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MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY SCHOOL EDUCATION WITH A COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN

BISHOP BARAGA'S 2009-2010 SCHOOL STAFF

At Bishop Baraga we are proud of the dedicated teachers and staff who not only educate our children but also teach the students values and morals through example.

Father Paul Megge, Pastor
Father Robbie Deka, Associate Pastor
Kitty LaBlance, Principal
Lois Reimann, Secretary
Diane Smith, Technology
Kayte Schryer, Preschool 3 & 4 Teacher
Jamie Deitz, Kindergarten
Joey Miller, 1st grade
Linda Lyon-S., 2nd grade
Molly Mousseau, 3rd grade
Mary Redmond, 4th grade
Jerry Canell, 5th grade
Jill Kwiatkowski, 6th grade
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Maryann Schoch
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Principal's Corner

This past fall the Diocese of Gaylord implemented a Crisis Management inspection of all schools, parish buildings and church facilities. Each facility received a report on their building including Bishop Baraga Catholic School. The school is in the process of addressing short term and long term goals to ensure the building remains a safe environment for the children and staff.

Some safety features have already been incorporated. Two staff members attended an in-service last spring for Homeland Security, Mr. Jerry Canell and Mrs. Jamie Deitz. A grant was completed by Jerry and some security measures such as hall mirrors, door numbering and front entrance cement planters were installed. A second grant was completed this winter which enabled the purchase of an AED Defibrillator, bullhorn and flashlights in the building. When visiting the school a few other changes may be noted in the security of the building and access to classrooms procedures in event of a school emergency.

Blessings!

Bishop Baraga School and community have been graced by the 1st Communion and Confirmation of Kayla LaHaie. This celebration took place April 16 during the Friday weekly mass. How exciting for the children to have a front seat and witness this wonderful event!

Congratulations to the staff member of the month, Mrs. Jamie Deitz the Kindergarten teacher! Jamie is truly an 'old hand' with two Spring Programs completed! She also serves on the Marketing & Development Board and co-chairs with Joey Miller the Advertising Sub Committee on the Baraga Boosters Boards. Jamie began, "March is Reading Month" with her class this year targeting Dr. Suess. She hopes to expand the reading program to other grades next year. Jamie with Kayte Schryer has started the Motor Moms and Dads, a new fitness program designed to strengthen the core and improve fine and gross motor capabilities for students. Check out the interactive Kindergarten display outside the classroom targeting RECYCLING. A designated parking space is reserved for Jamie donated by the Knights of Columbus as an item from Home and School's March 2009 St. Patrick Party.

As the year winds down I'd like to take a moment to thank the many volunteers on the various boards under the umbrella of Bishop Baraga Catholic School. Each member has invested precious time from their own family to assist in the continuation of these much needed programs for the school. Listed in this Buzz edition are all the committees and sub-committees and their wide range of home, school and community membership. (My apologies to anyone I may have missed.) Thank you to the families sending in the cut-off from the March Buzz volunteering to help with the Baraga Boosters.

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Preschool Pet Keepers

By: Olivia Ingalsbe

THEY HAVE CHICKENS! The preschool are learning all the responsibility that it takes to have a pet. They have to water; feed and clean their cage out daily. Alyssa Bur is taking the chickens after they get too big for the cage. THANK YOU BUR FAMILY! These past two weeks they have had dogs, puppies, ducks, kittens, and more chickens for show and tell!

Their cherry tree was chosen to be on display at the Indian River Library and they loved it so much they asked if they could keep it! Great team work preschoolers!

Next Wednesday the fours will be taking a trip to McDonalds to learn how it all works! They are also very excited for ACES day, when they will "partner up" with the 6th grade. The fours also made Baraga Chia Pet's. The grass is growing like crazy!

Their year is winding down and they are trying very hard to act like Kindergarteners.

Rocked Out Kindergarten

By Katie Swiderek

It's all out "war" in the kindergarten room right now. Students are battling each other left and right as they practice their math skills and learn this fun card game. When they are not dueling with their cards, the kindergarteners are busy learning about the world around them. They recently "rocked out" as they sorted through numerous samples of metamorphic, sedimentary, and igneous rocks that make up our Earth. And speaking of Earth, Kindergarten learned some of many ways you can take care of it; like reducing the amount of trash you throw away, buying recycled products, turning the water off while you brush your teeth and unplugging devices when you are not using them. If you would like to know more ways to help, go to the kindergarten room for some Earth-friendly tips. After their month long author-study on Dr. Suess, their tongues are finally becoming untied. Stay tuned for some more exciting happenings as they take a look at Eric Carle and his many great works!

