

Semester End Memo:  
Students and Families  
January 2026



A. End of Semester Procedures:

1. Last Day of Classes for Semester One is Friday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

- a. Tues. Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: regular school day
- b. Wed. Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: regular school day
- c. Thurs. Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>: Supertutorial
  - i. Shortened day schedule (8:55 AM- 12:40 PM)
  - ii. Students report to Homeroom for Supertutorial (12:45- 3:05 PM)
  - iii. Lunch will be provided- Tina will send more information.
  - iv. Regular Bus Special to Downtown Terminal for 3:10 PM
- d. Fri. Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>: Supertutorial (**as needed**)
  - i. Shortened Day schedule (8:55- 12:40 PM)
  - ii. Students report to Homeroom for Supertutorial (as needed, as requested by teacher). (12:45- 3:05 PM).
  - iii. Lunch will be provided- Tina will send more information.
  - iv. Shortened Day Bus Special to downtown terminal for **12:45 PM**
- e. Mon. Jan 26<sup>th</sup>: No school for students
- f. Tues. Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: No school for students
- g. Wed. Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Semester Two, Q3, BLK5 classes. **Regular school day.**

B. End of Semester Information:

2. School reminders and information for new students

a. Semester Two Timetables:

Timetables will **not** be printed. Check semester 2 timetables on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> for the most updated version. Students can access their Semester 2 timetables through EDSBY or My School Sask.

- In EDSBY, on the right-hand side under alerts, students can scroll to Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, to see their classes for semester 2.
- The My School Sask tile can be found on the GSCS portal on your student account. In My School Sask, click on “My Info” and choose “Schedule”.

Wednesday Jan 28		< > + 📅
Day A		
● ALL DAY	BLK / ORS / QUAD 5 Begins Bishop Murray High School	
● ALL DAY	Quarter 3 Begins Bishop Murray High School	
● ALL DAY	Semester 2 Begins Bishop Murray High School	
● 8:55AM	Non-Academic HR 11-003 @ Rm. 45	
● 9:25AM	Non-Academic LAS-004 @ Rm. 34	
● 10:30AM	Catholic Studies 20 CST20-001 @ Rm. 45	
● 1:05PM	Physical Education 20 PED20-002 @ GYM	

b. Unsuccessful in a class:

If you are unsuccessful in a class, the office will reschedule you, if possible. The school will connect with the student during the first few days of Semester Two regarding required changes. Your teacher will connect with the student, parents/guardians regarding the unsuccessful completion of the class.

**c. Semester One Report Cards in EDSBY:**

Report Cards for the first semester will be made available to parents on **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM in EDSBY**. See the infographic at the end of the document for a reminder on how to view report cards in EDSBY.

**d. 2025-26 Daily Schedule Pilot:**

This past September 2025, at Bishop Murray, we introduced a *Pilot Daily Schedule* for our students and staff. This project was developed following rich conversation and feedback from staff and students identifying the need for change from the current daily schedule structure. We have spent this past semester working through the pilot, and in doing so, our students and staff have identified the pros and some cons to the changes. After consultation with some students and staff we will be making some minor adjustments to accommodate the suggestions, to better support academic learning and student and staff mental health. The upcoming adjustments to our *Pilot Daily Schedule* will be shared with our students and families in the upcoming days. All adjustments will be in effect, starting on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Please stay tuned to the Bishop Murray River of News in EDSBY for more details regarding the changes.

**e. Cell Phone Policy reminders:**

Please see the Personal Electronic Device Policy- one page document at the end of this memo, for more information.

**f. Attendance reminders:**

Please notify the school prior to the start of classes if your child is going to be absent that day. You have two convenient ways to report absences, and you can report planned absences in advance:

1. Use EDSBY to indicate that your child will be absent. If you do not have an EDSBY account, please call the school and let our office know. We can re-send an invitation to your email that we have on file to assist with set up. It is very important to set up an EDSBY account as this is where you will report absences, view marks and report cards, see upcoming exams or assignment dates and communicate with your child's teachers.
2. For attendance reporting and/or attendance information call 306-659-7710 to speak with Mrs. Okemwa. Message Manager is available twenty-four hours a day and will record your attendance information, if the phone line is busy.

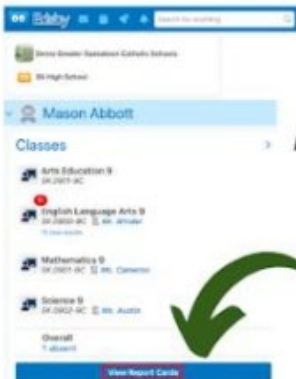
**g. Student Academic Support (SAS) Expectations:**

SAS is required for all gr 9-12 students, everyday, except on our shortened day Thursdays. Student Academic Support is not optional, and we ask for your support in ensuring your child attends regularly. SAS provide a place to work on homework, receive extra support in classes requiring extra work, as well, provides an opportunity for students to earn back attendance as part of an academic support plan established with their teacher and administration.



## VIEWING REPORT CARDS IN EDSBY

View your student's report card on the mobile app, computer or tablet at [gscs.edsby.com](https://gscs.edsby.com).



**Report cards are now viewable on a mobile device.**  
See below for instructions!



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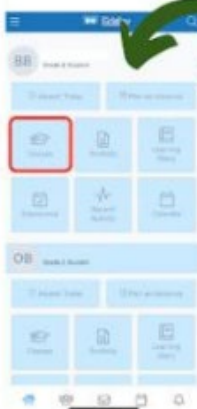
See past report cards here.



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## VIEWING REPORT CARDS IN THE MOBILE APP



### STEP 1

Beneath the student's name, click "Classes"



### STEP 2

Click "View Report Cards".

### STEP 3

You may be prompted to login again.

### STEP 4

View the report card!





## Have your heard...

The use of cell phones in class is off limits in all schools beginning fall of 2024?

The Ministry of Education requires school divisions to develop administrative procedures that limit the use of personal electronic devices in schools.

### What does this mean?

Personal devices, including cell phones, will be out of sight and on silent for the entire day in elementary schools. In high schools, this applies to instructional time only.

### Why are we doing this?

Research shows that a distraction-free environment dramatically enhances the mental health, learning, and social development of students. It is a directive from the government that all schools in the province will have similar policies in place.

### Are there exceptions?

The principal may grant exemptions for students who require personal devices for medical reasons or have other documented accommodations. In high schools, exemptions may be made for specific instructional purposes under the direction of the teacher.

### What if I need to contact my child during the school day?

If you need to leave a message for your child, please call the school office and they can pass the message on to your child. We encourage you to review these rules and discuss them at home. Your support is vital in helping us create the best possible learning environment for all students.

## GSCS Personal Electronic Device Use Policy



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