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Chief Superintendent December 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,
As we enter December and the Advent season, we hold love, hope, joy, and peace in our hearts. Together, we pray for our Bishop Savaryn community—students, teachers, and staff—united in faith.

We give thanks for our teachers, whose energy and joy fill our halls, and for our dedicated support staff, whose quiet service keeps our school welcoming and strong. To our students—your smiles and curiosity bring life to every corner of our school, and we are blessed to learn with you.

May we move forward with faith and courage, remembering we are a community: rooted in love, strengthened by hope, and guided by God's light. Hand in hand, heart to heart, we persevere as People of Hope during the Advent Season.

Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin
Directrice Directrice-Adjointe



December



Important Reminders

Advent celebration on
December 1 at 9:30 AM

Celebration of Learning -
December 4

Join us for the beautiful
sounds of Christmas on
December 17.

December 18 - Full Day
December 19 - Early
Dismissal



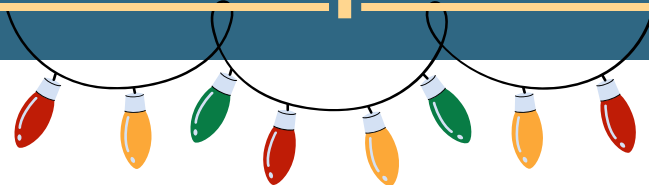
Christmas Break:
December 20 - January 4
Classes resume January 5
Epiphany Celebration: Jan. 6

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December Important Dates



December 1	Advent Celebration 9:30 AM
December 2	Deacon Joseph visit Kindergarten
December 4	Celebration of Learning 1:00 - 4:30/ 5:30-7:00PM
December 5	December Assembly at 1:00 PM Virtue: Peace/Wellness Focus-Emotional Wellbeing LAST DAY TO BRING FOOD ITEMS FOR St VINCENT DE PAUL
December 12	Hot Lunch - Subway Theme Day: Christmas Sweater
Saturday Dec 13	Performance at Cité Francophone Grade 6
December 15	Picture Re-takes
December 16	Deacon Joseph visits Grade 1
December 17	Sound of Christmas 1:00 PM: Kindergarten PM class, Grade 1-3-5 1:30PM: Grade 2-4-6
December 18	Full Day - Dismissal at 3:04 PM
December 19	Early Dismissal at 11:35 AM



December Assembly

Our December Assembly will be held on December 5 at 1:00 PM.

This month our leadership skill will focus on the Catholic virtue of peace. Our Wellness Leaders will continue to share information on holistic wellness grounded in the Indigenous Medicine Wheel. December will focus on emotional health and well-being. Families are welcome to attend the assembly.

School Council

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
January 14

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

Advent Celebration

Our school community will join together to begin the Advent season on December 1. Deacon Joseph will be leading our liturgy and we thank Mme Khair, Mme Assia, 5C and 1D 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

Literacy is more than reading and writing. Consider the following as you support your child's literacy skills at home.

Conversations:

Take time to go for walks with your child and talk. Children will often talk about what they did, what they noticed, and share opinions and feelings about their day. All important literacy skills. Ask open ended questions that cannot be answered with yes or no such as what was your favourite part about your day and why.

French Immersion

The song "[Plus je sais, mieux je suis](#)" by Alfa Rococo celebrates the importance of learning and curiosity, showing that the more we know things, the better we can understand the world and contribute to improving it together. Enjoy listening to this upbeat song!

The Sound of Christmas

Looking for a nice afternoon filled with Christmas songs and holiday spirit? Join us for the Sound of Christmas.



December 17:

1:00PM Kindergarten PM Class - Grade 1-3-5

1:30PM Grade 2-4-6

We hope you can join us!

Kindergarten AM class will be performing at our Epiphany Celebration on Tuesday, January 6.

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





Hot Lunch Program

December Hot Lunch: Friday, December 12 from Subway

Orders are due by Sunday, December 7.

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

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Student Council

Student Council at Bishop Savaryn: Empowering Young Leaders

This month, we asked our student council members why they decided to join and be a part of student council at Bishop Savaryn. Here are some responses:

"I want to be part of student council, because I want to set a good example for the other students in the school."

- Piper

"This is an opportunity to be a part of something like student council and I like to always take advantage of opportunities." -Emilie

"I have a strong ability to work with others and I enjoy working on a team. Let's go Bishop Savaryn Dragons!"

-Melat

"I like my school and I want to contribute to benefit everyone."- Léa

"I want to help and make a difference at Bishop Savaryn."

-Olivia

Thank you to our student council members for their time, commitment and engagement in our school community. You make a difference!

Social Justice - Food Drive

Our student council is asking each grade to bring the following items in support of our Annual Food Drive for The Society of St Vincent de Paul.

Kindergarten:

juice, evaporated or powdered milk

Grade 1:

macaroni and cheese

Grade 2:

cereals, including hot cereal mixes-

Grade 3:

rice, instant noodle packs

Grade 4:

canned fruit, canned vegetables canned meats

Grade 5:

pasta, pasta sauce

Grade 6:

peanut butter, jam, sugar

Items will be accepted until December 5.

