

Ben Calf Robe St. Clare
Catholic Elementary
Junior High School

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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



May 2026

BCR Newsletter

Upcoming Important Dates

May 4 – Bus Driver
Appreciation Day

May 5 – MMIWG2S+
Walk

May 9 – BCR Pow
Wow 1-9 PM

May 15 – 18 – May
Long Weekend

May 19 – Classes
Resume

May 27 – Parent
Council Meeting 5 PM

June 1 – PD Day – No
School

June 1 – Deadline to
Apply for Bus
Transportation for
September 2 start

June 22 – National
Indigenous Peoples
Day

June 23 – Last Day of
School

September 2 – First
Day of School (Gr 1 -9)



Tansi ekwa Tawow,

Miyoskamin-Spring has finally sprung, along with the new month of May-Opiniyaweow Pisim.

On April 10, the BCR school community joined Father Glenn in an Easter Mass. A huge thank you to Ms. Lastiwka and Mrs. Paquin for organizing the liturgical celebration for all, as well as Mrs. Hoekstra, Mr. Mallett, and Mrs. Stone for the music ministry, and to the students and staff who were able to partake. We truly appreciate the time spent in prayer with the parish community.

The BCR school team would like to express a huge thank you to the badminton coaches - Ms. Wi, Ms. Lerynne, Mr. Zicc, and Ms. Baghdady for their volunteer time, coaching skills shared, and the wins achieved thus far. The BCR Eagles are going to the playoffs this year for the very first time. Good luck with your upcoming games. Go for the gold!

On Tuesday, May 5, the staff and students will be participating in our annual MMIWG2S+ memorial walk, and will be engaging in a school wide presentation. Please wear red in honour of those lost, missing, and or taken. Thank you to the MMIWG2S school committee for organizing this event schoolwide.

The 40th Annual Ben Calf Robe Pow Wow is being held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Commonwealth Indoor Field House. Please check this amazing event out, which is hosted by ECSD, Council of Elders, Indigenous Learning Services, and the City of Edmonton. The grand entry will be held at 1 pm. We hope to see you there!

We only have two months left of the school year, a busy time of year where student learning continues, assessments are completed, data is collected to share success and areas of growth. It is also a time of year that the grade six classes, as well as the grade nine class, prepare for Provincial Achievement tests. To the families, please see the important dates section of the newsletter for more information on the exam schedule. The BCR school team wishes all of the students success on their upcoming assessments. Please ensure all students registered to BCR are attending daily in order to be successful with their learning.

Ben Calf Robe School is open for upcoming registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. Register online at www.ecsd.net.

The BCR school community wishes all caregivers a happy Mother's Day-Miyo Okawimaw Kisikaw!

Ekosi,
Ms. Thompson - Principal

Mrs. Lastiwka & Mr. Ulrich - Assistant Principals



Bus Planner Delays App



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- Bus times are subject to change weekly on WEDNESDAYS



Kohkom Itwewina

Kohkom Itwewina - 2026

Tanisi;
Mrs. Nowack Nitsiyihkason
Ni kiskinwahamakewin Nehiyawewin newo/niyanan isko keka mitataht.

Miyoskamin-Spring
Miyok Okawimawi Kisikanisk - Happy Mother's Day

Kikwaya Awasiak mina Oskayak Osiytawak:

Newo/Niyanan - Pisiskiwak tansesi nakisew/Miyoskamin/Manicosak
Nikotwasik - Pisiskiwak tansesi nakisew/Miyoskamin/Manicosak
Tepakohp - Pekiskwewina ekwa Ayiwinisa
Ayananew - Pow Wow
Keka mitataht - VAI Patterns /Nehiyaw Pekiskwewina



What are the students working on:

- Grade 4/5 - Animals/Bugs/Spring
- Grade 6 - Animals/bugs/ Spring
- Grade 7 - Clothing and Telephone Conversations
- Grade 8 - Pow Wow/ medicines/Ceremonies
- Grade 9 - VAI Patterns

Mrs. Nowack(Nohkom)
Cree Instructor

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 Hybrid Meetings at 5:00 PM, Teams Link to be sent that day to your email.

Wednesday, May 27

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 4 – 8

Behind every great school day is a great bus driver! Thank you for the care, patience, and commitment you show each day as you safely transport our students. We appreciate your dedication, kindness, and hard work.



Important dates coming up

May 15 - 18 - May Long Weekend
May 27 - Parent Council Mtg 5PM
June 1 - PD Day No School

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!

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Meetings are on TEAMS at 5 PM
Link to be emailed the day of

Wednesday, May 28

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

MS. THOMPSON – PRINCIPAL
MRS. LASTIWKA – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Mr. ULRICH – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
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

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(e) A
Tuesday, June 16	9 AM-9:30 AM	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(e) A
Thursday, June 18	9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 6 Mathematics Part(e) B
Friday, June 19	9 AM-10:20 AM	Grade 9 Mathematics Part(e) B
Monday, June 22	9 AM-10:20 AM	Grade 9 Social Studies
Tuesday, June 23	9 AM-10:15 AM	Grade 9 Science

NO CELL
PHONES
DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY



click [here](#) for more info

IMPORTANT

DAILY CHANGES TO PICKING UP CHILDREN

Parents/Guardians 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!

First Riders Event

Our annual [First Riders Event](#) will take place on **August 19, 2026** (changed from August 25, 2026) at Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre (9405 50 Street NW).

More details regarding times will be released at a later date.



MMIWG2S+ Memorial Walk

Tuesday, May 5

Students and Staff will be participating in our annual MMIWG2S+ Memorial Walk as well as engaging in a school wide presentation. Please wear red in honour of those lost, missing, and or taken.



Updated Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

ECSd SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

July 2026						
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First Day of Operation
August 31, 2026

First Day of Instruction
September 2, 2026

Last Day of Instruction
June 28, 2027

Last Day of Operation
June 29, 2027

October 2026						
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April 2027						
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May 2027						
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June 2027						
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MONTH	Operational Days	Instructional Days
August	1	0
September	20	19
October	20	20
November	18	18
December	14	14
January	20	20
February	19	16
March	19	18
April	20	20
May	18	18
June	21	20
Total	190	183

Non Instructional Days

Non-Operational Days

Cancellation of early dismissal

Early Dismissal

Statutory Holiday - Office/School Closed

Named Holiday - Office/School Closed

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APRIL 2026

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