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ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE AND TO
SUPPORT
FAMILIES WITH THE
SPIRITUAL
DEVELOPMENT OF
THEIR CHILDREN

BISHOP BARAGA'S 2011-2012 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.*

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Friends,

Bishop Baraga students and staff are preparing for Christmas and the coming of Jesus. Advent wreaths with candles, the Three Wise Men are on their way to Bethlehem, decorating the beautiful white pine in the foyer, the Manger set up outside the offices, Christmas artwork hanging in the halls, voices singing carols, Christmas music from the classrooms, practice for the Mary Joseph program and the Christmas Recorder Concert are in full swing.

God has been good to all of us at Bishop Baraga Catholic School. Thank you to all the students, staff, parents, extended families and community for the continued support and faith making this school successful in its mission. We know it is a great place to be by looking at the length of time staff have been part of the network of caring and nurturing professionals educating the children at Bishop Baraga School.

Have a blessed Christmas!
Mrs. Kitty LaBlance

Float Committee Note

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the 2011 Christmas parade! We were so fortunate with the weather this year! Special thanks are in order for: Mrs. K for designing the float, coordinating costumes, and float construction; Mrs. Miller for assisting with costumes and float construction; Mrs. Jan Hutchinson for the costume donation; Mrs. LaBlance for coordinating everyone, float construction and tear down, drawing, cutting, and painting the world continents, and keeping the parade walkers safe; Mrs. Dietz for float construction and tear down, and carrying the banner in the parade while keeping an eye on the walkers, too; Mr. Jason Luttrell for float construction and tear down, providing the generator, and driving the float in the parade; Mr. Dave Tafoya and Dr. Manuel Duron for float construction; Mrs. Mary Lou Duron for float permission slips, float assembly, purchase of costumes and glow lights; and Mr. Albert Lablance, Mr. Larry Paquet and Marisa Paquet for float tear down; Mrs. Carol Stempky for use of the trailer and bales of hay, Mr. Jerry Canell for cutting the wooden frames for the signs; Mrs. Bev Tafoya for painting the Bishop Baraga signs; Mrs. Rachelle Friday for

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Merry Christmas from Preschool By Matthew Brisson

The 4 year old preschoolers are learning many things about Christmas. They will be performing the Christmas Story with the kindergarten on December 21st in the Chapel. They have also been busy making parents Christmas presents. Sh-h-h!

Both groups are loving Motor Moms and Dads, who are here every Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you!

Miss Gabby has been to visit. She will be subbing for Ms. Kayte when she has her baby.

Kindergarten Kapers

Kindergarten has been very busy reviewing their letters; going over the sounds the letters make and where the letters are located in the alphabet. In science, they are learning about different habitats. They play store and buy items with pennies in math. For social studies, the class is learning about voting and the symbols of their country and state. They have made some beautiful green and red poinsettias and decorated them with glitter. These are hanging on the wall in their room. Stop by their room and check out their Gifts to Jesus on the front bulletin board! They are very excited about singing in the Mary and Joseph Christmas Program and have been practicing songs with Mrs. Watkins. Kindergarten would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

First Grade Authors By. Dustin Reiter

First graders wanted to share their Halloween story with you. Each student added a sentence to the story starter (with a little help from Mrs. Miller Here is our finished product. Enjoy –

It was a dark and stormy night. There were goblins outside. There were witches out, too. Lightning and thunder were crashing through the trees. A vampire was flying in the night. He crashed! "Ow, I cut my head!" he cried. Kerplonk, an apple fell on his head from the tree. He decided to make apple pie. And then, he ate the whole thing. Drat! He got a tummy ache. The vampire went to Dr. Ghost and got a shot. The vampire was so good. The doctor gave him a sucker. He wasn't sick anymore, so he had a party with the witches and goblins. They danced "The Shake" and partied all night long. The vampire flew off to go home ... oh no! Watch out for the tree!

This story was written by all the first graders (With some help from Mrs. Miller). Each student took a turn at a sentence. However, we sometimes combined two students' ideas into one sentence .

