

February 2026

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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



BCR Newsletter



Upcoming Important Dates

Feb 4 – Parent Council Meeting 5 PM

Feb 16 – Family Day – No School

Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 24 – Pink Shirt Day Recognized

Feb 25 – Faith Development Day – No School

Feb 26 – 27 – Teachers Convention – No School

Mar 4 – Parent Council Meeting 5 PM

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

Mar 30 – April 6 – Spring Break – No School

April 3 – Good Friday

April 5 – Easter Sunday

April 6 – Easter Monday

April 7 – Classes Resume

Tansi-hello,
Tawow, Mikisowipisim! Welcome, February!

The teaching and learning shared throughout the school was beautiful to witness during Term One. The students engaged in various lessons that included learning opportunities such as: engaging in the Water Blessing with Father Bo, a school wide social justice project that consisted of painting faith-based panels for St. Clare Parish, embracing Cree legends, delving into curriculum and ensuring success.

Term One has now been completed with students sharing their evidence of learning and understanding on the outcomes taught this term. Families, please log on to PowerSchool to access your child(ren)'s January Progress Summary Report. This report will capture all the learning and provide a clear picture of optimal teaching and learning. Just a reminder, attendance is key for all students to succeed. Please ensure that your child is attending school daily to gain the knowledge, understanding, skills, and procedures of each subject which will allow for success. Should your child(ren) be absent, please contact the school at 780-471-2360.

The School Advisory Council Executive welcomes all caregivers to join and share their voice, as your voice matters while advocating for the needs of the students. The next Parent Council meeting is set for February 4th @ 5 pm. The school Admin team offers a hybrid model for those participating in the school council meetings where one can join via in person or via Microsoft Teams. Thank you for your participation.

February-Mikisowipisim will be a busy month ahead for the BCR school community. As we welcome a new month, new learning will also come forth. The BCR school community will be celebrating Valentine's Day Eve on February 13th. Teachers will be sending out class lists with students' first names should you choose to send Valentine's cards and treats. May we all share love, kindness, and care amongst all. Let us continue the faith journey, the school community will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a pancake breakfast in each classroom for the students on February 17, 2026, as well as preparing all for Ash Wednesday on February 18th.

Important dates to be mindful of for the month of February - February 16th is Family Day, wishing you all a blessed Family Day weekend. February 17 is Shrove Tuesday. February 18 is Ash Wednesday with a school wide liturgical celebration. February 25 is Faith Development for ECSA Staff and the school is closed. February 26 and February 27 are no school days for students as the BCR teachers are off to GETCA-Teachers Convention. Stay warm and stay safe!

Wishing you all a wonderful month of February-Mikisowipisim! Sending blessings, light and kindness to all.

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. LASTIWKA – 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

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!

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!

NO CELL
 PHONES
 DURING THE
 SCHOOL DAY



click [here](#) for more info



Ash Wednesday
 — Lent Begins



Kohkom Itwewina

Kohkom Itwewina - Mikisewipisim 2026

Tanisi; Mrs. Nowack Nitsiyihkason
 Ni kiskinwahamakewin Nehiyawewin niyanan isko kekac mitataht.

Pipon-Winter
 miyo-sâkhitowin-kîsikanisik

Happy Valentines Day. ♥♥

Niyanan ekwa Nikotwasik -
 Miyaw, Niya, Kiya, Wiya

Tepakohp- Wicihitohk Piminawasokamik

Ayinanew- kioke Kiteyha

Keka-Mitataht- SRO
 Syllabics

What are the students working on:

Grade 5 & 6 - Body and Feeling/emotions
 Grade 7- Helping in the Kitchen
 Grade 8- Visiting with Elder
 Grade 9- Syllabics

Mrs. Nowack (Nohkom)
 Cree Instructor

NO SCHOOL....

Family Day – Monday February 16

Faith Development Day –
 Wednesday February 25

Teachers Convention – Thursday
 and Friday Feb 26-27

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, Feb 4
Wednesday, March 4
Wednesday, April 15
Wednesday, May 27

Tawow! Welcome! We are excited to welcome you to our
Open House at Ben Calf Robe St. Clare
Catholic Elementary Junior High School on:
Thursday, March 5 from 5-7 PM!

The Mission of Ben Calf Robe - St. Clare Catholic School is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to seek wisdom, work, and respect through daily participation in indigenous culture and community, infused with faith, hope, and love.

Kindergarten

- Full Day
- Extensions - Play based learning
- Bussing
- Cree Language/Culture
- Healthy Meals

100 Voices

- AM Class with Bussing
- PM Class
- Cree Language/Culture
- Healthy Meals
- Learning through play

Grade 7 - 9

- Academics
- Technology
- Cree Language
- Culture Options (Sewing, Art, Drumming, Talking Circles)
- Healthy Meals
- Athletics (Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton)

Catholicity offered through:

- Catholic Faith permeated daily
- Prayer & Song
- Liturgical Celebrations
- Weekly Mass

Braided Journeys Grade 6-9

Braided Journeys supports student contributions and culture is respected and celebrated. Each centre offers support, encouragement, and guidance throughout a student's educational journey.

Student Support Centres On:

- Transitions to JH/H5
- Pet Therapy
- Wellness Programming
- Tutors
- Mentorship

We embrace Culture daily with:

- Smudging
- Elder Stories
- Dancing & Drumming
- Land Based Teaching
- Pow Wow
- Metis Jigging/Fiddling
- Pipe Ceremonies

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.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Recognized on
Tuesday, February 24

Where a Pink Shirt to show solidarity against bullying, promoting kindness, inclusion and acceptance in schools, online, and in communities.

happy
Valentine's
day