Fantastic First Grade

By: Claudia Wright

The First graders are on the fifth and last book in their reading series. They are working on all different kinds of ways to measure in Math. Besides measuring time on the clock, they measured time in days, weeks, and months. Then they measured how long things are, how heavy things are, and how much things can hold.

Space is the current topic in Science. They made a moon book to help them follow the phases of the moon. Now they're studying the stars and the stories of the constellations. They may even try making up their own. Watch for their posters. Next stop, the planets.

They made family trees and timelines of events in our country's history in social studies. Wait, isn't this another way to measure?

Amazing Second Grade

By: Olivia Ingalsbe

The Second Graders finally made it to the most important day of their year: their First Communion and Confirmation, which was last Sunday, April 25th. It was a joyful day for all of us as Bishop Hebda was here to confirm them! They give a big thank you to Mrs. Val Porter and Miss Kathy Deeter for all their help in preparing them.

In Science, they are learning about health foods and how food digests in our bodies. Very Interesting!!

In math they're finding out about different shapes and FRACTIONS! They are 7/8 of their way through the school year! Hooray!

Thrilling Third Grade

By: Allie Woiderski

What does candy have to do with math? Lots! Third graders used Smarties to learn about division. They had to divide up their Smarties into different groups and then write a math sentence about it. After they were finished, they could eat their candy, of course!

Third grade started Junior Achievement with Mrs. Michelle Ostwald. They are learning about various economic activities in the community.

Third grade has signed up for a program called Classrooms Care at Scholastic. They will read 50 books by May 14th. If the goal is reached, Scholastic will donate books to children on military bases. These speed readers are already over halfway to their goal! Way to go, Third Grade!

Fabulous Fourth Grade

By: Allie Woiderski

Fourth graders are studying the states of the Great Plains. They talked about how the railroads helped the economy of the Plains. Part of their study included tasting some regional cuisine: cornbread and chop suey. Did you know chop suey does not come from China? Chop suey, even though it sounds Chinese, isn't from China- it was first served to gangs of Chinese workers who built the railroads! Fourth graders are also working on "corn biographies" – biographies of famous people from the Great Plains. Look for these in the hall soon!

The fourth grade has been very busy learning magic! They have been practicing for their magic show. They have also started Junior Achievement with Mrs. Yuri Bishop from Calcite Credit Union. They are learning how to start a new business!

Mrs. Cora Brodeur brought white pine trees from the Secular Franciscans, who are a group that tries to follow the ways of St. Francis of Assisi.

5th Grade Campers

By Katie Swiderek

Fifth Graders have started two new programs- D.A.R.E. and Jr. Achievement. They are both really good programs and I know they will enjoy them!

The British are coming! They are beginning their study of the Revolutionary War. There are so many interesting things about this time period, and it's fun learning about it.

The fifth grade is coming! To Camp Wolverine, that is! Their field trip is coming up quickly. They are going to love it!

ACES Day!!!

By: Gemma Darr

ACES day at Bishop Baraga is just around the corner! It is on Wednesday, May 5 at 1:00. Grades preschool through 6th grade may participate. We are doing an activity called Walk the Rail Trail. I bet we will all have a blast, because everybody loves to walk, and we get to walk a mile! Outdoors, too! You may wear red, white, and blue (patriotic colors because this is done all throughout the nation, AND these colors are easier to see on the trail!!!)

If this does not work out, our rain date will be on Friday, May 7th at 1:00.

Ready for a little history lesson!!! Here we go!! ACES day was created by a phys. ed teacher named Len Saunders. ACES stands for All Children Exercising Simultaneously. She created this in 1989 to motivate children to get active. ACES have been labeled as "the world's largest exercise class" by the media. There is a challenge facing the world's youth with obesity, so children's fitness plays a major role in fighting heart disease as an adult and as a child.

April Birthdays

Samantha Munns 3rd

Mrs. Deitz 5th

Aidan Juliet 6th

Kenzie Burt 8th

Myia White 11th

Mrs. Miller 12th

Logan Rettell 13th

Ryan Boardman 15th

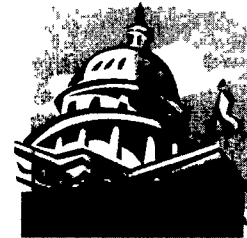
Madelyn Maltby 16th

PJ Maybank 26th



Sixth Graders Reporting....

