



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

June 13, 2023

Welcome to the Bachelor of Education program at St. FX. We hope this two-year journey towards becoming a teacher will be exciting and fulfilling for you and we look forward to helping you develop professionally.

I will be sharing a folder with you momentarily labelled "Year 1 On-Campus BEd Information". In it, you will find the following in the subfolder labeled "Welcome Year 1 On-Campus BEd Students". This subfolder contains:

1. Academic Year Calendar
2. Timetable
3. Calendar of Events
4. Fees
5. Crystal Cliffs
6. Accommodations
7. Things to do in Antigonish
8. Campus Map

Next week, I will be putting instructions in another subfolder labeled "Registration Year 1 On-Campus Students". Students will be registering themselves for all BEd courses. Registration for Year 1 students begins on **Wednesday, July 5th**. Please try to complete online registration as soon as possible after it opens as certain courses may have limited enrollment, so the earlier you register the better. (I will be contacting some students who have exceptions to the registration instructions.) This subfolder contains:

1. Registration Instructions (Please note, at the bottom of the registration instruction document, there is contact information for assistance with registration.)
2. Descriptions of Electives
3. Course Registration Number (CRN) sheet

On **Wednesday, September 6th, at 8:30 am**, all Year 1 students will make their way to the Confusion Square entrance of Xavier Hall and make their way to the second floor for orientation/registration. The full schedule will be posted closer to this date. Please note that attendance is mandatory. A Welcome Session will be held at 11:30 am for all students and faculty in a location to be determined. To assist in the registration process on this day, please bring a copy of the courses in which you are registered from Banner/mes Amis, as well as your Banner/mes Amis ID and PIN. Please be prepared to pay the BEd student fee (to be determined by the Student Executive).

The second PD Day for Year 1 students is **Crystal Cliffs on Thursday, September 7**, (rain date is Friday, September 8). Year 1 students will meet in Confusion Square outside Xavier Hall at 8:30am. From there, students will be transported to Crystal Cliffs for a full day of activities.

Classes begin at **8:30 am on Monday, September 11th**.

University classes are scheduled from Monday to Thursday from September 11-November, and January 8-March 7. Please refer to the Calendar of Events for important dates, compulsory events, and field experience. The 4-day class



schedule allows students time for independent reading, research, and reflection. Friday is not considered a day off as scheduled PD days and selected classes are identified on both the fall and winter timetables. All student attendance concerns must be brought to the Chair of the BEd program.

For those of you who have not yet completed the practicum placement form (<https://forms.office.com/r/qcgX2QNLN0>) please do so. You will need to be signed into your St FX account to access the form. Please direct any questions about practicum to Becky Powers (bpowers@stfx.ca).

Wishing you a happy and fulfilling first year in teacher education!

Sincerely,

Rachel Power

