

**December 2025**

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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

**Nov 30 – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Week of Advent

**Dec 7 – 2<sup>nd</sup>** Week of Advent

**Dec 10 – Picture**  
Retakes Day

**Dec 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Week of Advent

**Dec 18 –**  
Christmas  
Concert – 1:30 pm

**Dec 18 – Full**  
Day of Classes

**Dec 19 – Early**  
Dismissal

**Dec 21 – 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Week of Advent

**Dec 22 – Jan 2**  
– Christmas  
Vacation

**Jan 5 – Classes**  
Resume

**Jan 22 – PD Day**  
– No School

**Feb 16 – Family**  
Day – No School

Tansi-Hello,

November-Ihkowipisim has come and gone, and there were many learning opportunities celebrated in the BCR school community.

The BCR school community paid homage to honoring the veterans and soldiers of the past and present with a Remembrance Day ceremony held on November 7, 2025. As a school team, we were able to acknowledge veterans and soldiers in our own families during the ceremony. We truly are all grateful for living in a country that is peaceful.

Creator has blessed us all with another month of learning despite the labour disruption in October. November allowed the students to showcase their skills taught, through practice, knowledge gained, and hard work that was showcased during Demo of Learning, which was held on Thursday, November 20 from 1 pm - 7 pm. The BCR school team would like to thank those who were able to share in the success of the students. At BCR, we believe that the student + the family + the school team = success. Let us continue to work together to ensure success for all.

Let us welcome December - Pawacakanisis! December is a short month of school with three full weeks of classes. December 18th is a full day of classes, and December 19 is a half day of school with an early dismissal leading to Christmas holidays. Classes will be dismissed at 12:06 pm with students being welcomed back on January 5.

The annual Christmas Concert is set for 1:30 pm on December 18th in the school's large gymnasium. The students from 100V to Grade 6 will be sharing their love of music and art as they perform. Please ensure that all wet footwear is removed and that all are respectful to the students performing. Should you be picking up your child, please see the office staff and they will assist you. Please refrain from going class to class as we would like to limit the number of disruptions during the busyness of a Christmas concert and classes that are still in session.

The School Advisory Council will also be meeting using a hybrid model of online and in person this school year. Please join us for the next School Advisory Council meeting set for Wednesday, December 10th at 5:30 pm. A Microsoft Teams link will be sent out via SWIFT for you to join. We look forward to seeing you there and having you share your caregiver voice with us.

Wishing you all a safe, blessed, Merry Christmas-Miyo Manitowi Kisikansik!

Ekosi,

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



# TRANSPORTATION

## Bus Planner Delays App



Receive notices when your bus is late. Parents will be alerted of delays 10 minutes or more through this app only

- For Bus delays please visit [www.ecsd.net/transportation](http://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

## Verification of Enrollment

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

It is important that you log into your powerschool account and follow the instructions set forth in the email to verify your child's enrollment.

## 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!

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



## Kohkom Itwewina

Tansi Kahkiyaw,

Iyikopiwiipisim - November 2025

Takwakin

Kiskisiwin Kisikaw

Pipon kipa

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

Kikway mekwac awasisak ekwa oskayak osiytawak:

Awasisak Newo/Niyanan- e atoskewak kikway

ihtakamikisiwina

Awsisak Nikotwasik- e atoskewak-Pisimak ekwa kisikawa ekwa akotasina

OskayakTepakohp- Wahkotowin

Ayinanew- Tantihto Tipahikan/newayak

Keka Mitataht- Nouns (Nehiyawewin)

Kinanaskomitin

Mrs. Nowack

Hello To all;

We are in the Fall season.

Remembrance Day

Winter Soon

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 - Commands simple sentences

Grade 6 - Months, Days of the Week, and numbers 1-31

Grade 7- Family

Grade 8 - Telling Time and Direction

Grade 9- Nouns

Thank you,  
Mrs. Nowack



## 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.]

ans 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

**Retakes Day!**

**Wednesday, December 10**

**9 am – 12 pm ONLY**





# Christmas Vacation

Thursday, Dec 19 – Full Day  
Friday, Dec 20 – Early Dismissal  
Dec 23 - Jan 3 – Christmas Vacation  
Monday, Jan 6 – Classes Resume



# Christmas Concert



Thursday  
December 18  
1:30 PM

EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIVISION  
INDIGENOUS LEARNING SERVICES

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Families in the ECSD  
community are invited to join us for a

## Candlelight VIGIL

*Honoring our loved ones – Holiday Remembrance*

DECEMBER  
WEDNESDAY 3 5-8 PM  
2025

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH  
6310 118 AVE NW, EDMONTON

Doors at 4:30pm  
Meal at 5:00pm  
Smudge & Prayer  
Music  
Scripture Reading  
Testimonials  
Children's Activities

[Register here](#)

## St. Clare's Catholic Church

Christmas and New  
Years Mass Times

December 24 -  
Christmas Eve: 4 PM

December 25 -  
Christmas Day: 10 AM

January 1, 2026 - New  
Years Day: 10 AM

[St. Clare Newsletter](#) for  
information on Christmas  
Lunch, upcoming Bake  
Sale and much more!

