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Chief Superintendent May Message

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,

The beautiful month of May brings many special opportunities for our school community to celebrate our faith and grow in Christ's love. As May is the month of Mary, we will gather for a Marian liturgy on Wednesday, May 13. In our honour of Mary and mothers everywhere we will be doing a clothing drive of gently used and washed clothing for the WIN house. We are pleased to welcome Deacon Joseph, and we thank the students and staff of Class 2C and Class 1D for planning and leading this meaningful celebration. Following the May long weekend, we will celebrate Bishop Savaryn Day on Tuesday, May 19. The day will begin with a liturgy and will be followed by a variety of faith-filled activities. We extend our sincere thanks to Mme Tetreault and Mme Khair for their thoughtful planning of this special day in commemoration of Bishop Neil Savaryn. In preparation for our communal celebrations, Deacon Joseph has met with all classes in our school chapel to share insights and deepen students' understanding of the Mass.

Our school community will also journey together to St. Charles Parish on Wednesday, May 20 for our Easter Mass at 10:00 AM, with Father Marc presiding. We look forward to celebrating this joyful season of Easter together as a faith community.

Catholic Education Week: May 9-15 - Wear blue on May 14.

Anchored in Christ, a Beacon of Hope

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. Have a blessed month.

Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin
Directrice Directrice-Adjointe

May



Important Reminders

May 4 - May 8
Bus Driver Appreciation Week

May 13: Devotion to Mary Liturgy at 1:00 PM

May 13: School Council AGM at 6:30 PM. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

May 15-18: May long weekend - No school

May 19: Bishop Savaryn Day
May 20: Easter Mass at St Charles Parish

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bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net

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May Important Dates

Asian Heritage Month

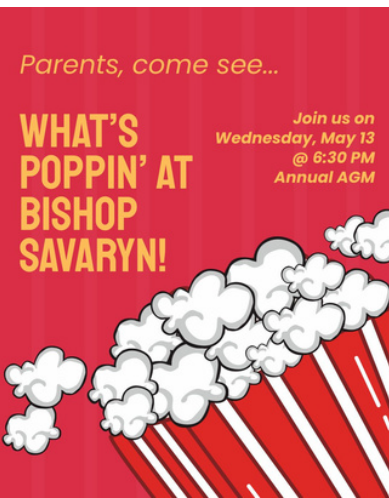
May 4	Bus Driver Appreciation
May 6	Hats On for Mental Health Day
May 8	May Assembly at 1:00 PM Virtue: Perseverance (Mother Mary) Spiritual Wellbeing
May 13	Devotion to Mary Liturgy at 1:00 PM School Council Annual General Meeting 6:30 PM
May 14	May 11-15 Catholic Education Week Wear blue for Catholic Education Kindergarten students at school for the morning
May 15	No School - May long weekend
May 18	No School - Victoria Day
May 19	Bishop Savaryn Day Grade 6 FILAL PAT
May 20	Mass at St Charles - 10:00 AM
May 22	Grade 6 ELAL PAT
May 29	Grade 6 Immunizations Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza Theme Day - Dress as your favourite book character

April Assembly

Our April Assembly will be held on May 8 at 1:00 PM.

This month, our leadership skill will focus on the Catholic virtue of perseverance. Our Wellness Leaders will continue to share information on holistic wellness grounded in the Indigenous Medicine Wheel. May will focus on spiritual health.

Families are welcome to attend the assembly.



School Council

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
May 13 at 6:30 PM
Bishop Savaryn School Council Annual General Meeting.
All parents are encouraged to attend.

Hot Lunch

May Hot Lunch: Friday, May 29, from Boston Pizza.

Orders are due by Sunday, April 19.

Late orders will not be accepted.

Grade 1-6 ONLY

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

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/>

Transportation

Transportation Services

Fee Waivers:

Please note that fee waivers will no longer be available to students who pause bus service at the end of the school year due to warmer weather. Families must either continue paying to hold their transportation spot or cancel the service.