2ndGrade

Quinn Rogala

After making turkeys for Thanksgiving and realizing how much the 2nd grade has to be thankful for, they are now preparing for Christmas. Students made beautiful stars to help guide them on the "star road" to Bethlehem. They colored ornaments for a Jesse Tree and are learning about the different prophets and saints who belong to the house of David.

Students are watching roots grow on their very own plants in the classroom. They're going to do something special with them, but they can't tell, because it's a Christmas surprise for their parents!

Second Grade has been practicing very hard on Christmas songs because they're going Christmas caroling at ECU/Larson Hall. The residents will be singing along, too..."We Wish You a Merry Christmas".....

Buy Scrip!!!

Busy Third Grade Bees

Third graders have been busy, busy, busy! In Math they worked as teams, planning a Thanksgiving dinner. They had to find the cost of the dinner, and then they had to write checks and keep a check register. Also for math, the class is learning how to play cribbage. What a fun way to polish up those math skills!

Recently the students wrote descriptions of a beautiful castle in the woods. To go with their writing project, they designed a title page on the computer.

Every month third graders learn a different form of prayer for their afternoon prayer. During November they learned about some of our heroes of faith and prayed the Litany of Saints. They've been singing the Magnificat and praying with the Advent wreath during the season of Advent.

Speaking of Advent, the third graders are working on some special Christmas ornaments. Mrs. Mousseau will be having a class sewing bee to accomplish this. We hope they have them finished before Christmas!

What's Cookin' in Fourth Grade

The fourth graders have been as busy as Santa's elves! Math class has been spent multiplying two, three and four digits. Natural resources and forces such as erosion is the hot topic in science. Speaking of hot, the 4th grade heated things up in the kitchen baking To-Die-For Blueberry Muffins, Cranberry Applesauce muffins and Boston Brown Bread to go along with their study of the New England States. Hmm....I wonder what they will be serving up for the Mid-Atlantic states! Mrs. Redmond has been working hard training fourth grade altar servers. They will begin serving at school masses December 15th. Good luck. We know you will do a great job!!

Our Neighbors to the North (and West) By Dylan Pardee

Both fifth and sixth grades have been busy working on Social Studies projects. The fifth grade had to design authentic Native American villages of the four main groups found in the U.S. Other classes have enjoyed checking out their handiwork.

Sixth graders are finishing their cereal box reports on a province or territory of Canada. Besides designing a front for the box, they had to import pictures, gather facts, design a game for the back of the "cereal" box, and create testimonials. Check out both projects in the front hall.

Finally, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders designed ornaments to add to our "Andy Warhol" Christmas tree, based on a print of his original painting. You can find this tree in the West Hall. Merry Christmas from the Split!

MMMM...MMMMM GOOD FOOD!

Cooking Club has started with an enjoyable group of children – very enthusiastic! We've been "honing our skills" by learning to follow directions, share activities, and take turns. So far, all our recipes have been successes (I hope parents agree!) Our last culinary adventure was making a cookie pizza, then decorating the "slices" with min-marshmallows, m&m's and other candies. It was delicious! We will have our next meeting in January – see you then!

HUNTERS OF THE FUTURE...

...Students are learning to improve their aim, working hard and **having fun** in the **ARCHERY CLUB!**

Principal's Corner continued...

the sheets and float construction; the Cheboygan Cement Factory for once again providing a warm location for the float construction; and a special thanks to all the parents/grandparents and children who supported our school by walking and riding in the parade – your support is invaluable. **Next year's Christmas Parade is December 1 – please mark it on your calendars!**

CALENDAR CHANGES

Bishop Bernard Hebda has made it known that Bishop Baraga Catholic School students have been gifted with a day off from school. The date chosen is January 2nd 2012. Thanks to the Bishop, this will extend the Christmas break one day. School will commence on the 3rd of January 2012.

Note on your calendar the change of date for the Spring Program. This event will now happen on the 23rd of March.

Bishop Baraga School Logo's are now available at Rivertown Sports. They will sew school logo on uniforms or dress code wear for \$8.50. Contact June at Rivertown Sports (627-5651).

