

École Bishop Savaryn



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Chief Superintendent November 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 recognize that the recent labour disruption has affected families and staff, and we are committed to supporting a smooth return to learning. It was evident that students came back prepared and excited to continue learning.

As we return to regular routines, our priority is teaching and learning in classrooms. Activities and events such as athletics, performances, field trips, extracurricular programs, school council meetings, and other school-based events may be delayed, rescheduled, or cancelled. It will take time for our school to return to normal operations. We will share more details in the coming days and weeks. If future adjustments to the school schedule are needed, families will be notified as early as possible. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. More information can be found on our website, ecsd.net/labourupdate. We are here to help and look forward to reconnecting with you and your children.

Mme Thomlinson & Mme Quintin

Directrice

Directrice-Adjointe

November



Important Reminders

A heartfelt thank you for your support and understanding during the labour disruption.

Picture Day November 3

Remembrance Day
Ceremony
November 7 @ 10:45 AM.
Families are welcome to attend.



Fall Break
November 10 - 12

Thank you for completing the
Verification Forms.

Website:
bishopsavaryn.ecsd.net

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November Important Dates

Métis Week November 15-22



November 1	All Saints Day
November 3	Individual Picture Day
November 5	November Assembly at 9:30 AM Virtue: Honesty/Wellness Focus-Mental Health
November 7	Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:45AM
November 7-8	Bishop Savaryn Casino Fundraiser
November 10-12	Fall Break - No School November 11 - Remembrance Day
November 21	Hot Lunch - Taco Time Grade 1-6 ONLY Theme Day: to be determined
November 26	Kindergarten Full Day
November 28	Grade 6 Immunizations



Social Justice Project: Food Drive for The Society of
St. Vincent de Paul - more information to come
School Council Meeting - Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00PM

November Assembly

Our November Assembly will be held on November 5 at 9:45 AM.

This month our leadership skills will focus on the Catholic virtue of honesty.

Our Wellness Leaders will continue to share information on holistic wellness grounded in the Indigenous Medicine Wheel. November will focus on mental health and wellbeing.

Families are welcome to attend the assembly.

School Council

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
November 19 @ 6:00 PM

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

Remembrance Day



Our school community will join together to remember and honour the courage and sacrifice of all those who serve our country. Our Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held on November 7 at 10:45 AM. All families are welcome to attend.

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

In honour of Métis Week:

[La chanson de la grenouillère](#)

- This song, an early expression of Métis identity, was composed by Pierre Falcon to commemorate the victory of the Métis (also known as "les bois-brûlés") at the Battle of Seven Oaks in 1816.
- The Métis Nation emerged from contact between the First Nations and the European fur traders. Métis have their own culture and language.

Social Justice

We will be partnering with St. Charles Parish and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul to organize a food drive in November. More information will follow this month.

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





Hot Lunch Program

November Hot Lunch: Friday, November 21 from Taco Time

Orders are due by Sunday, November 16.

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

<https://healthyhunger.ca/>

Clubs

If your child joins a club throughout the 2025-26 school year, a note will be included in their agenda to inform you of their involvement. Teachers surveyed our students, allowing them to voice their preferences for clubs. Thank you to our staff for volunteering to offer clubs that respond to students' interests and passions.

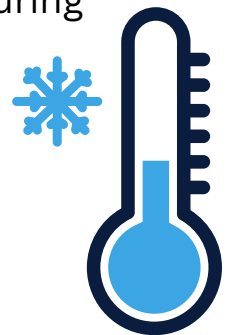
New this year: Student Council

Student Council at Bishop Savaryn: Empowering Young Leaders

We are thrilled to announce that we had a group of students who demonstrated an interest in our Student Council from students in Grades 4, 5, and 6. This group of dedicated individuals will be our Student Council for the year. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young leaders to have a voice in shaping their school community. Students will meet regularly to plan and lead a variety of initiatives that promote positive change and school spirit. Projects may include Social Justice campaigns, School Spirit events, Theme Days, etc. and so much more. Student Council will also involve all grade levels for ideas and suggestions, so everyone will have a chance to be heard. Through Student Council, students will develop leadership skills, collaborate with peers, and contribute meaningfully to the life of our school. We are proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to making École Bishop Savaryn a vibrant and inclusive place for all.

Recess

With winter fast approaching, it is very important that our students are dressed appropriately for outdoor weather. We recommend sending students to school with layers as the temperature can change throughout the day. Please ensure you send toques, mittens, warm coats and winter boots and before we know it, snow pants will also be required. A reminder to label all clothing with your child's name. Students will remain indoors only during extreme cold weather (below -20).



Celebration of Learning/Songs of Christmas

Celebration of Learning typically happens in November. We will be postponing our Celebration of Learning and will share the date once it is confirmed.

Christmas Concert: We will be planning a school-wide Christmas song celebration for all grades in December. It will be held during the day, and the date will be shared once it is confirmed.



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: WAR VETERANS

Did you know, Indigenous Peoples in Canada have fought on the front line of every major battle Canada has been involved in and have done so with valour and distinction?



Many Indigenous men brought valuable skills with them when they joined the military. Patience, stealth and marksmanship were well-honed traits for those who had come from communities where hunting was a cornerstone of daily life.

