



Newsletter

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Administrators' Message

We hope that all of our families enjoy a wonderful Spring Break!

In April, we look forward to Easter, the feast of the resurrection, which is the heart of our Christian faith. After the sorrow of Good Friday comes the joy of Easter morning, when we celebrate that Christ is risen and that hope, love, and life triumph over darkness. For us as a Catholic school community, Easter is a beautiful reminder that we are truly *People of Hope*. The message of the Resurrection invites us to live with faith, to care for one another, and to share kindness and compassion in our daily lives. In our classrooms, on the playground, and in our homes, we are called to reflect the light of Christ through our words and actions.

During this holy season, may our students and families take time to reflect, pray, and celebrate together. Easter reminds us that new life and new beginnings are always possible.

May the joy and peace of the Risen Christ fill your homes this Easter season. We wish each of you a blessed and joyful Easter!

This year, the Easter triduum is from April 3 to April 5. We will celebrate the joy of Easter with a divine liturgy celebrated at St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Church on Friday, April 17 at 10:00 AM for both PYP and MYP.





Administrators' Message

We would like to thank all parents who were able to join us for Student-Led Conferences in March. Your participation as parents reaffirms to your children the value that you place on their education. Thank you for your partnership and for your ongoing support. We particularly enjoyed watching our students sharing their success in learning with you. We would also like to thank our teachers for the many hours they spend planning, marking and completing assessments.

Terry Volk

John Edwards

Joe Estephan





Chief Superintendent's Message

Read Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's [April Message](#) as she shares examples of the truth, beauty and goodness that are found in Edmonton Catholic Schools.



IB Coordinators' Message

Our IB Coordinators invite you to follow our school on social media to stay updated on all the exciting happenings in our PYP and MYP classrooms and school community. This is a great way to learn about events, achievements, and to gain insight into how the IB programs are implemented at Bishop David Motiuk.

Join us online to stay connected!

Instagram: [bishopdavidmotiukecsd](#)


Facebook: [Bishop David Motiuk School ECSD](#)

As always, we welcome questions about the IB programmes in our school. Andrea Olivieri is the coordinator for the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Lyndsy Panizzon is the coordinator for the Middle Years Programme (MYP). They can be reached at Andrea.Olivieri@ecsd.net and Lyndsy.Panizzon@ecsd.net





School PD Day



BDM staff will have a professional development day on Thursday, April 16. There will be no school for students on this day.

During this time, staff will be reviewing information required for our IB Self-Study in the fall and working together on the School Growth Plan that will guide our school over the next three years.

Enrolment Projections

Thank you to all families who completed the Pre-enrolment Screen in PowerSchool. Our current numbers for next year are:

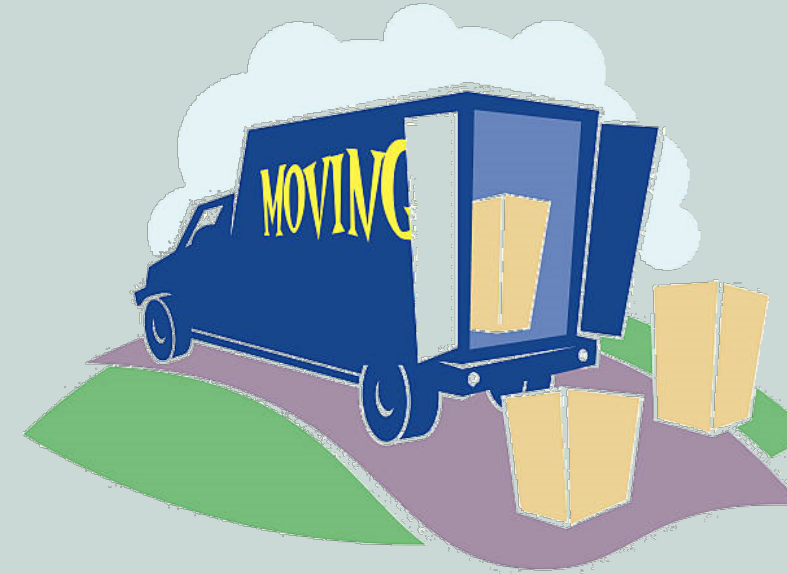
PYP	Projected Enrolment	MYP	Projected Enrolment
Kindergarten	70*	Grade 6	100
Grade 1	86	Grade 7	128
Grade 2	65	Grade 8	92
Grade 3	87	Grade 9	103
Grade 4	94	Total MYP:	423
Grade 5	106		
Total PYP:	508	Total Enrolment:	931
* Still processing new registrations			

We do expect some fluctuation in numbers since it is still quite early in the registration process. We are waiting for budget projections before we look at projected classes.

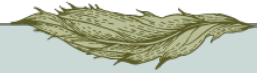
Moving? Please let us know.

