

**October 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



Tansi ekwa Tawow to all. Hello and welcome to all.

For the most updated information on the ATA Labour situation, please see ECSD's website: <https://www.ecsd.net/labourupdate>. Parents and caregivers will also receive email updates from ECSD through SchoolMessenger.

Welcome to another school start-up at Ben Calf Robe -St. Clare Catholic School. A school community which is home to 100 Voices to Grade Nine. September 2, the BCR school team welcomed the students through the doors along with new families. We proudly welcomed 470 students!

Thank you to the early learning families for attending the September Staggered Entry dates held by the 100V and the Kindergarten teams which were successful. The morning class begins at 8:15 am and ends at 11:30 am followed by the afternoon class that begins at 12 pm until 3:15 pm. Just a friendly reminder that there are no 100V classes on Thursdays during the school year of 2025-2026. Families please ensure that pick up times are honored. Hi y hiy.

Please note that school fees are implemented in the BCR school community. The school fees cover the costs of technology, license fees, and nutrition. The field trips that your child(ren) will be participating in have an additional cost which will be shared when your child(ren) attend the extended learning field trips. Please contact the office to make arrangements to ensure that your child(ren)'s school fees are paid. Student fees can be accessed at [www.bencalfrobe-stclare.ecsd.net](http://www.bencalfrobe-stclare.ecsd.net).

Edmonton Catholic School Division Admin Procedure 349 relates to the Standard Student Dress. This standard student dress policy continues to be implemented in the Ben Calf Robe-St. Clare school community. Please review the new student standard dress code in your child's agenda.

Edmonton Catholic School Division continues to implement the provincial cell phone policy. All students' personal mobile devices are to be stored in their lockers during all class times. The Ben Calf Robe school community is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones on school property. Students attending Ben Calf Robe-St. Clare have access to student chrome books throughout the school day rather than their personal mobile devices. Caregivers, should you require communication with your child(ren) during the school day, please contact the main office during school hours at 780-471-2360. A copy of the new personal mobile changes was shared with all families via SWIFT prior to school start up. Please also access the cell phone policy on the school website at [www.bencalfrobe-stclare.ecsd.net](http://www.bencalfrobe-stclare.ecsd.net).

It's a very busy time of year for Transportation Services. The BCR Admin Team would like to thank all the families for their patience while routes are being set. Caregivers, please be sure to contact the school admin assistants with any changes to your address or phone numbers to ensure safety for your child(ren) accessing busing. Also, safety is a priority for all at BCR, please ensure that you are paying close attention to the bus zone areas in front of the school, and respect these zones. Parking is limited, please ensure that you are accessing street parking only, not residential parking spots, and that the bus zone on 119 Ave and 64 St are not available. Please be mindful of the Parent Drop Off Zone and that parking there is limited to within 5 minutes.

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The Elementary Cross Country Run was a great success for the students who participated at Rundle Park. A very special thank you to Coach Hoekstra, Coach Rudelic, as well as Assistant Coaches, Mr Mikey and Ms. Lerynne. Thank you, Ms. Lastiwka for coaching from the sidelines and cheering proudly for the BCR Eagles Run Team. All students enjoyed being a part of the run.

The Athletics Department would like to say a huge thank you to all the students that participated in the soccer season. Thank you to Coach Rudelic and Coach Mikey for their athletic leadership and providing the students with a fun-filled soccer experience. Also, thank you to the families that were able to support from the soccer sidelines. Way to go, BCR Eagles!

On Wednesday, Sept 24, the BCR school community partnered with Edmonton Police Services to honor Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The day consisted of all gathering together for opening remarks, a school wide smudge, Cree prayers, Cree drum songs, a TRC walk around the school, followed by a picnic lunch, literacy shared with the elementary students, and a junior high basketball game of students versus the members of EPS. It was such a beautiful way to come together and witness many unforgettable moments of reconciliation. The school community commits to listening, learning, and growing together in the spirit of reconciliation. A huge thank you to Chief of Police, Warren Dreichel and Chief Superintendent, Lynnette Anderson, and Elder Betty, as well as all honored guests for joining us.

On Monday, September 27, the Junior High Student Leadership team provided an Orange Shirt Day presentation to the school community. The students were able to share an awareness on the origins of Orange Shirt Day, history, and invited the school Cultural Team to lead in Cree song, and Cree prayer. Classes paused for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives to residential schools and to honor those who survived, as well as are impacted by the event.. Students also were able to add an orange heart on display around the school to share that every child matters!

Meet the Teacher Night was successful. Thank you to all who were able to join the BCR school team on Wednesday, September 10. The BCR school team looks forward to working with you, and your child(ren) to triangulate success for student learning this school year.

Parent Council meetings have been set for the school year and will be communicated via SWIFT. The dates will also be shared in your childs agenda.

Ekosi,

Ms. Thompson - Principal

Ms. Lastiwka - Assistant PrincipalMr. Ulrich - Assistant Principal

### Upcoming Important Dates

**Oct 10** – PD – No School

**Oct 13** – Thanksgiving Day - No School

**Oct 15** – Picture Day

**Nov 10-12** - Remembrance Day/Fall Break – No School

**Nov 13** – Picture Retakes – In the Morning Only

**Nov 20** – Demonstration of Learning – 1-4 pm – 5-7 pm

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

**Dec 18** – Full Day of Classes

**Dec 19** – Early Dismissal

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

**Jan 3** – 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!



## 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

Please be sure that your  
**email address** is up to date  
for all communication from

ECSD

**IMPORTANT**

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**Picture Day!**  
**Tuesday, October 14**



**NO CELL  
PHONES  
DURING THE  
SCHOOL DAY**



**Monday, October 13, 2025 –  
NO SCHOOL**

**Kohkom Itwewina**

Tansi Kahkiyaw;

Onocitowipisim- September 2025

Takwakin

Osawawi Papakoweyani Kisikaw

Kikway mekwac awasisak ekwa oskayak osiytawak:

Newo/Niyanan- e atoskewak awasisak

Nehiyawewin Pekiskewina

Nikotwasik-

Nehiyaw Pekiskewina

E atoskewak oskayak;

Tepakohp- Niya Ohci

Ayinanew- Niya Ohci

Keka Mitataht- Niya Ohci

Kinanaskomitin

Hello To all;

We are in Fall season.

Orange Shirt Day

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

Grade 4/5 & 6 - Cree Dialogue

Grade 7, 8 & 9 - About me

Thank you,  
Mrs. Nowack



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