

# École Bishop Savaryn



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## Chief Superintendent April 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,

Happy Easter and Welcome Back!

We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. Our Lenten journey has led us through Holy Week to the joy and hope of the Easter celebration. As a school community, we will gather to celebrate Easter Mass on Wednesday, May 20th at St. Charles Parish, and we look forward to sharing this meaningful celebration together.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our families for your generous food donations in support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thanks to your kindness and compassion, five vehicles were filled with donations, helping to stock pantry shelves and support those in need within our wider community.

At the end of April, we will have the opportunity to recognize and thank our many volunteers. Your time, dedication, and support make a tremendous difference, and we are deeply grateful for your continued involvement in our school.

As the days grow longer and the weather begins to warm, we are reminded of the renewal that spring brings. With just three months remaining in the school year, we remain committed to our learning journey and to fostering the holistic growth of our students within our French Immersion setting.

May we continue to be filled with the hope, joy, and new life of the Easter season.

Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin  
Directrice Directrice-Adjointe



## Important Reminders



April 7:  
Classes resume

April 22: National French Immersion Day

April 27-May 1: Volunteer Appreciation Week



Website:

[bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net](http://bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net)

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# April Important Dates



<b>April 3</b>	<b>Good Friday - No School</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Easter Monday - No School</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Classes resume</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>April Assembly at 9:45 AM Virtue: Patience (Saint Monica) Emotional Wellbeing Student Faith Leadership Award at 6 PM</b>
<b>April 13-17</b>	<b>Education Week</b>
<b>April 20 - 24</b>	<b>Support Staff Appreciation Week</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>National French Immersion Day</b>
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Creating Communities of Belong Student Presentation</b>
<b>April 24</b>	<b>Hot Lunch - Mucho Burrito Theme Day: Career Day</b>
<b>April 27-May 1</b>	<b>Volunteer Appreciation Week</b>

## April Assembly

Our April Assembly will be held on April 8 at 9:45 AM.

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

Families are welcome to attend the assembly.

## School Council

MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
**May 6 at 6:00 PM**

Bishop Savaryn School Council Annual General Meeting.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

## Support Staff Appreciation

We would like to acknowledge and send a special thank you to our dedicated and exceptional support staff.

Mme Sousa  
Mme Gravel  
Mme Alice  
Mme Chantal  
Mme Jolene



We are so blessed that you are a part of our community.

## 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/>

## French Immersion



EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**OUI LEARN TOGETHER!**

Topic #2:  
Oui Celebrate la Francophonie

Learn more: [ecsd.net/ouilearntogether](https://ecsd.net/ouilearntogether)

Did you know that 2026 has been declared the Year of the Francophonie? Across Edmonton and beyond, families can take part in a wide range of opportunities to experience and celebrate French language and culture together. Show your child that learning French matters by exploring these experiences as a family.

Visit the Oui Learn Together resource hub for ideas and information to help your child engage with French in authentic, real-world settings beyond school walls.

[www.ecsd.net/oui-learn-together](https://www.ecsd.net/oui-learn-together)

## Volunteer Appreciation

### Thank You to Our Parent Volunteers

We extend our sincere gratitude to our parent volunteers for the time, care, and dedication you generously share with our school. Your support enriches our programs, strengthens our community, and makes a meaningful difference in the lives of our students. We truly appreciate all that you do.



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



# Hot Lunch Program

**March Hot Lunch: Friday, April 24, from Mucho Burrito.**

Orders are due by Sunday, April 19.

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

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

## Student Council & Social Justice

THANK YOU Dragons! Your overwhelming support allowed us to fill up the pantry at St. Vincent de Paul. Our Lenten Food Drive was a huge success!



Our students also participated in Creative Hair Day which was a lot of fun! We can't wait till next month when we will be dressing for Career Day! Career Day was selected from the many suggestions by our K-3 classes and we look forward to seeing what is in store! Remember students can use things from around the house for career day!

## Clubs



### April Clubs



4-6e année jeudi - 10:15-10:30 Salle Multi-usage	Conseil d'étudiants Mme Quintin, Mme Adèle, Mme Leclerc
1e et 2e année mardi - 10:15-10:30 Bibliothèque	Coding Club Mme Adèle, Mme Assia
3e année lundi 10:15-10:30 Chapel	Prayer Club Mme Angela, Mme Monique
5e année vendredi 12:20-12:40 Salle multi-usage	Sciences Club Mme Khair
4e année mardi 12:20-12:40 Salle multi-usage	Club de jardinage Mme Tétreault

Thank you to the teachers for offering a variety of clubs during the month of April.

## The Messenger

Read the Messenger: Notable News from the Board of Trustees

The Edmonton Catholic Schools' Board of Trustees publishes a short online to share what they are working on and why it matters. This issue was recently shared with families, and we wanted to ensure staff had a chance to read it as well. The Messenger is designed to be a quick, practical update that helps connect Board-level work with what is happening in schools across the Division.

In the latest issue, Trustees share:

- Updates on current advocacy and governance activities
- Highlights from recent recognitions and achievements
- How School Councils are helping to shape Division priorities

Taking a few minutes to read The Messenger provides helpful context for conversations happening with families and within school communities.

[The Messenger](#)



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

# Transportation

Bus Delay App Reminder: We have noticed some families aren't receiving bus delay alerts. Please check that your app is set up correctly.