Thank you for your support!

Celebration of Learning

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Celebration of Learning! Due to the recent teacher strike and the instructional and assessment time that was missed, we are adjusting the format to ensure we can still provide meaningful conversations about your child's learning and development. This event is an opportunity for us to come together and focus on your child's learning and development through informal, meaningful conversations.

Please use the email sent from your child's teacher to book a 10 min. block with your child's teacher. Ensure to fill out all the necessary information so that an email confirmation will be sent to you.



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: SACRED CIRCLE

Did you know, The Circle is a Sacred Symbol of Indigenous Nations around the world?



In First Nation spirituality the circle is everywhere – the medicine wheel, meetings and gatherings are held in circles, dances go in circles, drums are round, as are sweat lodges and tipis. The circle is the symbol of the cycle of all forms of life, in the circle we are equal and connected.

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



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PgrfCVCT_A



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.

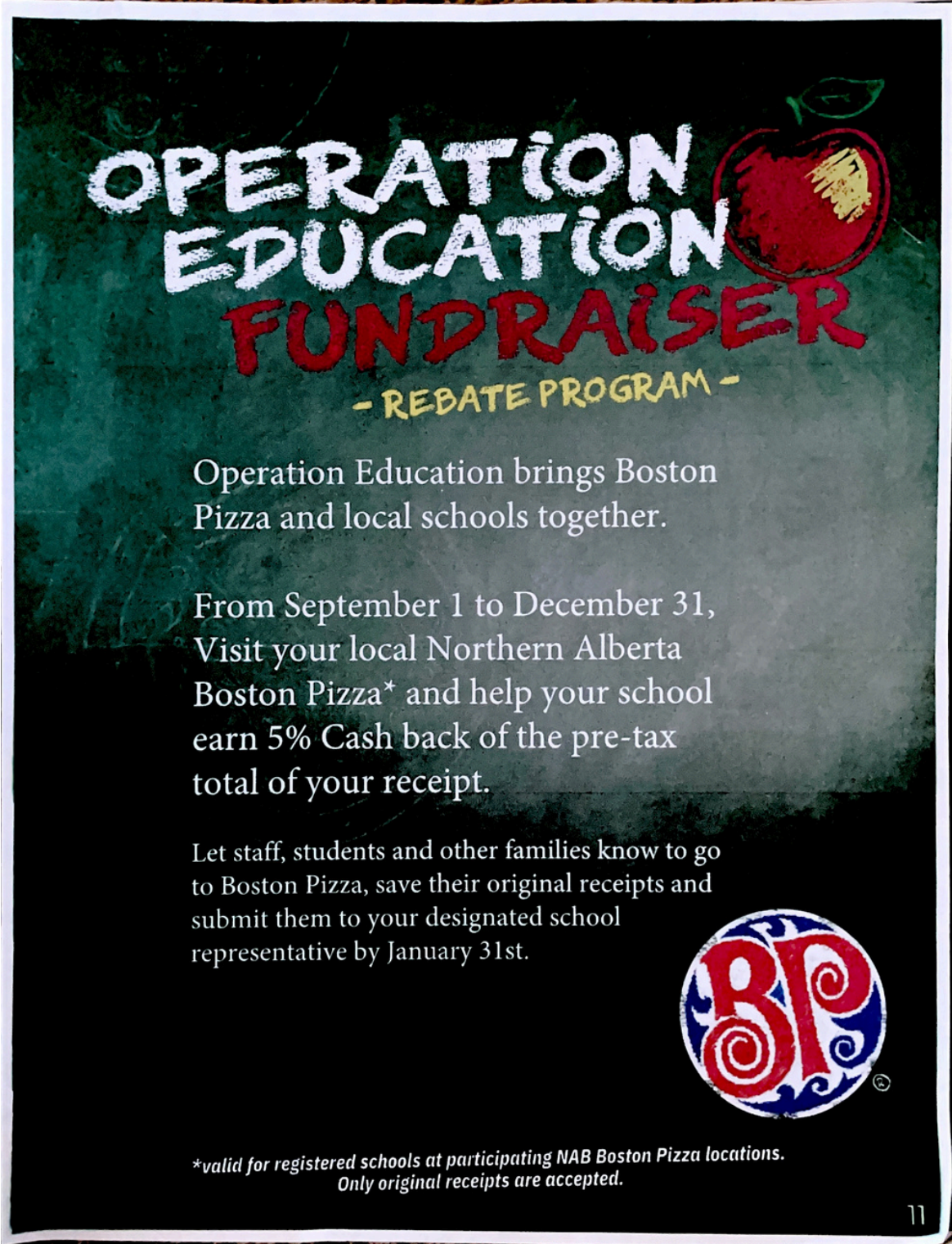


As the weather turns colder, please send your child/children to school dressed for outdoor weather. Students will be outdoors unless the temperature falls below -20C.



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.

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earn 5% Cash back of the pre-tax
total of your receipt.

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to Boston Pizza, save their original receipts and
submit them to your designated school
representative by January 31st.



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