Spring really seems to be a time when families move to new homes. If you are moving out of our school community, please let us know so that we can have an accurate registration count for the fall and can staff our classes accordingly.

As well, it is important that we have up-to-date contact information in the school office, so if you have a change of address or telephone number, please let us know. The process for updating contact information has changed, and we can assist you with this. Thank you!



Puddles & Spare Clothing



Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is getting warmer, we anticipate that our field will soon be filled with large puddles. Try as we might, we are not always successful in our efforts to keep children away from these springtime delights. With that in mind, it might be prudent to send extra clothing with children, including older elementary students—at least until the fields dry up! Thank you!

School Council Meeting



Our next School Council meeting is on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 PM. All parents are invited to attend, either in person or via Teams. We hope to see you there!



Supply Lists

Teachers will soon be working on supply lists for the 2026-2027 school year. Once they are finalized, they will be posted to our website and parents will be notified. Since most work for students in grades four - nine is done with Chromebooks and through the Google classroom, these students do not need as many school supplies.

Parents will once again have the option of either purchasing supplies at local stores or ordering supply packages online through [SchoolStart.ca](https://www.schoolstart.ca). Online ordering of supplies is convenient, so we are happy to offer this service to our parents. Orders placed through School Start are delivered directly to your home and are clearly labeled with your child's name. Information about School Start, including a short video, is available online at <http://www.schoolstart.ca>.

Congratulations Wolfpack Basketball Teams



We are proud to celebrate an incredible basketball season for the BDM WolfPack!

Both our boys and girls teams advanced all the way to the league finals, an outstanding achievement that reflects their hard work, dedication, and teamwork throughout the season.

Our girls team played a strong and determined championship game but came up just short against Sr. Annata Brockman School, earning a well-deserved silver medal. We are very proud of the effort, sportsmanship, and the way our girls represented our school all season long.

Our boys team delivered an exciting performance in the final, defeating Archbishop Joseph MacNeil School to capture the gold medal! Even more exciting, this is the first basketball championship for our boys team since our school opened—a historic moment for our WolfPack!

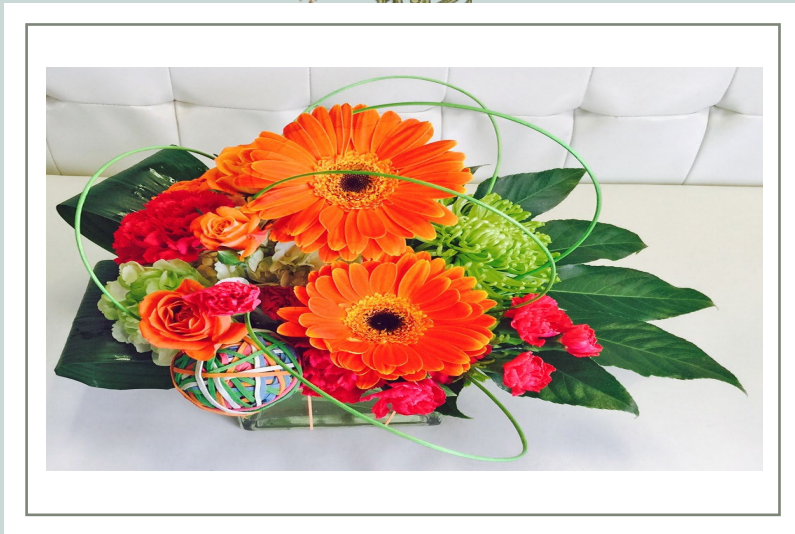
And in the Battle of the Mascots, there was no contest — Wolfie was the clear winner. Looking fierce and showing off some impressive dance moves, Wolfie definitely brought the WolfPack spirit to the championship games!

A huge thank you goes out to our players, coaches, and supporters who made this season so memorable. Your commitment, teamwork, and school spirit truly embody what it means to be part of the WolfPack. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Montecillo for coaching our Senior Boys team to victory!

Congratulations to both teams on an outstanding season!

Administrative Professionals' Day

On Wednesday, April 22, we celebrate Administrative Professionals' Day. We sincerely thank our support staff for the work they do in supporting our students. We especially thank our office staff members, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Breen and Mrs. Ronaldson for the work they do to assist students, parents and staff at Bishop David Motiuk. They are the people who greet you at the door, answer your calls, take care of children who are sick or injured, pass on information from you to students and teachers and so much more. They are incredible and we thank them for all they do!





Upcoming Events

April Events

March 28 – April 6	Spring Break
April 3	Good Friday
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 6	Easter Monday
April 7	Classes Resume
April 9	Kindergarten Classes on Thurs
April 10	Spring Pictures – K & Gr 9
April 16	School PD Day. No School.
April 17	Divine Liturgy at St. Basil
April 22	Administrative Professionals Day
April 29	School Council Meeting
April 30	IB Community Project/Exhibition



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