Sixth graders are up to their elbows in note cards. They are beginning to write a research paper on a Latin American country. Along with learning to use note cards and an outline to write a research paper, they are also creating a Power Point presentation to enhance their report. It's been a bit difficult to focus though, because we only have 16 days until we leave for Washington DC!!



HELP!

ATTENTION: PLEASE HELP US FIND THESE MISSING BATTLE BOOKS: School Bus (2), Ralph, Sneakers, dragon, Frindle (3), Giraffe, Whipping Boy (2), 5th, Abe, Clementine, Magic School, 3rd grade (2) Earth Magnet (2), A Stolen Life, breadwinner, Frightful's MT, Skill Cliff(2), Jim and Me, Most Wanted, Magic Tree(2), Report, Ocean Giant, Abe Lincon, Meet the Kreeps(2), Stolen, Frightful, Earth, 3 Good!
Please return to Mrs.K's room. Thank you very much!

Spanish Club

Paula Uriz, an exchange student from Spain, came in again to help the Spanish Club make birthday cards for our foster child Susana. They are finding out that the Spanish spoken in Spain sounds different than the Spanish used in Latin America!

Principal's Corner continued from cover

Spring Program

Those attending the annual Spring Program were to a spectacular show. When high expectations are set children will meet them. A "Night at the Music Museum" was a wonderful fun hour depicting singing, dancing, and choreography. We hope you were able to attend the performance to see the culmination of many hours of hard work and persistence for excellence.

UPCOMING BISHOP BARAGA BOARD MEETINGS:

Call the school to learn more about each committee.
(627-5608) Visitors are welcome!

- **Advisory**-Thursday 13, May (5:30 Conference Room)
- **Boosters**- Wednesday 12, May (6:00 Conference Room)
- **Education Foundation**-Tuesday 11, May (5:00 Staff Lounge)
- **Home and School**- Thursday 13, May (7:00 Staff Lounge)
- **Marketing and Development**- Tuesday 11, May (5:30 Conference Room)

BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL Calendar 2009-2010

Check the calendar monthly in the BARAGA BUZZ for changes.
The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m.

April-28	Dress Down Day (\$1.00 for Susana)
May-4	May Crowning
May-5	ACES-Jean Day
May-5	Progress Reports sent home
May-7	Mother/Son Evening
May-14	6 th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
May-17	4 th Grade - Mackinaw City
May 19-21	5 th Grade Wolverine Camp Class Trip
May -20	2 nd Grade trip to Garlyn Zoo/ Old Mackinaw Lighthouse
May-20	Last Day Preschool-3 yr. olds
May-21	Last Day Preschool-4 yr. olds
May-25	3 rd Grade trip to Mill Creek
May-26	Dress Down Day (\$1.00 Scholarship fund)
May-26	Kindergarten trip to Yogi Bear Park
May-27	Mackinaw City
May-27	1 st Grade Jungle/Swimming
May-27	2 nd Grade Cross in The Woods
May-28	Spring Musicale-Gym (2:00)
May-31	Memorial Day-No School
June-1	Track and Field
June-2	6 th Grade Graduation Honors & Award Assembly
June-3	Last Day-All School Slide Show in the p.m. Report Cards sent home
June-4-11	Teacher Work Days

BISHOP BARAGA BOARD MEMBERS

Advisory Board

Steve Brisson-President
Kendra Hinkley-Vice President
Rachel Ward Kimbrell-Secretary
Chris Chamberlain
Linda Lyon-S.-Teacher Rep.
Larry & Lisa Paquet

Baraga Boosters

Albert LaBlance-President
Andrea Wright-Vice Pres.
Ken Kwiatkowski-Treasurer
Rachel Hudson-Secretary
Kristin Burt
Jason Luttrell

Jeff Weldon
Stephanie Jones
Ronda VanHimbergen
Jill Kwiatkowski-Teacher Rep.
Joey Miller-Teacher Rep.
Jamie Deitz-Teacher Rep.

Education Foundation

Ken Sheldon-President & Treas.
Jerry Canell-Vice Pres., Teacher Rep.
Kitty LaBlance-Secretary
Eileen Damiano
Tony Damiano-Legal Advisor
Geri Kane
Dave Neph
Jill Rogala
Tom Tenerovicz

Home and School

Lisa Brisson-President
Geri Kane, Treasurer
Melissa Goodrich-Secretary
Julie Neph
Andrea Zulski
Joey Miller-Teacher Rep.
Jill Kwiatkowski-Teacher Rep.
Mary Redmond-Teacher Rep.