If service is cancelled, we recommend applying for the next school year by June 1 to ensure bus service is in place for the first day of school. We'll still process applications received after this date, but we can't guarantee the start date for bus service until processing is complete.

Library Books

Many overdue library books, Mme Alice sent home overdue notices on April 13, 2026. The overdue books were due on April 17, 2026. If your child has lost a library book please pay the book replacement fee online.

Memory Books

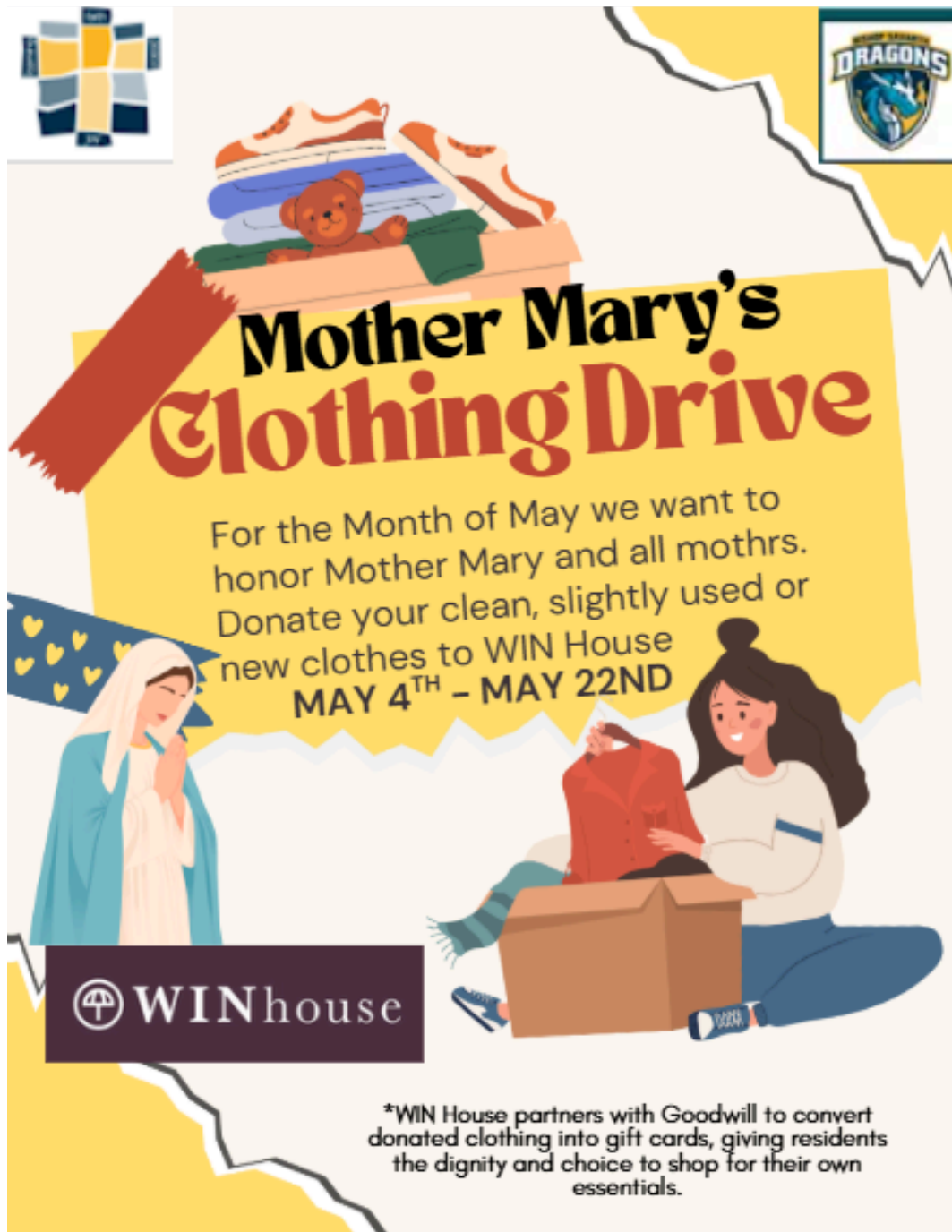
Bishop Savaryn School Memory book for purchase starting May 4 to May 22, 2026. The cost of the memory book is \$13.91. Payments online only.



