



**2022-23**

## ***BBCS DECEMBER NEWSLETTER***



### **Principal's Corner**

I hope that as we enter into this wonderful holiday season, this newsletter finds everyone doing well. December brings on a busy time in everyone's lives, so thank you for all of your continued support in our school programs and involvement in your child's schooling among all the busy schedules you have happening at the same time. We are extremely excited this holiday to be able to have our Christmas programs to help bring extra joy to the season. The students have been practicing for the Christmas programs and have sounded wonderful so far. Read more about the Christmas programs this month below. As we near the end of 2022, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped support our school over this past year. I am so excited to see what 2023 brings, and spend the first part of the new year making memories with all of your children in our wonderful school. I hope that everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas this year.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Thank you to all of our parents for signing up and attending parent teacher conferences this year. We thoroughly appreciated the time to sit and speak with you about your child. Thank you also to those who took the time to fill out a 2022-23 Fall Parent survey. If you have not had the chance to do so yet, you can still do so by visiting our website and clicking on the link on our homepage. If you have any difficulties getting the survey to work, please contact the school office for assistance. We appreciate your feedback.

### **Cariina Parent App**

Thank you all for being so patient with our new communication platform, Cariina. As we work to improve our school communication, some of the challenges with this new platform have come in the form of app updates on your mobile devices. One area of difficulty we have encountered is with the notifications and how to retrieve them within the app. This issue is being corrected and will

hopefully be resolved soon. Once the latest updates are released, you will be able to update your Cariina parent app on your mobile device and the notification issue will be fixed. While we patiently wait for this update, I plan to send extra layers of communication out in the event of school closures. I do sincerely appreciate your patience as we work with Cariina to get these issues fixed.

If you have not downloaded the Cariina parent app, or would like additional people within your family to have an account, please feel free to email me directly with your credentials (name, email) and an account can easily be set up for anyone you would like to have an account.

### **Bishop Baraga Christmas Programs**

**BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Est. 1856

## *Christmas Programs 2022*

Preschool 4's + the Kindergarten Class presents  
*The Mary + Joseph Program*  
Date: Wednesday, December 21st  
Location: Bishop Baraga School  
Time: 10:30 am

Baraga Students Grades 1-7 present  
*Jingle Jury*  
Date: Monday, December 19th  
Location: Cheboygan Opera House  
Time: Show begins at 6:30 pm  
Cost: Free Admission

*Come enjoy a night of entertainment and holiday joy with us!*

We hope you will join us this year for our two Christmas programs that we will be hosting. See above for specific times and locations. Our students and staff have been working extremely hard to put on a great program for our parents and community. On Monday,



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December 19th, the day of our first program, we will be bussing students to the Opera House around 8:30 am for program practice. Students will be practicing at the Opera House in preparation for their performance that evening. We will be having a pizza lunch day, so hot lunch will be pizza on the menu. Students not having pizza should pack a cold lunch. **We are asking that parents with a student in grades 1-7 please pick up at the Opera House at 3 pm on that day.** Kindergarten students will be at Bishop Baraga on that day and will have a normal dismissal time of 2:50 pm. Permission slips for students in grades 1-7 will be going home this week for Monday 12/19. Our students in grades 1-7 are asked to be back at the Opera House at 6 pm that evening to prepare for the 6:30 pm show.

Our Kindergarten and PK 4's will have their Christmas program on Wednesday at 10:30 at Bishop Baraga school.

We hope that you all will come out and enjoy our programs this year.

### **What's Been Happening @ BBCS**

- 🎄 Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's fudge sales to help support our school budget. We sold over \$4,000 of fudge. Thank you to Marshall's fudge for allowing us to do this fundraiser.
- 🎄 This year we were again blessed to have Jason and Jackie Lottrell build and drive the Polar Express in this year's Christmas parades. We are extremely grateful for them for doing this each year for our school and students. Thanks to all the students who rode on the Polar Express during the downtown parade this year.
- 🎄 If you did not yet have a ride on the Polar Express and would like to, we do have spots available for upcoming Polar Express rides. Rides are \$10/person and include cookies and hot chocolate at the conclusion of the ride. To book

your ride on the Polar Express, call the school office and speak with Ann.