Scrip

Lisa Brisson
Theresa Darr
Kari Kortz
Amy Maltby
Joey Miller-Teacher Rep.
Molly Mousseau-Teacher Rep.

OPEN REGISTRATION

Open Registration continues for all currently enrolled and new families to Bishop Baraga Catholic School.

Needed to register for Kindergarten:

1. Official State Birth Certificate with seal (available from the County Clerk)
2. Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
3. Up-to-date Immunization record

Fees: \$25.00 technology Fee per family (Students K-6)
\$35.00 Non-refundable Registration Fee per child (Preschool-6 grade)
Payment may be made by check or cash
Parishioner-\$2200 with decrease of 10% for each additional child K-6
Non-parishioner-\$2900 with a decrease of 10% for each additional child K-6
Preschool 3's tuition is \$700
Preschool 4's tuition is \$900 (Slots fill quickly!)

Call Bishop Baraga Catholic School for further information (231) 627-5608

Wanted!

Anyone attending the Talent Show during Catholic Schools Week with pictures/video of the 5th grade, please call Lynn Cavitt at 420-4960.

SAVE ON TUITION WITH SCRIP

Don't you just love Scrip? The convenience of not having to carry cash, the way it makes a great budgeting tool, and of course, the tuition savings make this a fantastic program! We here at Team Scrip love it, too, but sometimes it's not enough to SAY the love, we need to SHOW the love too. You can show your love by joining our team, and start helping others shop, save, and love Scrip as you do. **Team Scrip needs your help!** We are a small committee to begin with, but as members move on to pursue other projects, we are left with a serious void to fill, and you could be just the person we're looking for! Don't feel qualified? A willingness to learn and a desire to help people are the main qualifications! Our next meeting is Monday, May 3rd, 6:00 p.m. in the computer lab at school. Won't you join us?

We're not trying to tax your patience, but you may have noticed the order submission deadline is back to Monday at 8:15 a.m. This is the necessary time to have orders in place so committee members can learn the software and have your orders here on time for Thursday delivery.

Spring time is **Save Big Time** at shopwithscrip.com. Some specials running now through May 7 include:

- Applebee's cards have increased their rebate from 8% to 10%.
- Home Depot cards are currently offering a 5% rebate instead of the usual 4%.
- There are many more specials online – check it out and have fun shopping and saving with Scrip!



Invitation to Bishop Baraga May Crowning

Join the students and staff on Tuesday, May 4 for May Crowning. The school procession into the Chapel is at 1:30, followed by a prayer service and recital of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary.

Knights of Columbus



Bishop Baraga School Tuition Assistance Raffle 12 Raffle Drawings of \$100 each.

Drawing Dates:

7/21/10

8/18/10

9/15/10

10/20/10

11/17/10

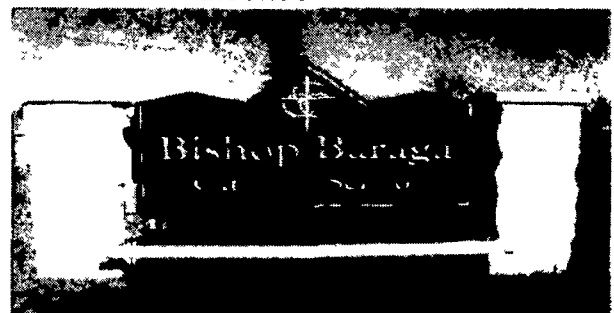
12/15/10

1/19/10

2/16/10

&

2 Drawings on
3/16/10 and 4/20/11
to be held at the K of C Hall
7:00 – 9:00 pm
South Straits Highway
Cheboygan, MI 49721
License #X74982



Net proceeds to benefit Bishop Baraga
Tuition Assistance ~ Maximum 400
tickets sold ~ Winning tickets stay
active till end of raffle.

Tickets are available at Parish & School
Offices, Dr. Armstrong's office, Modern
Pharmacy, Cheboygan Lumber or from
any K of C member.

MOM/SON NIGHT

Cheboygan - Come Join Us For An Evening Of Fun!!!

Moms and sons of all ages!

When: Friday, May 7, 6:00-8:00pm

Where: Bishop Baraga

Cost: \$7 In Advance per person

\$8 At Door per person

FOOD, GAMES, FUN!!!!!!

A complimentary photo included

Sponsored by Baraga 6th grade - Money goes to D.C. trip 

Name _____

Total \$ _____

Visit Bishop Baraga to pre-register

627-5608