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Messages



Administrators' Message

During February, we start our planning for the next school year. We are now accepting new registrations for the 2026-2027 school year in Kindergarten to Grade Nine. Our Open House is on Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 PM. Information about our school has been posted to our website. We are very pleased to be welcoming Catholic students from the Big Lake communities of Trumpeter, Hawks Ridge, Starling, Pintail Landing and Kinglet to our school for the 2026-2027 school year.

In February, we honour Black History Month and learn about the contributions of Black persons in history and in our society.

In February, we also celebrate Valentine's Day and Random Acts of Kindness week, where we emphasize love, kindness and community.

We thank our families for their continued partnership this school year.

Terry Volk
Principal

John Edwards
Assistant Principal

Joe Estephan
Assistant Principal

Chief Superintendent Anderson's Message



Chief Superintendent Lynnette Anderson's message is online.

You can [read the full message here](#).

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!



X: @BDM_ecsd

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

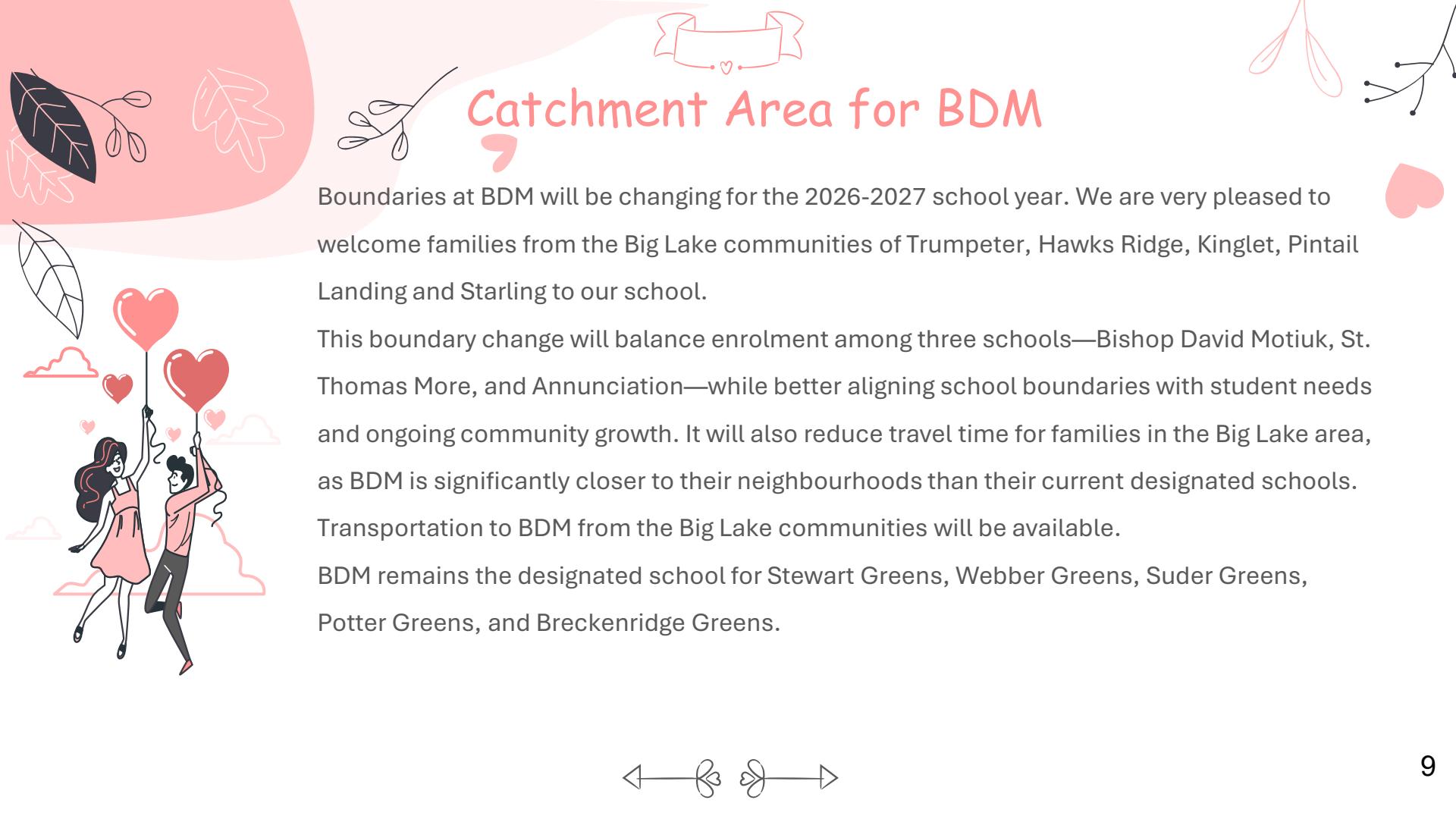
Important Information



JANUARY SUMMARY REPORTS

January Summary Reports for students in Grades 1 to 9 will be available in PowerSchool on January 27 at 4:00 PM. To help families understand what the report includes and how to access it, we have created a webpage with step-by-step instructions and additional supports. Please visit our [January Summary Report webpage](#) to learn more.





Catchment Area for BDM

Boundaries at BDM will be changing for the 2026-2027 school year. We are very pleased to welcome families from the Big Lake communities of Trumpeter, Hawks Ridge, Kinglet, Pintail Landing and Starling to our school.

This boundary change will balance enrolment among three schools—Bishop David Motiuk, St. Thomas More, and Annunciation—while better aligning school boundaries with student needs and ongoing community growth. It will also reduce travel time for families in the Big Lake area, as BDM is significantly closer to their neighbourhoods than their current designated schools. Transportation to BDM from the Big Lake communities will be available.

BDM remains the designated school for Stewart Greens, Webber Greens, Suder Greens, Potter Greens, and Breckenridge Greens.



Registering at BDM

