

January 2026

**6227 119 AVE NW
Edmonton, AB T5W 4C4**

**P: 780 471-2360
F: 780 471-3104
E: StClareBenCalf@ecsd.net
W: www.bencalfrobe-stclare.ecsd.net**



Hours of Operation:

**Doors Open - 8:30 am
Recess 10:10-10:25
Lunch 12:00 – 12:35pm
Dismissal - 3:06 pm**

**Early Dismissal
Every Thursday
at 12:06 pm**



Ben Calf Robe St. Clare Catholic Elementary Junior High



BCR Newsletter



Upcoming Important Dates

Jan 13 – Water Blessing for BCR, Father Bo

Jan 22 – PD Day – No School

Jan 28 – Parent Council Meeting – 5:30 PM

Feb 16 – Family Day – No School

Feb 24 – Pink Shirt Day Recognized

Feb 25 – Faith Development Day – No School

Feb 26 – 27 – Teachers Convention – No School

Mar 5 – Open House 5-7 PM

Mar 5 – Demonstration of Learning 1-4 PM, 5-7 PM

Mar 26 – Full Day of Classes

Mar 27 – Early Dismissal



Tansi-Hello,

Creator has granted us all a brand new month, January - Kisepisim, as well as a brand new year! Tawow-welcome to 2026!

The month of December was a busy month with many school related activities being embraced throughout the school community. Each Monday in December, the BCR school community gathered together in fellowship in the school gymnasium which allowed us to pray, smudge, sing, and to light the Advent candles of hope, faith, and joy while preparing for the birth of Christ. Christmas is a time of year where preparation, kindness, generosity, peace, and joy shines forth and that was brought to light at BCR!

The Christmas Concert was shared live this year on December 18 with the 100V to Grade Six students participating. Thank you to Ms. Lastiwka and the concert committee for a successful in-person concert.

The BCR school community also received a generous donation from H & W Produce ensuring families facing hardship received additional resources. This blessing was appreciated by many. The BCR school team extends a huge thank you-hiy to H & W Produce-Clareview for the kind donation of 70 hampers in partnership with Constable Anne-BCR School Resource Officer. Her leadership brought joy to all while spearheading this amazing opportunity to the BCR families.

The BCR school community embraced many Christmas themed activities such as: Christmas Sweater Day, Christmas Hat Day, Whoville, Dress your Christmas Best, as well as Christmas PJ Day. Hiy hiy to the BCR Social Committee for organizing the school wide events. This was a great way to wrap up the last week of school prior to Christmas Break.

The School Advisory Council wishes all a very Merry Christmas and blessed Happy New Year! A huge thank you-hiy hiy to the parent volunteers who also serve as classroom reps and joined the Parent Council meetings held thus far. We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting which will be held on January 28 at 5:30 pm. We are inviting you to a hybrid meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Just a friendly reminder that all ECSD Parent/Caregivers Surveys have been delivered to the school and will be shared with students to take home on Monday, January 5, 2026. Please submit the surveys to the Main Office once completed.

Progress Summary Reports will be available electronically on Friday, January 30, 2026 at 4 pm via Powerschool. Please be sure to check your child's academic progress thus far. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's assigned teacher(s) via email or at the school at 780-471-2360.

May this new year of 2026 bring forth joy, respect, peace, presence, possibilities, and blessings to all. Happy New Year, everyone!

Ekosi,

Ms Thompson - Principal Mrs. Lastiwka - Assistant Principal Mr. Ulrich - Assistant Principal

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Planner Delays App



Receive notices when your bus is late.