Scan the QR Code to learn more:



POPPY BY: TURTLE ISLAND CREATIONS

<https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/indigenous-veterans>



Fundraiser

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

This is an important fundraiser for our school and it would not be possible without all the help from our parent community. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated! We still need 1 volunteer for Friday, November 7.

Ecole Bishop Savaryn Fundraising Association is having a casino fundraiser on Friday & Saturday November 7 & 8, 2025 at Century Casino Edmonton. We are looking for volunteers to help us run this casino. Please consider signing up to help our fundraising association raise money for our school. Feel free to invite a partner or friend as well to help fill all the positions! In the past, casinos have raised over \$70,000 for our school.

For more information on the various volunteer positions, please click [HERE](#).

To sign up to volunteer for the casino please use this [LINK](#)

If you have any questions, please email:

bishopsavarynparents@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Ecole Bishop Savaryn Fundraising Association

**CASINO
NIGHT
FUNDRAISER**

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
BISHOP SAVARYN'S CASINO
FUNDRAISER*

Sign up online:
volunteersignup.org/AWHAT

*Let's raise money for our
new school playground!*

*Grand Villa Casino
December 30 & 31, 2023*

*HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT SARAH
SARAHLEARNER@LIVE.COM*



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.





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.

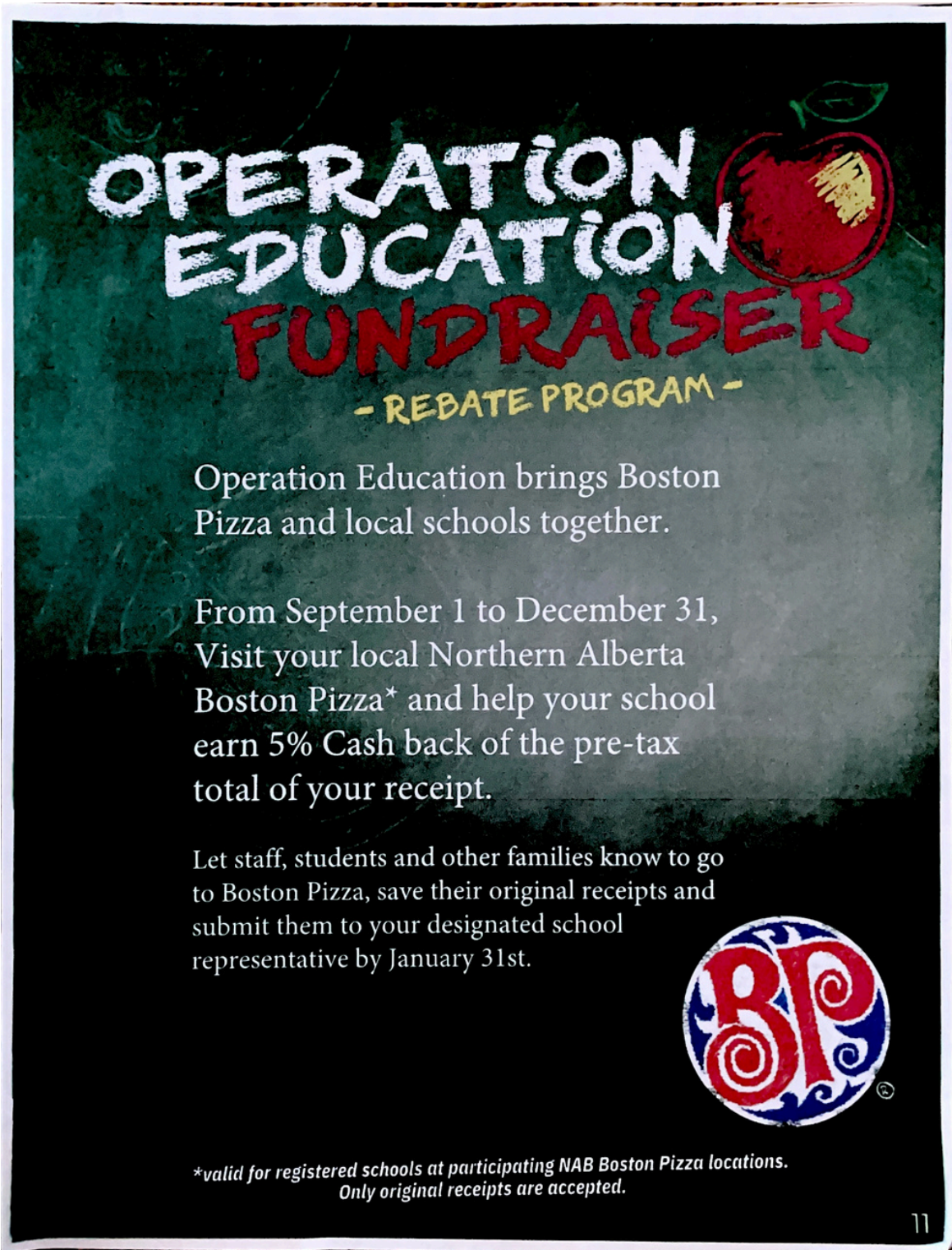
The SafeArrival system will also be able to notify you quickly in the event of an unexpected absence. This will also be done by email, text, or phone call, and the system will continue to contact you until the absence is explained.

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.

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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