We anticipate that we will be close to capacity in the 2026-2027 school year. With this in mind, we will once again adhere closely to ECSD Administrative Procedure 300: Admission of Students, so new registrations will be accepted in the following order:

1. Resident* students in catchment area;
2. Resident students residing outside the catchment area;
3. Non-resident students residing within the catchment area; and
4. Non-resident students residing outside the catchment area.

* A resident student is a student who is Catholic or who has one parent who is Catholic.

Pre-Enrolment for Current ECSD Students

Parents of students currently enrolled at Bishop David Motiuk are asked to pre-register for the 2026-2027 school year by completing the pre-registration form in PowerSchool. **The pre-enrolment form will be open on Monday, February 2 through Friday, March 13.** Instructions will be sent by the division in a Broadcast message to parents of all current registrants.

Information is also available on the division website: <https://www.ecsd.net/pre-enrolment-for-current-students>

Please complete the pre-enrolment form as soon as you can so that we can prepare for staffing for the upcoming school year. This will be especially important this year, since we expect to be adding some staff at our school.

Registrations for returning families will be confirmed by Spring Break.



Students Transferring To or From Another ECSD School

Parents of students currently enrolled in Edmonton Catholic Schools who wish to transfer to Bishop David Motiuk from another Catholic school or who wish to transfer from Bishop David Motiuk to another Catholic school **are not** required to complete new registration applications. Upon acceptance at Bishop David Motiuk or another Catholic school, files will be transferred from the student's current school.

All parents are asked to declare which school they intend to register in for the upcoming school year by completing the pre-enrolment screen in PowerSchool when it opens on February 2. The process takes less than a minute.

Once pre-enrolment screens have been completed, the principal of the school will review all transfer requests. Information about acceptance or non-acceptance will be communicated to families. In the event that a principal is unable to accept a new registration, the student will be assigned to their designated school by default. At that point, parents may choose to submit a request to a different school or accept registration at their designated school.



