



# Newsletter

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# MESSAGES

# Administrators' Message

The Lenten season is a time of reflection and of turning our hearts to God. We turn our attention to growing spiritually so that we can fully cherish the joy of Easter. Lent helps us to listen more and pray, just as Jesus did in the desert. During Lent, we limit activities and events in the school so that we can reflect upon and share in Jesus' experience in the desert.



# Administrators' Message

## Pre-Enrolment

Please don't forget to share your plans for the 2026-2027 school year! Sign into your [PowerSchool account](#) and click on "Pre-Enrolment for Next Year" to let us know if your child(ren) will be returning to our school or where they will be attending next year. 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. This is very important this year, since we know that we will be welcoming new students from the Big Lake area.

Click this link for more information about [Pre-Enrolment for Current Students](#). The pre-registration window will close on Friday, March 13.

Thank you for your assistance with this.



# Administrators' Message

## Spring Break

We would like to remind parents that the Thursday before Spring Break is a full day, with no early dismissal. We will dismiss at 12:15 on March 27 for Spring Break.

Together we will work very hard in the next few weeks and then enjoy a well-deserved Spring Break at the end of the month.

Terry Volk  
Principal

John Edwards  
Assistant Principal

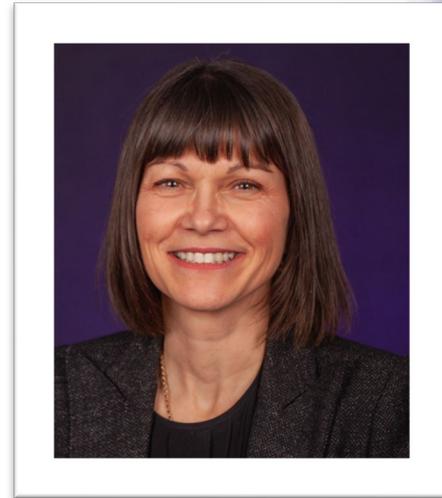
Joe Estephan  
Assistant Principal



## Chief Superintendent Anderson's Message

Chief Superintendent Anderson's message is available online:

[Chief Superintendent Anderson's Message](#)



# 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](mailto:Andrea.Olivieri@ecsd.net) and [Lyndsy.Panizzon@ecsd.net](mailto:Lyndsy.Panizzon@ecsd.net)





# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# Staffing Updates

This month, we say farewell and thank you to Ms. Boyd, who will be beginning her maternity leave. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Sarah Murray to our grade 5C classroom, effective March 21.

Mrs. Sharrock-Wiggins, Mrs. Winter and Ms. Abraham will be teaching in the grade five class until Ms. Murray is able to begin.



# Catchment Area for BDM

As most of you are aware, 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.

BDM will continue to serve the communities of Stewart Greens, Webber Greens, Suder Greens, Potter Greens and Breckenridge Greens.

Transportation is available for students residing outside of the 2k walk zone.



# Registering at BDM

With our new boundary changes, we will carefully monitor new registrations to maintain an optimal learning environment. Following ECSD Administrative Procedure 300:

Admission of Students, registrations will be accepted in this order:

1. Resident\* students in the catchment area
2. Resident students outside the catchment area
3. Non-resident students in the catchment area
4. Non-resident students outside the catchment area

\*A resident student is Catholic or has at least one parent who is Catholic.

# Pre-Enrolment at BDM

## **Pre-enrolment Intentions**

Pre-enrolment for the 2026–2027 school year is now open for all students currently attending an ECSD school. Pre-enrolment helps us to plan for classes and staffing for the upcoming school year.

## **Please complete pre-enrolment by Friday, March 13, 2026.**

In the online form, you will confirm if your child is staying at BDM school or moving to a different school. Completing this step early helps us prepare for September 2026.

## **How to Pre-Enrol**

- Log in to [PowerSchool](#)
- Click the “Pre-Enrolment for Next Year” icon in the left-hand menu
- Select the school your child will attend for the 2026–2027 school year

If you need help completing pre-enrolment, please contact the office.

