, comics...anything!



French Immersion

The song "[C'est la vie](#)" by Claude is a song about resilience, accepting the ups and downs of life, and the importance of motherly teachings. Its message: life isn't always easy, but you have to keep a positive attitude, remember where you come from, and keep moving forward with hope. Enjoy this upbeat song!

Open House

Spread the news... our Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00 PM.

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens in early February. If you know anyone that has a kindergarten-age child, please share the information about our school or encourage them to contact our office at 780-456-7837 for a school tour.



Parking & School Safety - Review all parking information
[HERE](#)





Hot Lunch Program

January Hot Lunch: Friday, January 23 from Pasta Pantry

Orders are due by Sunday, January 18.

Late orders will not be accepted. Grade 1-6 ONLY

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Student Council

Student Council at Bishop Savaryn: Empowering Young Leaders

Students and teachers alike really enjoyed dressing up as each other!

Our Student Council took the time to create an I SPY or J'espionne Christmas themed activity board where all students took some time to find images about Jesus and Christmas among other special selections.



Student Council will also be visiting the younger grades to have them decide the end of the year theme days. We are looking forward to our our next couple of projects and keep on the lookout for more information to come! Follow us on Instagram as well to see all of the events happening at Bishop Savaryn

Social Justice - Clothing Drive

Our student council is asking each grade to bring the following items in support of our Clothing Drive for The Mustard Seed.

Kindergarten:

Warm Socks

Grade 1:

Toothpaste

Grade 2:

Deodorant

Grade 3:

Warm Gloves/Mitts

Grade 4:

Toque

Grade 5:

Toothbrush

Grade 6:

Reusable Water Bottle/Travel Mug



Items will be accepted until January 29.

Thank you for your support!



Progress Report

The January Summary Report provides families with an overview of their child's learning by highlighting levels of achievement about learning outcomes at this point in the school year. On January 27 at 4:00 PM, the Summary Report for Grades 1- 6 students will be available by logging into the **PowerSchool**.

- Log into [Powerschool.ecsd.net](https://powerschool.ecsd.net)
- Click on the Report Card icon in the left-hand menu
- Under Current Year Report Card, click Launch Report Card

For more information on how to view the January Summary Report, please watch this [video](#).



HELP teach our students to be safe by ONLY using the crosswalk to get across the street.

Did you know....Indigenous Trivia Tips



TRIVIA TIP: INDIGENOUS DEMOGRAPHICS

Did you know, Indigenous Peoples have more than four times the growth rate of the non-Indigenous population?

Of the 1,807,250 Indigenous People population in Canada:

First Nations population



60.2 %

Metis population



34.9 %

Inuit population



4.9 %

There are 1,807,250 people in Canada who identified as Indigenous (5% of Canada's population). In 2021

The First Nations population numbered 1,048,405, the Métis population was 624,220, and the Inuit population reached 70,545.

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



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEzjA5RoLv0>

Bishop Savaryn Family Dance



SAVE THE DATE

**Our Annual
Family Dance**

FRIDAY FEB 6

6 - 8pm

Details and Ticket info
will be emailed soon!

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PRIVACY & SECURITY SETTINGS

Through out the year, themes will be highlighted monthly to support your child's journey as a digital citizenship. Join them as a partner in their education navigating the digital world!



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What is Important About Privacy and Security?

For young children in grades K-3, understanding privacy and security online is about building basic awareness and habits that will keep them safe. At this age, children may not fully understand the risks of sharing personal information, such as their name, address, or school, or why passwords should stay private. They may also interact with websites or apps that aren't appropriate for their age or unintentionally click on unsafe links. Teaching them about privacy and security is like teaching them not to talk to strangers or look both ways before crossing the street—it's a foundational life skill for the digital world.



Privacy & Security Tips for Parents

Model Safe Online Behaviors

- Use child-friendly websites and apps with them, showing how to identify "just right" platforms approved by teachers or trusted sources.

Create a Safe Online Environment

- Set up parental controls on devices and limit access to age-appropriate apps and websites. Explore platforms together to guide their learning.

Teach About Privacy

- Explain in simple terms that personal information (like their name, address, or birthday) should stay private. Use relatable examples like "We don't share our home address with people we don't know."

Encourage Open Communication

- Let your child know they can always come to you if they see something confusing or uncomfortable online.

Practice Password Basics

- Help your child create simple, secure passwords and explain that they should never share them, even with friends.

Set Clear Photo-Sharing Rules

- Teach your child to ask permission before sharing any photos and ensure they understand not to include private details in pictures.

Additional Resources



[Common Sense - Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy and Security](#)
[Common Sense - The State of Kids' Privacy: Evaluating the Safety & Security of Kid's Tech](#)



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Illness Prevention

The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff remain our top priority. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms daily before coming to school. This is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of illness.

Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of illness, including fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new or worsening cough, or shortness of breath, should remain at home until their symptoms have improved and they have been free of fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and they feel well enough to resume normal activities. If your child becomes sick at school, parents/guardians will be called to pick them up. If your child is away from school for any reason, please call the office.

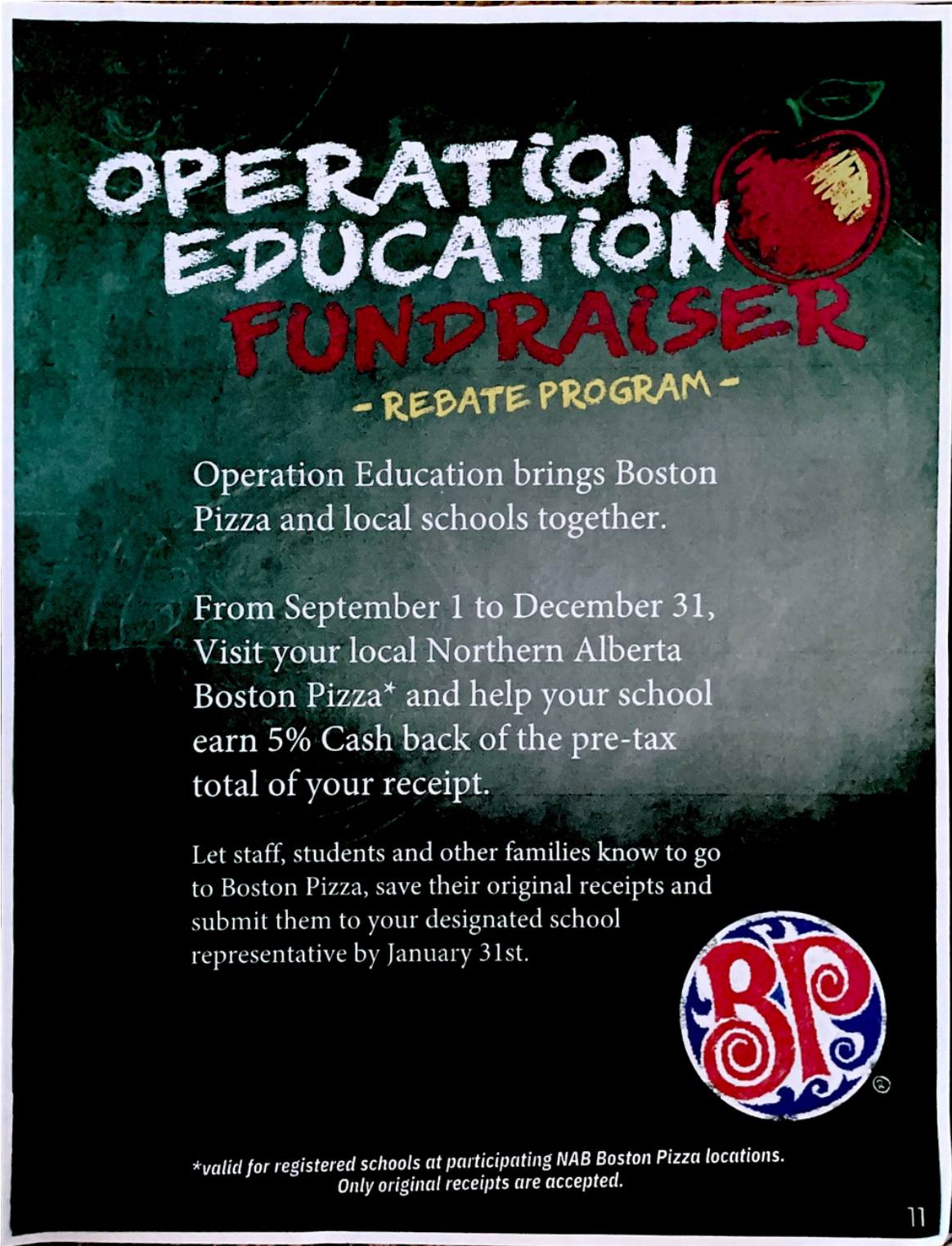


As the weather turns colder, please send your child/children to school dressed for outdoor weather. Students will be outdoors unless the temperature falls below -20C.



Boston Pizza Rebate Program

Bring your Boston Pizza receipts to the school office.




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- REBATE PROGRAM -

Operation Education brings Boston Pizza and local schools together.

From September 1 to December 31,
Visit your local Northern Alberta
Boston Pizza* and help your school
earn 5% Cash back of the pre-tax
total of your receipt.

Let staff, students and other families know to go
to Boston Pizza, save their original receipts and
submit them to your designated school
representative by January 31st.



*valid for registered schools at participating NAB Boston Pizza locations.
Only original receipts are accepted.

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