Many of you sent in Box Tops for Education for the November turkey drawing. This draw held during Monday's Assembly on 21st, November was won by Simon Easter in Kindergarten. Congratulations to Simon and his family who will have a fresh 20lb+ turkey for Christmas. Hats off to Mrs. Mary Lou Duron who not only donated the turkey but has taken care of all the paperwork. The next drawing will take place on Monday 19, December for 4 movie tickets (2 adult and 2 children) to the Kingston Movie Theatre. Check your child's folder for the note about the next Box Tops for Education promotion.

**Don't forget Scrip
for Christmas!**

STUDENT COUNCIL**Quinn Rogala**

Student Council has met twice since the last Buzz was printed. They are working on getting a bike rack by spring for those who wish to ride their bike to school, arm badges for 5/6 bathroom monitors and are still discussing how to begin a school compost pile.

At the last meeting there was a lively discussion on the themes for Catholic School Week. The council suggestions will be presented to the teachers who will put together a schedule. There were really good ideas!

El Club De Espanol**Quinn Rogala**

We enjoyed a book about "Gracias" the turkey just before Thanksgiving. We also made birthday cards for our sponsored child, Susana, from Guatemala. She'll be turning 17 in July! "Felis Cumpleanos", Susana!

Future Engineers**By Matthew Brisson**

The **LEGO ROBOTICS** program is off and running! The 44 students from grades 2-6 dug right into their kits and started building their robots. But wait, there's more! Not only do they build the robots but the students also do the programming. Mrs. Mousseau, Mrs. Redmond, and Mrs. Diane Smith recently attended a **MINDSTORMS LEGO** workshop, so they can plan really super new challenges for the budding engineers and scientists.

Calendar 2011-12

December 12-Midterms Go Home
 December 21-Mary and Joseph Program
 Recorders Christmas Concert (2:00)
 December 22-Jan. 2-Christmas Break
January 2-NO SCHOOL-Gift from Bishop Hebda
 January 3-First day back of the New Year
 January 11-Class Photos
 January 14-Spa Fundraiser for 6th Grade D.C. trip
 January 16-Professional Development-NO SCHOOL
 January 19-Bishop Baraga Feast Day
 January 20- End 2nd Term, Reports Go Home
 January 27-Winter Carnival (6:00-8:30)
 January 28-February 3-Catholic Schools Week
 January 30-TLC Penny Games Kick-Off
 February 1-Spaghetti Dinner
 February 3-Canned Goods-Dance
Catholic Schools Week
 February 4-Dad/Daughter Dance
February 9-13 Mid-Winter Break NO SCHOOL
 (13- Professional Development)
 February 14-Valentines Party
 February 22-Ash Wednesday Mass
 February 20-Midterms Go Home
 February 23-Retreat K-6
 February 24-Family Night @ Bishop Baraga School
 February 29-Dress Down Day- Canned Goods
March-Reading Month
 March 2-NO Bussing- Parents transport BBS Students
 March 7-Open House-Preschool-K
 March 10-Home and School's St. Patrick's Party
 March 13-Open House-All School (Preschool-6th Gr.
 March 23- Spring Program at the Opera House 7:00
 March 16-End of 3rd Term, Reports Go Home
 March 28-Dress Down Day-Canned Goods
April 2 thru 9-Easter Break NO SCHOOL
 April 18-Memory Book Photos
 April 23-Midterms Go Home
 April 25-Dress Down Day-Canned Goods
 May 1-May Crowning (2:00)
 May 11 through 18- 6th Grade D.C. Class Trip
 May 24-Last Day Preschool 3's
 Preschool 4's Graduation
 May 25-Last Day Preschool 4's
 May 25-Spring Musicale
May 28-NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
 May 30-Track and Field Day
May 31-Graduation/Last Day of School
 June 8- Last Day for Teaching Staff

UPCOMING BISHOP BARAGA BOARD MEETINGS:

Call the school to learn more about each committee.

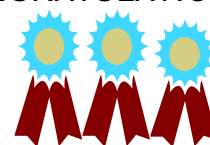
(627-5608) Visitors are welcome!