- 🎄 The Student Council is collecting gently used items for their Christmas Sale next week for students. The Christmas sale will be available to students on Thursday 12/15 and Friday 12/16 at lunch time. A reminder will go home with students next week. If you would like to donate any items, please bring them to the school no later than Tuesday next week. The Student Council greatly appreciates your support.
- 🎄 Thank you to all our families that attended Thursday's Holy Day of Obligation Mass. The choir sang beautifully. Great job Mr. David, Mrs. Gowell and the children's choir.
- 🎄 New elected positions were recently decided on our school's Advisory Board. Thank you to our previous President, Vice President and Secretary for all of their work over the past few years. Taking over as the Secretary for the Advisory Board will be Holly Crittenden. Holding the Vice President position is Mr. Jason Borowicz, and our new President is Mrs. Karen Robertson. Thank you all for stepping up and filling these very important positions.
- 🎄 The boys and girls basketball teams concluded their season this past week, hosting their final home game of the season. Both the boys and girls teams had winning seasons and worked together to represent our school incredibly well. Thank you to Kayte Schryer and Earl Parsons for your work with our basketball teams this year. We are so thankful for all your hard work.
- 🎄 Lego Club will be concluding their club next week, with their final session on Wednesday, 12/14. Students have had a great time with all of the different challenges and activities that they have been able to do with legos. We are very grateful to the dedicated volunteers, led by Mr. and Mrs.



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Velindia, who helped make this club happen this year.

🎄 Booster's Grand Raffle tickets are available for purchase! We will be having their annual Grand Raffle this year on February 2nd, 2023 during the Catholic Schools Week Spaghetti Dinner. This year's first place prize will be \$10,000 cash! Other great prizes are also included in this year's raffle. Tickets are now available for \$120 each or 3 for \$250 and can be purchased through one of our school families or through our main office here at the school. Congratulations to the December 2nd Early Bird Prize winner, Mario & Holly Rodriguez. Be sure to get your ticket before the next Early Bird drawing on January 3rd, 2023!

### **General Reminders**

- As weather turns colder by day, please take an extra moment to ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing, an extra pair of tennis shoes and extra layers of clothing for school, so that students can stay warm and dry during outdoor recess and throughout the day.
- The Student Council will be collecting Baking items for the local food pantry until 12/16. Please consider bringing a donation and helping our students earn a Spirit Day at BBCS.
- If you plan to register your child for in-parish tuition rates next school year, now is the time to call the parish office and ensure that your tithings are in good standing. Registration for the 2023-24 school year will be in March, however, tithings for this year must be met by the end of December. You can inquire about your tithing by calling the parish office at 231-627-2051.
- **I am asking that all parents and guardians that transport students to and from school be mindful of their speed in the parking lot. It is crucial that we keep our parking lot safe for children entering**

and exiting the building at various times throughout the day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

- Christmas Break will be from December 23rd, 2022 until January 2nd, 2023. School will resume on January 3rd, 2023.

### **Volunteer Opportunities Available!**

- ★ Cardboard Recycling
- ★ Grand Raffle Ticket Sales @ Masses
- ★ Classroom Parties
- ★ Helping with After School Clubs
- ★ Assist with Upcoming Fundraisers
- ★ Get involved with one of our Boards

If you are interested in joining one of our school boards, please click the link below to receive communications about meeting dates and board details.

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

For more information about one of these volunteer opportunities, please feel free to contact the school office at 231-627-5608.

### **Calendar Update**

- 12/14/22 Lego Club 3-4 pm
- 12/15/22 Mass @ BBCS 8:15 am  
Student Council Christmas Sale  
Childrens Choir 3 pm
- 12/16/22 Student Council Christmas Sale
- 12/19/22 Grades 1-7 Christmas Play 6:30 pm @ The Cheboygan Opera House
- 12/21/22 Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Program @ BBCS 10 am
- 12/22/22 Mass @ BBCS 8:15 am  
Classroom Christmas Parties @ BBCS
- 12/23/22 - 1/2/23 Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL



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**TERM 1 HONOR ROLL**

Grade	TERM 1
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Lachlynn Brach Dalton Carter Winston Crittenden Violet Ecker Ari Eno Lincoln Gaynor Parker Holbrook Everleigh Jones Bradley Martin Samantha Maxwell Jaxon O'Brien Dawson Robertson Sara Socha Isla Walker Jack Wilson
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Waylon Carmody Atlas Crahan Annabelle Curhan Lily Drake Aralyn Mendez Julia Reager Kaylee Suitor
<b>4th Grade</b>	Kenndal Brach Arianna Cavitt Hannah Martin Lukas Spies
<b>5th Grade</b>	McKenna Brach Lillian Chapman Angelina Hanchett Arthur Langolf Declan Robertson Reid Schryer Griffin Stead
<b>6th Grade</b>	Sophie Ecker Emmy Holbrook Emily Lentell Elizabeth Maxwell Aisha Stempky Addy Woiderski

<b>7th Grade</b>	Olivia Bitzin Carson Crahan Mallory Ekdahl Rose Langolf Michael Laway Sarah Lentell Emma Maxwell Alaia Mendez Audrey Redding Estella Redding Airlann Miller Elliott Schryer Payten Skowten
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**LEARNING  
TODAY,  
LEADING  
TOMORROW**

