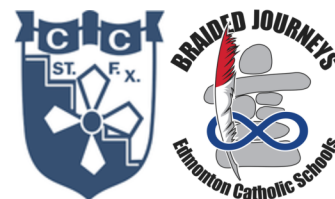


2024 - 2025 Semester 2

BRAIDED JOURNEYS



St. Francis Xavier High School



About Braided Journeys

Hello Tânsi Braided Journeys Families!

We had a great kick off to Semester 2! We're thrilled to dive into a brand new semester with you and your amazing students. This fresh start is the perfect chance to set shiny new goals, boost attendance, and sprinkle some good study vibes for an even stronger semester ahead!

We've got a treasure trove of fun activities lined up this semester! Get ready to roll up those sleeves and volunteer at fantastic spots with the Edmonton Food Bank and Roots for Trees. Plus, we're hitting the road for some post-secondary adventures at NAIT with Next in Trades, and MacEwan where students can soak up the support and check out the campus. And let's not forget our fabulous opportunity for grades 11 and 12 to be a "Student for a Day!"

If your student wants to connect with me and we haven't crossed paths yet, just shoot me an email! I'll be sending out monthly updates packed with the month's calendar and the latest scoop on activities and dates. Let's make this semester unforgettable!



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Important Upcoming Dates

Mar 5: Esqauo Guest, Sonia
Mar 6: Beading Grad Caps Workshop @FLEX
Mar 7: Movement Mentors Volunteering
Bike-A-Thon (FX)
Mar 11: Food Bank Volunteering AM
Mar 12: Esqauo Guest, Sonia
Mar 13: Braided Journeys Closed AM
Mar 14: STM and HEB Braided Journeys guests for
Transition to 10 Day
Movement Mentors Volunteering
Mar 19: Careers Next Generation Presentation
Mar 22 - 30: No School Spring Break (FX)
Apr 3: MacEwan Tour and Presentation Field Trip
Apr 4: Movement Mentors Volunteering
Apr 10: NAIT Next in Trades Field Trip
FX Family Night
Apr 11: No School FX PD Day
Apr 16: Agriculture and Animal Care Field Trip
Apr 17: FX Half Day
Apr 18 - 21: No School Easter Weekend
Apr 24: Leadership with MacEwan University/FX
Half Day
Apr 25: Movement Mentors Volunteering
FX Full Day
April 29: Post Sec. Indigenous Recruitment Assoc.
Post Secondary Fair
May 2: Braided Journeys Closed
May 9: River Valley Walk Field Trip
May 10: Ben Calf Robe Pow Wow
May 12: Braided Journeys Closed
May 15: ILS Honouring Ceremony
Braided Journeys Closed
May 20: No School ECSD
May 29: Roots for Trees Volunteering
May 30: No School FX PD Day
May 31: FX Graduation 2025 Ceremony
June 6: Braided Journeys Closed
June 13: Last Day of Classes
June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

**Connect
With Us!**

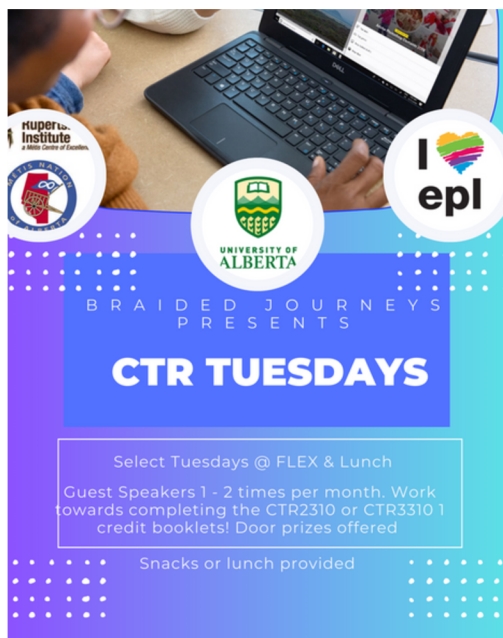


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BRAIDED JOURNEYS WEEKLY PROGRAMS



Weekly Focus

Tuesdays: Transition Tuesday (after High School)

Join us during Flex and Lunch for a deep dive into the world of education and career paths. We've got Career Speakers, Post Secondary Recruiters, and Indigenous Student Service Departments lined up, plus amazing local gems like Careers and Women Building Futures. It's a smorgasbord of opportunities, and you'll even snag credits for CTR 2310 or 3310!