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

Student Council and Social Justice

Student Council has been hard at work creating posters and publicities for our Career Day last month. It was a huge success with many students coming dressed as their favorite career. Our next Social Justice project focuses on Mary, as the month of May is the month of Mary. As it is Mother's Day as well, we wanted to honour the Mother Mary and all mothers by collecting washed and gently used clothes for the WIN house. All donations will be collected from Monday May 4th to Friday May 22nd. Please send your bag of clothing with your child. WIN House partners with Goodwill to convert donated clothing into gift cards, giving residents the dignity and choice to shop for their own essentials. Thank you for supporting our Mother Mary's Clothing Drive.



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



Clubs

Many of the experiences students enjoy at school beyond regular classroom learning are made possible because teachers, staff, and community members generously give their time. This may include helping with lunchtime activities, special events, clubs, or school teams, often before or after the school day. These activities are not part of regular instructional time, but they play an important role in helping students build confidence, learn to work with others, and feel connected to their school community.

Our school and Edmonton Catholic Schools are grateful to the teachers, staff, and community members who volunteer their time in these ways. By working together, we can show respect and appreciation for those who support students outside of regular work hours and help make school a welcoming place for all.

Edmonton Catholic Schools
is **grateful**
to all our
teachers, staff, & community members

who volunteer their time in various ways, including organizing, supervising, conducting, directing, coaching, and refereeing.




Did you know...Indigenous Trivia



**TRIVIA TIP:
STAR ALUMNI**

Did you know, Paulina Alexis, 'Reservation Dogs' TV & film star is a Braided Journey's alumni student who attended St. Francis Xavier?



Paulina, a member of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation hopes to one day direct films; she's had several roles since her breakout part as Willie Jack, in the FX series, 'Reservation Dogs', believes that youth are the future, and wants them to have role models like her in the television and film industry.

Scan the QR Code to learn more:



<https://www.aptnnews.ca/facetoface/paulina-alexis-says-reservation-dogs-is-representing-indigenous-peoples-in-a-truthful-way/>



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Ben Calf Robe Traditional PowWow

The Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow is one of Edmonton's most cherished Indigenous cultural gatherings. This annual celebration brings together families, Elders, Knowledge Keepers, dancers, drummers, and community members from across Treaty 6 and beyond. Open to all Edmontonians, the pow wow offers an opportunity to experience Indigenous culture and take part in a meaningful expression of community and reconciliation. This free, family-friendly event has been held for more than 40 years and features hundreds of dancers in full regalia, along with powerful performances by drum groups and singers.

What began in the gym of St. Pius X Catholic Elementary School with fewer than 100 participants has grown into a major gathering, now welcoming between 8,000 and 10,000 attendees each year.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, May 9

Time: 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Commonwealth Community Recreation Centre – Indoor Fieldhouse (11000 Stadium Rd NW 2500, Edmonton)



Ben Calf Robe Traditional Pow Wow Saturday, May 9, 2026

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM - Pipe Ceremony

10:00 AM - Dancer and Drum Registration Opens

12:45 PM - Drum Roll Call

1:00 PM - Grand Entry

If you are able, please stand and remove your hat during the Grand Entry

- Host Drum Group: Blackstone Singers
- Invocation by Elder
- Flag and Victory Song
- Welcome
- Introductions

