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**March 8, 1957**

Children are with their families.

**March 12, 1957**

Cadet parade. Crook is coming here.

**March 15, 1957**

Children go to their families.

**March 21, 1957**

Mr. Kesler comes here for a few minutes. He proposes to send the children from the Boarding School to Wetaskiwin and to keep the day students here.

**March 22, 1957**

The children go to their families.

**March 29, 1957**

The children go to their families.

**April 6, 1957**

The children go to their family.

**April 9, 1957**

Mr. Paul Deziel of Ottawa and C. H. Kesler visit the school. Fr. G. Michaud and Fr. Ferland are also here. The idea of an Indian high school is accepted.

**April 18, 1957**

The children go on vacation.

**April 28, 1957**

The children return. Mr. Baril goes to Winterburn. The brother goes to Ma-Me-O Beach.

**May 1, 1957**

Crooks comes to help the Cadets.

**May 3, 1957**

Children go to their families.

**May 5, 1957**

Children return.

**May 6, 1957**

Cadet inspection at 7 p.m. Callingwood, Crooks and Kilpatrick have dinner here. Good result.

**May 8, 1957**

The 4-H's go to a meeting at Glen School with Mrs. Minde.

**May 17, 1957**

Children go to their families. Mr. Baril to Winterburn. Brother to Ma-Me-O Beach.

**May 20, 1957**

The children return.

**May 23, 1957**

Mr. John Hughes of Regina and Skener of Ottawa come to inspect the new house.

**May 27, 1957**

Mr. Battle announces that we will have a 16-classroom pavilion by 1958.

**June 4, 1957**

Some visitors arrive for the opening of the dormitory school.

**June 5, 1957**

[Opening. List of dignitaries].

**June 7, 1957**

Film in the afternoon. The children go home.

**June 8, 1957**

Rally of 4-H members at Ma-Me-O Beach. 38 of our people go; return at 4 p.m.

**June 13, 1957**

Children's picnic. Wonderful day for all.

**June 14, 1957**

The children go to their families.

**June 25, 1957**

Wieners Roast at 9.00 p.m.

**June 26, 1957**

Distribution of prizes to youngsters in the morning and to the older ones in the afternoon.  
Departure of children at 3 p.m. Mr. Baril to Winterburn and Brother Detillieux to Pigeon Lake.

**August 14, 1957**

Fr. Allard went to Edmonton with a group of Indian dancers for the Acelf and to St Albert.

**September 2, 1957**

The children enter: 200 boarders and 230 day students.

**September 19, 1957**

X Ray for all!

**September 20, 1957**

The children go to their families.

**October 21, 1957**

The classes start again. Many absences. The classes close until the 24th in the morning.

**5 November 1957**

4-H meeting. Miss Menka is here and Miss English.

**November 8, 1957**

Children go to their families. Mr. Baril at Winterburn and Riviere Qui Barre.

**December 3, 1957**

Parade of the cadets.

**December 7, 1957**

Closing of the retreat. Reception of the children in the M. A. M. I.

**December 20, 1957**

Concert for the parents. Presence of Mr. Frame, Inspector, Mr. Kirkby and many other visits. The children leave for their families.

**January 6, 1958**

Entry of the children. Bus to Winterburn and Rivière-Qui-Barre.

**January 27, 1958**

Visit from Mr. Kirkby and Albinson.

**January 28, 1958**

Mr. Callingwood inspects the cadets.

**January 30, 1958**

Nearly 250 children went to see the "Ten Commandments" in Wetaskiwin.

**January 31, 1958**

Children with their families.

**February 15, 1958**

Fr. Allard leads the children to the Wetaskiwin Carnival.

**April 1, 1958**

Arrival of Mr. Oldring, auditor.

**April 3, 1958**

Departure of the children from Rivière-Qui-Barre and Winterburn; in the afternoon, those from Pigeon Lake and the others.

**May 16, 1958**

Mr. Baril drove the children to Enoch and Alexandre. Paradis left for Rocky Mountain House. Fr. Voisin, the children from Pigeon Lake.

**May 19, 1958**

Return of the children.

**May 21, 1958**

Father Pratte presents a film.

**June 8, 1958**

First graduation of students of Grades X (9 students), IX (15 students). Mass at 4 p. m. by Father G. M. Latour, sermon by Father Provincial. 100 parents attend the mass and many friends. Banquet at 5:15 - 130 guests. Small performance at 7:15 given by the graduates. A diploma in Junior Home Nursing was given to the girls of grades IX-X.

**June 16, 1958**

Mr. Frame continues his tour of the classes.

**June 18, 1958**

Achievement Day at 4-H. Very successful.

**June 27, 1958**

End of classes. Departure at noon. M. Baril to Winterburn and Father Voisin to Pigeon Lake.

**September 1, 1958**

Bus to Rivière-Qui-Barre and Winterburn. Arrival of six children from Brocket and our boarders.

**September 5, 1958**

The children with their families.

**October 6, 1958**

Davidson, instructor of the cadets here.

**October 10, 1958**

Children with their families.

**November 11, 1958**

Children stay here. Nice reunion and the big kids go to Ponoka for a high mass. Social meeting in the evening.

**November 27, 1958**

Visit of Mr. White, School Inspector.  
Meeting of the Scouts committee members.

**November 28, 1958**

Children go to their families.

