

March 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

Mar 4 – Parent Council Meeting 5 PM. TEAMS link to be shared

Mar 5 – Open House 5-7 PM

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

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day. *Wear Green!*

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

April 15 – Parent Council Meeting 5 PM. TEAMS link to be shared

May 9 – BCR Pow Wow

May 15 – 18 – May Long Weekend

May 19 – Classes Resume

May 27 – Parent Council Meeting 5 PM

June 22 – National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23 – Last Day of School

Tansi ekwa tawow - hello and welcome. Today, we welcome Niska Pisim-March.

The students at Ben Calf Robe-St. Clare embraced new teachings and learning throughout the school during the month of February which also included engaging in new option classes for the Junior High students. There were other opportunities that the BCR students participated in such as: the celebration of Valentine's Day, Spirit themed week - hat day, jersey day, twin day, and dress like a teacher day, all of which were fun for all. There was also an extended break at the end of February as the teachers and staff were able to embrace professional development together.

Demonstration of Learning is fast approaching with the families being invited to the school on **March 5, 2026, from 1-4 pm and 5 - 7 pm**. Please join us at the school to engage in your child(ren)'s celebration of success. Please ensure that your child is attending school daily to gain the knowledge, understanding, skills, and procedures of each subject. Also, if you haven't logged into Powerschool for your child's Progress Report that was sent out at the end of January, please do so. Should any questions arise, please feel free to contact the school team for assistance.

It is that time of year again for caregivers to complete the upcoming Pre-Enrollment student registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Please log into Powerschool and complete the steps for your child's pre-enrollment to Ben Calf Robe-St. Clare Catholic School for the upcoming school year. Before a student can be registered by a school, this must be completed in its entirety and signed by the parent or legal guardian by **March 13, 2026**. Should you have any questions, please contact the office at 780-471-2360. This helps with planning for students for the upcoming school year. Thank you!

The Athletics Department would also like to share that Badminton will be offered to the Junior High students again with Coach Wi inviting students out to join. Please sign up. There will be a field trip form and a cost sent out to those students joining with all practice dates, games, and times. Thank you, Coach Wi for leading the BCR Eagles Badminton Team.

The Parent Council Executive welcomes all caregivers out to join and share your voice. The next Parent Council meeting is set for March 4 at 5 pm via a hybrid option on Microsoft Teams. A Teams link will be shared for caregivers to log on. We hope to see you there.

Important dates to be mindful of for the month of March - on March 5th, there is a dual event of Demo of Learning and the BCR Open House for those new students seeking registration for the upcoming school year. March 17 - St. Patrick's Day - Wear green. On March 26 it is a full day of classes. March 27 is a half day of classes. March 30 - April 6 classes are cancelled for Spring Break, with classes resuming on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

Wishing you all a blessed month of March-Niska Pisim! Happy Easter to all BCR families too! Sending light and kindness to all. Kinanaskomtin!

Ekosi,

Ms. Thompson - Principal Mrs. Lastiwka - Assistant Principal Mrs. Paquin - Acting 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

HAPPY EASTER

Kohkom Itwewina

Kohkom Itwewina - Niskapisim 2026

Tanisi; Mrs. Nowack Nitsiyhkason
Ni kiskinwahamakewin Nehiyawewin newo/niyanan
isko kekac mitataht.

Pipon-Winter

Pinkowi Kisikan-Day of the Ashes



Niyanan ekwa Nikotwasik -
Miyaw, Niya, Kiya, Wiya

Tepakohp- Wichitohk Piminawasokamik kiapic

Ayinanew- kioke Kiteyha tante ohci kiya kiapic

Keka-Mitataht- SRO
Syllabics Kakisimowin kiapic

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

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

Grade 1 - 6

- Academics
- Technology
- Cree Language
- Culture activities (Beading, Drumming, Singing)
- 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

We embrace Culture daily with:

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

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

Demonstration of Learning

Thursday, March 5

1-4 PM & 5-7 PM



Important Notice

Pre-Enrolment 2026 - 2027

Registration for new students and pre-enrolment for current students is now open! Sign in to your [PowerSchool account](#) and click "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if you will be returning to our school or where you will be attending next year (select what applies: Kindergarten, Junior High, or High School). The pre-enrolment process lets us know how many students to expect in September 2026 and helps us plan for staffing, class sizes, and programming. To learn more, visit ecsd.net/pre-enrolment.

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, March 4

Wednesday, April 15

Wednesday, May 27

Important dates coming up....

March 26 – Full Day of Classes

March 27 – Early Dismissal

March 30 – April 6

Spring Break, No School

April 7 – Classes Resume

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!



OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, MARCH 5 5-7 PM



**NO CELL
PHONES
DURING THE
SCHOOL DAY**



click [here](#) for more info

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

MS. THOMPSON – PRINCIPAL

MRS. LASTIWKA – ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MRS. PAQUIN – ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/
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

**For 2026 - 2027
Registration Information
please see:**

www.ecsd.net/register

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

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!

IMPORTANT