

Press Release

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JANUARY 2009 EVENTS AT BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CHEBOYGAN, MI: On January 14th, eighteen Bishop Baraga fifth grade students graduated from the DARE program. The ceremony took place in the school chapel before a large gathering of student families. Speakers included Cheboygan Department of Public Safety Officer Frazier, Cheboygan County Prosecuting Attorney Daryl Vizina, and Cheboygan County Family and Probate Court Judge Robert J. Butts. Each addressed the students about the necessity of using the skills presented in the program to say "No" to drugs, peer pressure, alcohol, and bullying.

The ceremony also marked the passing of the torch from outgoing Cheboygan County DARE coordinator Wayne Precord, a retired State Police Trooper, to his successor, Edward St. Pierre, recently retired from the County Sheriff's Department. In 1987, Bishop Baraga Catholic School was the first school in this area to institute the DARE program. Trooper Precord was the first instructor.

Accompanying this release is a photograph showing the students and, in the back row, left to right, Grade 5 teacher Jerry Canell, Honorable Robert J. Butts, DARE Coordinator Edward St. Pierre, Prosecuting Attorney Daryl Vizina, Wayne Precord, and Officer Dan Frazier.

On January 19th, the Bishop Baraga Second Grade Spanish Club, under the direction of teacher Linda Lyon, addressed a gathering of parents, family, and fellow students. Each club member introduced herself or himself and talked about her or his family in Spanish. They also gave a brief summary of a South American country. Accompanying this release is a photograph of the Spanish Club students with their teacher, Linda Lyon.

Earlier in the month, on January 8th, Bishop Baraga staff member Kay Watkins taught a cooking class for 21 students. The students did everything from food preparation to cooking and even cleaned up afterwards. By consensus, the aspiring chefs judged the chicken fingers their best work. Accompanying this release is a photograph of some of the student chefs.

Bishop Baraga Catholic School was established in 1856 by Bishop Frederic Baraga. It has been in its new building located at the corner of Western and Lincoln Avenues in Cheboygan since September 2005.