# 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.

# 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, including those whose children will be staying at BDM, are asked to declare which school they intend to register in for the upcoming school year by completing the pre-registration screen in PowerSchool. The process takes less than a minute.

Once pre-registration 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.



# Puddles and Spare Clothing

Even though it is still a little cold outside, the days are getting longer, and we know that spring is just around the corner. As the weather gets warmer and the snow begins to melt, we anticipate that our field will 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!



# 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

# BDM Penitential Service

As we begin the season of Lent, our school will hold a **Penitential Service on March 4**. Several priests will be present to hear confessions, offering students a meaningful opportunity for reflection, renewal, and spiritual preparation. This service provides a prayerful and supportive way to begin Lent together as a faith community.



# Student Led Conferences – Thursday, March 19

## Grades 1–9

Student-led conferences for Grades 1–9 will take place **in the afternoon and early evening on Thursday, March 19**. Students will share evidence of their learning, including projects and assignments completed so far this year.

## Kindergarten

Conferences for Kindergarten parents will take place **throughout the day on Thursday, March 19**.

## Conference Format

Student-led conferences are **not intended to be interviews**. Although teachers will be present, their role is primarily to facilitate the conversation between students and parents.

Parents wishing to have more in-depth discussions about grades or student progress are asked to contact teachers directly to arrange a separate meeting time.

## Conference Times

**12:45–4:00 PM**

**4:45–6:30 PM**

(Teachers will take a very short dinner break from **4:00–4:45 PM**.)

Parents are kindly asked to ensure conversations do not extend into the dinner break or past **6:30 PM**. Thank you for your cooperation!



# Student Led Conferences – Thursday, March 19

## Booking Your Conference

Our **online Conference Booking Manager** will be available from:

**Friday, March 13 at 9:30 AM → Wednesday, March 18 at 3:00 PM**

Returning users may log in and book their times as usual.

New users can click the provided link and follow the steps to create an account.

## MYP Conferences

Following discussions with School Council, MYP conferences will continue to be held **in the gym** rather than in classrooms. Students will be able to meet with **three core teachers and one complementary course teacher**.

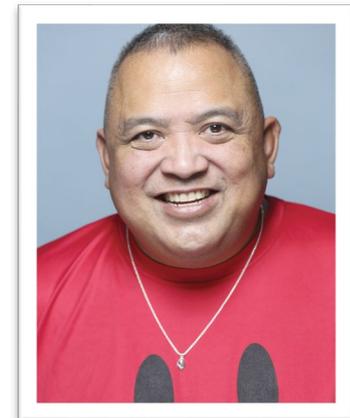


# Fr. Michael Mireau Youth Day

On Wednesday, March 25, grade eight students will be taking part in the annual Father Michael Mireau Youth Day. Father Mike wanted this to be a day for grade eights, since he felt that they are often the overlooked, middle children in our junior high schools.

This is truly a special day for our grade eight students. The keynote speaker for the day is Jesse Manibusan, who is a celebrated Catholic speaker and musician. Our grade eight students, along with grade eights from across the archdiocese, will be treated to a wonderful day of faith and fun. We are honoured that our grade eight students have been invited to sing with Jesse Manibusan at the FMM Youth Day mass. Thank you to Mrs. De Wee & Ms.

Barnett for coordinating our choir!



# Calendar of Events

Feb 25 – Division Faith Development Day. No school for students.

Feb 26 – 27 – Teachers' Convention. No school for students.

March 4 – BDM Penitential Service

March 12 – PYP Performance of Pinocchio

March 13 – Conference Booking Manager (Gr 1 – 9) Opens

March 19 – Student-Led Conferences – Gr K – 9

March 25 – Father Michael Mireau Youth Day (Gr 8)

March 26 – Full Day of Instruction.

March 27 – Dismissal at 12:15 for Spring Break.

March 28 – April 6 – Spring Break.

April 7 – School Resumes



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