- **Advisory**-Thursday 15, December (5:00 Conference Room)
- **Boosters**- Thursday 5, January (6:00)
- **Education Foundation**-February 7, 2012 (6:30 Staff Lounge) New members are needed!
- **Home and School**- Tuesday 13, December (6:00)
- **Marketing and Development**-Thursday 15, December (12:00 Noon)
- **Scrip**Tuesday 17, January 2012(6:30)

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL CONGRATULATIONS!

Grade 3	Cassie Barton
	Kayla Burt
	Aidan Kosanke
	Madelyn Maltby
Grade 4	Aidia Archer
	Jacob Stempky
	Michael Swiderek
	Gabrielle Wells
Grade 5	Emma Archer
	Matthew Brisson
	Zachary Gildner
	Adam Grisdale
	Samantha Munns
Grade 6	Jacob Blaskowski
	Jaclyn Swiderek

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**JACKIE & MIKEY SWIDEREK
 K of C SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

UNWIND FROM THE
HOLI DAYS!

SPA AFTERNOON

January 14th

1 - 4 PM

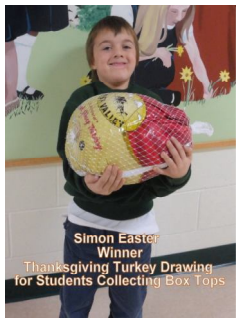
Bishop Baraga School

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Chair massages, foot and hand
massages, nails, facials

Refreshments and raffles!

Proceeds go to 5th and 6th class trips



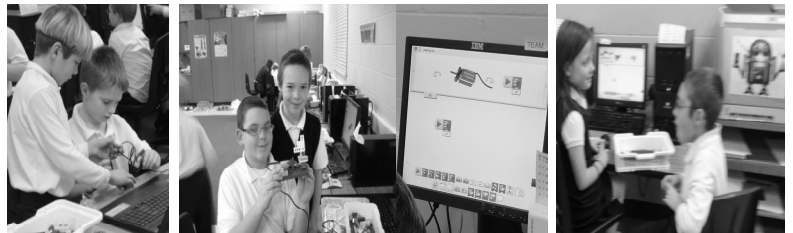
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**Boxtops
For
Education**

**TURKEY DRAW
WINNER
SIMON EASTER**

**LEGO
ROBOTICS**

**MATH +
SCIENCE +
COMPUTER
SKILLS
= FUN !!!!!**



SHOP WITH SANTA SCRIP.....

The Christmas Spirit is alive and well in Santa's Scrip Department! There are new local vendors--Mary Kay Cosmetics (Stephanie Shaw Jones) (10%), and the Log Mark Book Store (15%)! Welcome aboard--there's two more reasons to shop Cheboygan at Christmas and the whole year through! Did you realize that you could use your Shell Scrip card locally to purchase groceries and gas at Louies - talk about one-stop shopping!

Now that we're in the thick of the holiday season, saving money is more important than ever. Many of our Scrip merchants are in tune with that, and have adjusted their rebates accordingly. Here are a few highlights: Applebees: 2% rebate increase (10% instead of 8%), Bath & Body Works: 5% (18% instead of 13%), Cabela's: 2% (13% instead of 11%), and Lowe's: 2% (6% instead of 4%). For the complete list go to Great Lakes Scrip.com for details. That's what's new, but there's some old news that bears repeating. Some merchants such as Burger King, JC Penney's, Speedway, and Starbuck's allow their cards to be reloadable. Besides the obvious environmental benefit, the other upside is no more of those cards with .79 left on them in your wallet. Register your card online and keep reusing it over and over. It's a lot faster than waiting for your order to come in. The reload is available on your card as early as the next day!

For those times when nothing but instant cards will do, choose Scrip Now! You can email yourself (or someone else) a printable gift card within minutes. Not every merchant participates. Check online for participating merchants, including Amazon.com and itunes. It's great for those last-minute "Ohh rats, I forgot!" gifts.

Speaking of last minute, Scrip orders will be last minute too! For your convenience, there WILL be an order placed the last week of school, December 19th. Have your order placed by 8:00 a.m. on the 19th to be included, it will be ready for pickup the morning of the 21st! No order will be placed during Christmas break. The next order will be placed on Tuesday, January 3rd, with pickup on Friday, January 6th. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Shopping with Scrip!