Please ensure that all three runs are added for your child's bus route in the app: AM (morning run), PM (afternoon run), THURS (Thursday afternoon run)

Please note that posted delays should be added to your child's regular pick-up or drop-off time to determine the updated bus arrival time. Bus delays are also posted on the BusPlanner website: <https://ecsd.mybusplanner.ca/Alerts>. Please note that if your child's route number changes, you will need to update the information in the app, as it will not update automatically.

## LA FRAP- Summer Camp

Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform you that registration is now open for our upcoming FRAP French Summer Camp 2026!

This camp is designed for children ages 6 to 12 and offers a fun, engaging, and fully French-speaking environment. It is a great opportunity for children to strengthen their French language skills, build confidence, make new friends, and develop leadership abilities through interactive games, creative activities, and team-building experiences.

French Summer Camp 2026

Dates: July 2 to July 31, 2026

Location: École Joseph-Moreau, 9750 74 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T6E 1E8 (to be confirmed)

Schedule: Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Spots are limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. To register please scan the Qr code or click on the registration link

Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/eAoVu8fszvi3EWMV9>

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out to Eto-Ley at [EtoLey.Mozaly.ta@ecsd.net](mailto:EtoLey.Mozaly.ta@ecsd.net)



The poster for Camp Ela 2026 features the AJEAS logo (Alliance Jeunesse-Famille de l'Alberta Society) and the FRAP logo (Fédération Régionale de l'Alberta Parentale). The title "Camp Ela 2026" is prominently displayed in green, with the subtitle "Enfants et leadership en action" and the theme "« Unis dans la diversité »". The text describes the camp's goals: celebrating differences, encouraging openness, cooperation, and cultural discovery to create an inclusive environment. The program includes leadership workshops, creative workshops, cooking, dance, crafts, cinema, and mini-competitions. It is held from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at École Joseph-Moreau (9750 74 Avenue NW, Edmonton, Alberta T6E). A QR code is provided for registration, with a deadline of March 15. A photo of three smiling children in green shirts is at the bottom. The registration period is from July 2 to July 31, 2026, for ages 6 to 12, with supervised and qualified staff.

## Telephone Town Hall

Telephone Town Hall with Alberta's Education and Childcare Minister

Parents are invited to take part in an upcoming telephone town hall with Alberta Education and Childcare Minister Demetrios Nicolaidis. This is an opportunity to ask questions about Budget 2026 investments in education.

Dates and times:

Edmonton: Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Province-wide: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Families can register online at [alberta.ca/education-and-childcare-budget-2026-town-hall](https://alberta.ca/education-and-childcare-budget-2026-town-hall). More information, including parent invitations in English and French, is available on our [website](#).

# Did you know....Indigenous Trivia Tips



## TRIVIA TIP: STAR ALUMNI

**Did you know, actor, director, and executive producer, Lorne Cardinal of Sucker Creek First Nation is an ECSD Alumni?**



Lorne is well-known for his portrayal of the beloved Sergeant Davis Quinton in the iconic Corner Gas comedy franchise. Lorne was also the first Indigenous student admitted into the U of A's acting program, and winner of the prestigious August Schellenberg Award.

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



# WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DIGITAL WELL-BEING

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 Well-Being?

As children grow more independent, their technology use expands, including gaming, social media, and online learning. Digital well-being for this age group focuses on teaching balance, self-regulation, and critical thinking about screen use. Parents play an essential role in guiding responsible habits, encouraging open discussions about online experiences, and helping children set healthy screen limits. Rather than enforcing strict rules, collaborating on boundaries empowers children to make mindful choices about how technology affects their mood, focus, and well-being. Encouraging screen-free activities, physical movement, and mindful tech habits helps children develop a healthy relationship with technology that will support them as they grow.



## Digital Well-Being Tips for Parents



### Encourage Self-Reflection on Screen Use

Ask: "How do you feel after using screens? Energized? Drained?"

Help kids recognize when screen time affects their mood or sleep.

### Set Balanced Screen Time Limits Together

Work with your child to create realistic screen limits. Use timers or built-in device settings to reinforce breaks.

### Talk About the Quality of Screen Time

Discuss active vs. passive screen time (learning vs. endless scrolling).

Encourage apps and games that promote creativity and learning.

### Model & Encourage Mindful Tech Use

Narrate choices: "I'm putting my phone away so we can focus on dinner."

Teach "Pause Before Scrolling"—help kids check in before using devices.

### Create Screen-Free Zones & Times

No screens at the dinner table or during family time. Encourage at least one screen-free hour before bed for better sleep.

### Discuss Online Safety & Social Interactions

Talk about cyberbullying, privacy, and responsible sharing. Set guidelines for who they can interact with online.

### Balance Online & Offline Activities

Encourage hobbies that don't involve screens—sports, music, art, or reading. Plan family challenges (e.g., screen-free game nights or nature walks).

### Teach Smart Social Media & Internet Use

If using social media, discuss privacy settings, posting wisely, and digital footprints. Ask: "Would you say this in person?" before posting online.

### Help Kids Take Tech Breaks

Encourage the 20-20-20 rule (every 20 minutes, look 20 feet away for 20 seconds). Support "device-free recharge" time for mental breaks.

### Foster Open, Judgment-Free Conversations

Keep communication open—ask about online experiences without fear of punishment. Instead of saying "That app is bad," ask, "What do you like about it?" to start a discussion.

## Additional Resources



[The Digital Well-Being of Canadian Families - Mediasmarts](#)  
[Digital Well-Being Is Common Sense - Common Sense Media](#)



COMMON SENSE MEDIA  
LEARNING SERVICES



# 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 warmer temperatures and spring conditions return, please send your child/children to school with rubber boots and extra clothing.

