

Press Release

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BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL THIRD GRADE MOCK TRIAL

CHEBOYGAN, MI: On Friday, January 27th, third grade students from Bishop Baraga Catholic School participated in a mock trial in the 89th District courtroom in Cheboygan. The Honorable Maria I. Barton, District Court Judge, presided over the proceedings. Students participated as prosecutors, defense attorneys, and jurors. The defense team was assisted by attorney James Gilbert; the prosecution team by assistant county prosecuting attorney Aaron Gauthier.

The defendant - played by Court Bailiff Dale Selin - was accused of stealing chickens. Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department Detective Lieutenant Timothy Cook conducted the investigation and was the main prosecution witness against the defendant. At the conclusion of the trial, the student jurors found the defendant guilty.

Also assisting the students were Court Administrator Jodi Barrette and attorney Melissa Bridges from the Bodman Law Firm.

Submitted along with this release is a photograph showing assistant prosecuting attorney Aaron Gauthier conferring with members of the third grade prosecution team.

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 since September 2005. Learn more about the school at www.bishopbaraga.com.