New Registration Applications for Kindergarten - Grade Nine

Registrations for students who are new to Edmonton Catholic Schools are done online. To register, please visit our division [Register Today](#) page. The principal will review new applications to determine eligibility and will contact families regarding applications. Online registration applications are not considered complete until we have received all required documents. These include:

- ✳ ECSD Registration Form
- ✳ Birth certificate
- ✳ Baptismal certificate (for sacramental preparation, if applicable)
- ✳ Landed immigrant certificate (if applicable)
- ✳ Copy of current report card
- ✳ Proof of address
- ✳ Complementary course form (online JH only)

Please note: students registering for kindergarten must be 5 years of age by December 31 of their kindergarten year.

High School Open Houses

SCHOOL	OPEN HOUSE DATE	OPEN HOUSE TIME
<u>Archbishop MacDonald</u>	February 12	7:00 – 8:30 PM
<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>	February 18	6:30 – 8:00 PM
<u>St. Joseph</u>	February 24	6:00 – 8:00 PM
<u>St. Oscar Romero</u>	January 29	6:30 – 8:30 PM

BDM Open House

- Our Open House is for all grades, Kindergarten through grade nine. It will be on Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 pm.
- New applications for admission are completed online.
- Families moving into the area and currently attending another Catholic school simply complete the pre-registration screen in PowerSchool.
- The Open House will begin at 6:30 pm. It will include student presentations, a short general program, then guests will be able to take part in a self-guided tour of the school and join presentations for kindergarten and our International Baccalaureate programmes.
- We thank you for passing on this information to any parents you know who are planning to register with us for the fall.

● Please visit the Open House page of our website for updates.



Other Open Houses

All Division Open House Listings

Pull Tabs for Wheelchairs

Don't know what to do with pull tabs from drink cans?

Collect them and bring them to school! We are pleased to support the Knights of Columbus pull tab campaign.

The aluminum in the pull tabs is used toward providing wheelchairs for people who need them. As you can imagine, it takes thousands upon thousands of pull tabs to make just one wheelchair...so please drop them off whenever you can.



Upcoming Events



Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, students will explore Black history within Canada through a variety of classroom activities. Students will also inquire into the ways in which notable Black Canadians have made and continue to make important contributions to our society both locally and nationally. Our student leadership team has been working hard and have planned a daily playlist featuring important Black artists throughout history. They have also compiled inspirational quotes from Black visionaries that we will share with our school each week. The leadership team has also planned an amazing scavenger hunt as a culminating activity for us. We are looking forward to a month of celebration and learning.



Basketball Season is Here

Basketball season is officially underway! Our senior boys' basketball team has been working hard and building chemistry and a team identity over the last three weeks. They recently competed in the St. FX tournament where they won gold after 3 hard fought and competitive games. They are a proud group excited to represent the school in what should be a strong season. While we weren't able to roster a junior team this year, there is a development squad of grade 6, 7, 8, and 9 students that practice multiple times per week including some practice time with the main roster to learn the systems. We are happy to be back on the court!



Basketball Season is Here

Our senior girls' basketball team has been working hard in their practices to build a strong sense of community while developing their basketball skills. They recently participated in the St. FX tournament, winning the consolation bracket. They look forward to competing in both the MAC and Romero tournaments in the next coming weeks. The girls are off to a great start as they also won their first official league game of the season. The team has already shown great progress over the last few weeks and are representing our school in a positive manner. The girls are excited to be able to play basketball this year and are preparing for an amazing season!



Spectators at Games

We welcome spectators at our home games. Since space for spectators is very limited in our gymnasium, only families of players and current BDM students will be able to watch our student games. Thank you for your understanding.



WINTER WALK DAY 2026

We are excited to announce that Bishop David Motiuk School will be taking part in Winter Walk Day on Wednesday, February 4! In the event of extreme cold, we will walk on a different winter day.