Be alerted of delays 10 minutes or more through this app

- For Bus delays please visit www.ecsd.net/transportation
- Please apply online or contact the Office @ 780 471-2360 for bus changes.
- Bus times are subject to change weekly on WEDNESDAYS

Please call to book and appointment prior to your arrival if you wish to see:

MS. THOMPSON – PRINCIPAL
MRS. LASTIWKWA – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MR. ULRICH – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MRS. PAQUIN –INSTRUCTIONAL COACH
MS. VANESSA – FAMILY SCHOOL LIASON WORKER
MS. ANGELA – FAMILY SCHOOL LIASON WORKER
CONSTABLE ANNE – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
MS. ANDRUSIAK/MRS. NORTON – OFFICE STAFF
OR
ANY OF OUR VALUED STAFF

DAILY CHANGES TO PICKING UP CHILDREN

IMPORTANT
Parents/Guardi [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.]

and wanting to change how their children are picked up are required to **call the school one hour prior to the end of the day, please and thank you.**

This allows us to notify the teacher, the bus driver, the end of the day in-school supervisors and the front door supervisors. Your child's safety is important to us!

NO CELL
PHONES
DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY



click [here](#) for more info

School Fees Are Due

Please pay fees online through your Powerschool account with debit/credit. Should you choose to pay in person, cash only. Fees include Nutrition, Agenda and Technology.

Thank you!

Verification of Enrollment

Please check your PowerSchool account in School Engage, regarding verifying your child's enrollment at BCR.

Kohkom Itwewina

Tansi Kahkiyaw,

Kisepisim- January 2026

Pipon

Myo Ocehtowi Kisikanisik



Kiya maka ki-acimostat awasisak ki wisahawk- mina ki-mikweiyit nipisim ohci

Kikway mekwac awasisak ekwa oskayak osiytawak:

Awasisak Newo/Niyanan- e atoskewak Pip[on Aywinisa Awsisak Nikotwasik- e atoskewak-Tansesi Kisikaw / Tansesi wepan/atayohkinana

OskayakTepakohp- Kikway ki wisikisten miciwin Ayinanew- Atawewin Micowin Keka Mitataht- (Nehiyawewin)

Kinanaskomin
Mrs. Nowack



Hello To all;

We are in the Winter season.
Happy New Year

Please let the children know to dress warm for Winter.

What are the children and youth working on in Cree right now:

Grade 4/5 - Winter Clothing/Syllabics Winter? Put on /take off/ bring it/ put it away

Grade 6 - Weather terms and sentences /Cree Legends

Grade 7- What do you like (food)

Grade 8 - Shopping
Grade 9- Prepositions

Thank you, Mrs. Nowack



PARENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

NEW PARENT COUNCIL GROUP!

Please contact the office to join our exciting group of parents!

School parent council involvement helps you stay connected with the school and allows you to gain a broader perspective of how you can play a supportive role. You can also network and make connections with other parents, business partners in your community and agencies that share a common goal of student achievement.

Meetings are at Ben Calf Robe St Clare School 5:30 PM



Wednesday, January 28

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday, May 27



Professional Development Day

Thursday, January 22

No School



Classes Resume



Friday, January 23

Provincial Achievement Test Schedule

May 2026

Thursday, May 21	9 AM-11 AM	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A
Friday, May 22	9 AM-11 AM	Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature Part A

June 2026

Thursday, June 4	9 AM-10 AM	Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature Part B
Tuesday, June 9	9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 11	9 AM-10 AM	Grade 6 Social Studies
Friday, June 12	9 AM-10 AM	Grade 6 Science
Monday, June 15	9 AM-9:30 AM	Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) A
Tuesday, June 16	9 AM-9:30 AM	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) A
Thursday, June 18	9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 6 Mathematics Part(ie) B
Friday, June 19	9 AM-10:20 AM	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(ie) B
Monday, June 22	9 AM-10:20 AM	Grade 9 Social Studies
Tuesday, June 23	9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 9 Science

Winter Weather Reminders from Transportation



- Our transportation system has an excellent record for service; however, given the possible extremes of Edmonton weather and the potential for unexpected mechanical difficulties, it is impossible to guarantee buses will run on time or at all. A route can take significantly longer in adverse weather conditions.
- If weather delays or cancellations happen, we will notify families as soon as we become aware. You are encouraged to monitor and subscribe to notifications through the [BusPlanner Delays App](#).
- Please ensure children are supervised at the bus stop, have alternate arrangements should the bus be significantly delayed, and are dressed appropriately to withstand the weather.
- Learn more at ecsd.net/transportation.