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Afternoon Dance Categories

• **Inter-tribal Dancing** - All are invited to join in and dance

• **Tiny Tots (0-6)** - Must be in regalia with bracelet to receive honorarium

• **Junior Girls (7-12)**
Traditional • Jingle • Fancy

• **Junior Boys (7-12)**
Traditional • Chicken • Grass • Fancy

• **Exhibition Dance Adult Women and Men (18-55)**

• **Teen Girls (13-17)**
Traditional • Jingle • Fancy

• **Teen Boys (13-17)**
Traditional • Chicken • Grass • Fancy

5:00 PM - 5:45 PM - Supper Break

- Métis Performance
- Potato Dance

5:45 PM - 8:45 PM - Evening Dance Categories

• **Drum Roll Call**

• **Inter-tribal Dancing Honouring Our Mothers**
• Honour Song by Blackstone Singers

• **Golden Age Dancers (55+)**
Women • Men

• **Adult Women (18-55)**
Traditional • Jingle • Fancy

• **Adult Men (18-55)**
Traditional • Chicken • Grass • Fancy

• **Giveaway Ceremony**

• **Retiring of Eagle Staffs and Flags**

8:45 PM - Closing Remarks

ARENA DIRECTORS:

Lloyd Cardinal and George Desjarlais

EMCEES:

Hal Eagletail and Elmer Rattlesnake




French Immersion


Summer break is a great time for French Immersion students to continue using their language skills in fun, low-pressure ways. From summer camps and swimming lessons to summer school, cultural events, and even road-trip listening ideas, there are many opportunities to keep French part of everyday life over the summer.

Visit the Oui Learn Together online resource hub for ideas and information to help plan summer language learning opportunities for your child.

Learn more at ecsd.net/ouilearntogether



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OUI LEARN TOGETHER!

Topic #3:
Oui Learn en vacances

Learn more: ecsd.net/ouilearntogether

2026-2027 Revised Calendar


Updated 2026-2027 School Year Calendar

Edmonton Catholic Schools has updated the 2026-2027 Division school year calendar. While the total number of instructional and operational days remains the same, a few dates have changed.

For most ECSD students, the first day of school will be Wednesday, September 2, 2026. There will be no classes for all ECSD students on Monday, October 19, 2026, as the province conducts a scheduled referendum and Elections Alberta has requested that schools not be in session that day.

View and download the calendars at ecsd.net/calendar.

Updated Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year



ECSD SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

July 2026, August 2026, September 2026, October 2026, November 2026, December 2026, January 2027, February 2027, March 2027, April 2027, May 2027, June 2027

Legend:
Green: Non-Instructional Day
Blue: Instructional Day
Red: Non-Operational Day
Yellow: Day Off
Orange: School Holiday - Off-School Class
Purple: School Holiday - Off-School Class

Key Dates:
First Day of Operation: August 25, 2026
First Day of Instruction: September 2, 2026
Last Day of Instruction: June 28, 2027
Last Day of Operation: June 29, 2027

Category	Operational Days	Instructional Days
Total	180	180

ecsd.net/calendar

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIGITAL RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

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!



What is Important About Digital Rights & Responsibilities?



As children in grades 4 to 6 begin using technology more independently for learning, socializing, and creating, it's important they understand their digital rights and responsibilities. They have the right to privacy, safety, and respectful communication, and they are responsible for what they post, share, and say online. At this age, students start to grasp how their digital actions leave a footprint and carry real-world consequences. It's also a key time to build critical thinking around user agreements, data sharing, and how they engage with others in digital spaces.

Roles

Digital Rights & Responsibility Tips for Parents



Ask open-ended questions.

- "What kinds of things do you think people should and shouldn't share online?"
- "What would you do if someone posted something unkind?"

Talk about digital footprints.

- "Everything you post or say online is like a footprint — where do you want your path to lead?"

Review privacy settings and user agreements together.

- Look at a website or app and ask, "What information are they asking for? Why do you think they want it?"

Encourage digital empathy.

- Discuss how others might feel reading a message or being left out of a group chat or game.

Create a family tech code of conduct.

- Work together to set shared rules about time limits, respectful behavior, and what to do when something feels uncomfortable online.

Additional Resources



Media Smarts - Canada's Centre for Digital Media Literacy -
Parent Resources



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