Wednesdays: Wellness Wednesday

The Braided Journeys Coach brings in awesome guests on Wednesdays during Flex and Lunch to help you explore the many ways to boost your wellness game. We'll tackle everything from mental health to balance, all through the lens of the Medicine Wheel. Let's get our feel-good vibes on!

Thursday: Cultural Learning with Gary

Thursdays just got a whole lot cooler! Join Cultural Facilitator Gary Gagnon during Flex and Lunch for a dose of cultural wisdom. He's not just a master storyteller—he's also down for an epic game of UNO! Come learn and have fun with us!

Weekly: Meet and Mentors (M&Ms)

Calling all Braided Journeys students! Monthly meetups give you the chance to sit down with your Graduation Coach for some one-on-one time. We'll map out your future, customize support just for you, and check in on how you're doing. Let's make those dreams happen!

BRAIDED JOURNEYS UPCOMING EVENTS



In March, a University of Alberta Education Students tutoring in the Braided Journeys Room on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00am to 2:30pm. Please see Kathy if you are wanting to meet with the tutor.



Wellness Wednesday with Esquao: Iskwew FX Braided Journeys students gather to learn from Sonia. We will learn and discuss topics important for young Indigenous women to learn. March 5 & 12.



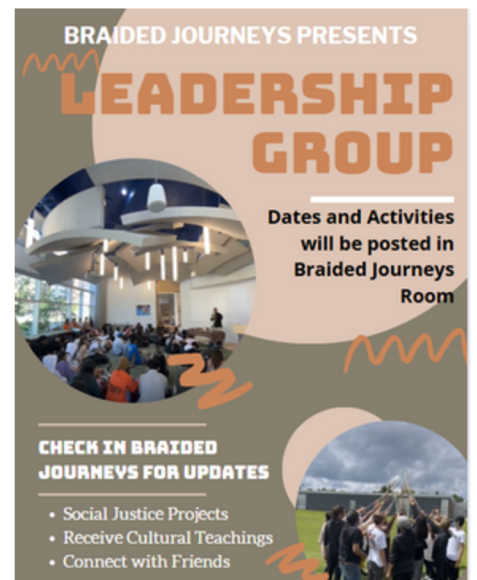
Movement Mentors: Students volunteer our local elementary school to mentor students. Students earn hours towards mentorship credit and obtain volunteer hours needed for Religion. March 7 & 12, April 4 & 25.



Come help your local community by volunteering at Edmonton's Food Bank. You will receive Religion Volunteer hours and work towards a Leadership Credit. March 11, 2025



Students have the opportunity to attend a field trip to MacEwan University or NAIT. April 3 and April 10. See Kathy to sign up!



Leadership: Students will work together to share Social Justice Issues, participate in Cultural Teachings, and build the FX Braided Journeys student community. This program lets students earn hours towards leadership credits.

BRAIDED JOURNEYS FAMILY RESOURCES

HONOURING CEREMONY 2025

If you're on track to graduate: You are cordially invited to attend the Edmonton Catholic Schools First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Class of 2025 Honouring Ceremony to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of your graduate. This will include a photo booth, grand entry, valedictorian address, scroll presentation, and keynote speaker, followed by light refreshments.

Please see Kathy for ticket information and to confirm attendance.



INDIGENOUS LEARNING SERVICES, EDMONTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FACEBOOK GROUP

The Indigenous Learning Services Facebook Group provides a central gathering place where parents/guardians can connect with our community and each other. Resources, ideas and other useful information will be posted to support everyone. If you would like to take part, please send us a request to join. We look forward to connecting.