Walking to school in winter has many potential benefits, including benefits for your child's health and well-being (like opportunities to learn and socialize on the way to school, and arriving to school alert and ready to learn), our community (reduced traffic congestion around the school) and the environment, too.

Walk with your child to school next Wednesday to join in the celebration! If you're on your way somewhere else and plan on driving to your next destination, consider walking and taking transit (see Google maps for available transit routes to/from your destination: <https://www.google.ca/maps>), or park/drop your child off a block or two away from the school to walk the rest of the way in. If you're not able to join, encourage your child to walk with a friend.



WINTER WALK DAY 2026

Get out and WALK this winter...even try one of the following:

1. Winter Scavenger Hunt
2. Snow Art
3. Ice Treasure Hunt
4. Listen for Winter Sounds
5. Create a Snow Maze
6. Animal Tracking Adventure
7. Winter Shadows
8. Snowball Target Practice
9. Build a Mini Snowman or Snow Creature
10. I Spy (Winter Edition)
11. Frozen Nature Collections
12. Snow Angels and Silhouettes
13. Winter Color Hunt
14. Build a Snow Fort
15. Winter Gratitude Walk



WINTER WALK DAY 2026

Winter Walking Tips

- Keep hands and head covered to prevent heat loss.
- On really cold days wear a scarf over your face and mouth.
- Wear warm, waterproof boots.
- Wear a warm coat that deflects the wind.
- Woolen clothing helps to retain the heat.
- Wear clothing or carry knapsacks with reflective material – it's important to be seen.
- If possible, change wet clothes at school – tuck an extra pair of socks and mitts into knapsacks.



Valentine's Day Activities

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show others that we care about them. We are looking forward to a LOVE-ly day. Valentine's Day dances will take place throughout the day, with separate dances for Kindergarten, Gr 1 – 3, Gr 4 – 5, Gr 6-7 and Gr 8-9 homeroom classes on Friday, February 14. Students will be required to bring their own treats for any classroom parties (teachers will communicate regarding this).

Students are invited to wear red, pink or white on Valentine's Day.



Pink Shirt Day

In 2007, a group of grade nine boys in a small town in New Brunswick organized a pink shirt day to support a classmate who had been bullied for wearing a pink shirt. All of the boys showed up to school wearing pink shirts and their act of kindness inspired a national movement against bullying.

Students at Bishop David Motiuk are invited to take a stand against bullying by wearing pink on our Pink Shirt Day, Tuesday, February 24.



FAITH DEVELOPMENT DAY/TEACHERS' CONVENTION

On Wednesday, February 25, all ECSD staff will be taking part in our annual Faith Development Day. The day will begin with mass, followed by sessions led by David Wells, a notable Catholic speaker.

Thursday, February 26 and Friday, February 27 are our annual Teachers' Convention. There will be no school for students on Faith Development Day or Teachers' Convention.



FROM THE LEWIS ESTATES COMMUNITY LEAGUE

The Lewis Estates Community League is committed to keeping our neighbours connected and informed about everything happening in and around our area.

This postcard is just one way we're sharing what's coming up this year. For the most up-to-date event details and community news, scan the QR code below to visit our new website.



FROM THE LEWIS ESTATES COMMUNITY LEAGUE

LECL.ORG/Events

2025-2026 Community League Event Schedule

Communications@lecl.org

Oilers Watch Party
TBD

New Years
December 31

Keeping Kids Safe Online:
Parent Information Session
with NAICE (ALERT)
Jan 13th

Rink Pop Up
Multiple Dates

WEM Waterpark
March 14th

Shinny Hockey & Family
Saturdays



Pick up in the Park
April 25th

Garage Sale
June 6th

LECL Bin Event
June 13th

Drinks in the Rink
June 20th

Pancake Breakfast - West
Meadows Baptist Church
July 1st

LECL Riverhawk Night
July 11th

Movie Night in the Park
September 12th

AGM
October 3rd

Dates are subject to change for the
most update to date info please
visit the QR code link below



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