**December 2, 1958**

Children of Grade IX, X, XI go to Winterburn; funeral of Chief Peacock.

**December 5, 1958**

Children with their families.

**December 13, 1958**

Children at Wetaskiwin, amateur hour.

**December 15, 1958**

Cadet Parade.

**December 19, 1958**

Concert for parents. Very successful.

**December 23, 1958**

Departure of the children to their families. Christmas tree at noon.

**January 6, 1959**

The children return to school.

**January 12, 1959**

Arrival of the dentist.

**January 13, 1959**

The children go to play in Wetaskiwin. Volley Ball.

**January 16, 1959**

The children go to their family.

**January 17, 1959**

Our children go to play at Collège St. Jean College. The older ones win, the younger ones lose. 2 buses. The girls also go.

**January 26, 1959**

The children give a small performance in honor of Fr. Allard.

**January 30, 1959**

Children go to Ponoka to play; they win.

**February 7, 1959**

Collège St. Jean College comes to play. Our children win by 8-2. The Troubadours sing, wonderful meeting in the evening.

**February 12, 1959**

The boys go to play at Collège St. Antoine; they lost by 9-4. Boy Scout meeting. Mr. Kaiser and Kester visit the school.

**February 16, 1959**

Arrival of nurse, Miss Zuback.  
Children's ice party.

**March 14, 1959**

40 children go to Edmonton for the St. John's College Gala.

**March 20, 1959**

Film at Samson Hall. A group of children - scouts - in Red Deer.

**March 25, 1959**

Departure of the children (6) from Brocket, (8) from Alexis reserve.

**March 26, 1959**

The children of Winterburn and [Rivière-Qui] Barre are leaving. Those from Pigeon Lake also leave. In the afternoon, all leave.

**April 5, 1959**

Mr. Baril picks up the children from Winterburn and Rivière Qui Barre.

**April 6, 1959**

Classes start again. Cadet parade. Killpatrick is present.

**April 28, 1959**

Presentation of the " Scout " charter to Fr. Latour by Mr. Michel Moore in the " Samson " room. The Scouts and Cubs as well as the Guides and Brownies give a magnificent concert. Many parents were present.

**April 30, 1959**

Mr. Wild, auditor, arrives to examine the books.  
"Achievement Day" for the 4-H Club. Great success!

**June 19, 1959**

Departure of Grades X & XI.

**June 22, 1959**

Visit of Mr. Frame and Dr. McKay from Montreal.

**June 26, 1959**

Children leave for their vacation.

**June 30, 1959**

Departure of the Gr IX children! End of the year. Thankful to God for all the blessings received!

**September 1, 1959**

Father Allard arrives with 12 children from Cardston and Brocket. Mr. Baril picks up the children from Winterburn and Qui Barre. Fr. Paradis and Fr. Voisin picked up Alexis' children.

**October 9, 1959**

The children in their home.

**October 10, 1959**

Mr. Baril to Winterburn, etc. Fr. Voisin in Cardston.

**October 18, 1959**

Return of the children.

**October 27, 1959**

Visit of Inspector Massing from Red Deer.

**November 9, 1959**

Official opening of the school (16 classes) by the Minister of Education.

**December 18, 1959**

Concert for the parents. Full house. Many friends. Perfect success.

**December 21, 1959**

The children of Sunchild Cree leave with Fr. Paradis.

**December 22, 1959**

Mr. Lafrenière drives the children of Alexis.

**December 23, 1959**

Fr. Voisin leaves for Cardston with the children. M. Baril to Rivière Qui Barre, etc. Some children remain.

**January 4, 1960**

Classes start again. Alexis return.

**January 7, 1960**

1st experience with Medical Corps, girls.

**January 10, 1960**

Medical Corps. Parade - boys.

**January 13, 1960**

Parade of the Cadets.

**January 18, 1960**

Medical Corps Parade.

**January 19, 1960**

Parade of the cadets.

**January 24, 1960**

Knights of Columbus banquet. 160 people. The children do things very well.

**February 15, 1960**

Children's retreat. Parade of the medical corps.

**March 15, 1960**

Visit from Miss K. A. Feyrer, dietitian.

**March 16, 1960**

Continues her visit.

Visit from Miss MacFarland.

**April 12, 1960**

Investiture of the Brownies.

**April 13, 1960**

Alexis' children leave & Qui Barre.

**April 14, 1960**

Southern children leave and all of ours.

**April 24, 1960**

Children return.

**April 28, 1960**

Visit of Mr. L. Waller from Ottawa & Gooderham.

**May 2, 1960**

Medical Corp. parade.



**May 12, 1960**

Authority feast [= ?]. Supper at 6:00 which was preceded by a high mass. [... ... ...] The children gave a concert and the teachers with the help of the superior school, played three small pieces. Enough parents and friends.

**May 13, 1960**

Departure of the Medical Corps for Wainwright, accompanied by Fr. Voisin.

**May 20, 1960**

Children go home for the weekend.

**May 23, 1960**

Return of the children.

**June 9, 1960**

Picnic.

**June 10-11, 1960**

Vacation. Ball tournament.

**June 22, 1960**

Grade X & XI children go home.

**June 30, 1960**

Departure of the children. End of classes.

**September 1, 1960**

Classes start again.

**September 6, 1960**

Classes start again after 3 days off.

**September 10, 1960**

Children at home.

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