



**2022-23**

## **BBCS JANUARY NEWSLETTER**



### Principal's Corner

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you well and off to a good start in 2023. I also hope that your holiday season was joyful and filled with many precious memories with family and friends. I would like to thank all of you for attending our Christmas programs in December. We were so grateful to have the opportunity to put on the great programs this year, and hope to be able to continue them in the future. As we venture into the second half of the school year, our goal of academic growth is emphasized as we work hard over the next months to make gains in our curriculum and bring meaningful learning opportunities to our students. Parents are an integral part of the learning process, therefore, we ask that you continue to be involved in your child's education as you have been, and also continue to keep the positive communication and relationship with your student's teacher. Together, we can ensure that our students are all maximizing their ability to learn and grow throughout the rest of the school year. Thank you all again for your continued support!

### Catholic Schools Week & The Baraga Booster's Grand Raffle Draw!

With this month's newsletter, you will find our 2023 Catholic Schools Week calendar created by our Student Council members, teachers, and staff. We are extremely excited about this year's calendar, as we will be bringing back many of our traditional items such as student sponsored lunches, the spaghetti dinner. Along with the traditions come the additions of some new fun activities such as a class poster contest, flashlight tag, and treats sponsored by the Student Council.

Our week will kick off with Saturday and Sunday Masses within our local parish. As you review the attached calendar, you can view what the student spirit dress is, what treats will be offered to students, the school activities for each day, and what each day's student lunch will be. A separate lunch menu for that

week will be sent home with students next week.

Students and staff all eat free each day that week, as lunches are cooked and provided by the group listed on the calendar. Students should have their CSW lunch menu returned to the office no later than Friday, January 20th so preparation for these meals can be made.

We welcome the return of our Annual Spaghetti Dinner, **happening at our school this year** during Catholic Schools Week. This year's spaghetti dinner is extra special on account of our Boosters Grand Raffle draw that will take place at 5:30 pm during the dinner. We are hoping that everyone will come out and see our exceptional school, participate in our student's poster contest, see some of our student's work, support our dedicated students and staff, and enjoy a hot spaghetti dinner.

The week will conclude with Mass at school on Thursday morning, the reveal of the poster contest on Friday, and the children's choir at Mass on February 4th-5th. We encourage everyone to join us for the many events that we have happening during this fun week. Most importantly, we hope that our community knows how much we appreciate the continued support of our Catholic school. If you are interested in volunteering at our school during Catholic Schools week or any week, please be sure to contact the school office.

### New Clubs Starting this Month!

As the new year is upon us, we welcome a new group of clubs starting up at Bishop Baraga. The new clubs that you will see beginning throughout the coming months at school include Rosary Club, Archery, Chess Club, Baraga Blossoms, Adoration, and Ski Club. Please be sure to continue to check folders for permissions slips and communication regarding these clubs. Also remember that specific dates and times can be found on the school website under the "calendar" tab. If you missed out on any of these forms or permission slips for your child, you can find all permissions slips and information regarding extracurricular activities under the "athletics" tab on our



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website or simply call the main office and inquire. Thank you to all the parents, staff and community volunteers that continue to put time and energy into our athletics and extracurricular programs for students.

### Winter NWEA Testing

Winter NWEA testing is being conducted at Bishop Baraga for students in specific grades. This round of testing is a bit different than our Fall and Spring testing sessions. Not all students will take all tests like we would normally have students do. Instead, teachers will be testing students in areas in which extra data is needed throughout the curriculum. If your student mentions that they have taken an NWEA test, they may be referring to the winter testing sessions taking place throughout this month. Spring NWEA testing for grades K-7 will be taking place this April-May. Thank you in advance for ensuring your student does their very best on these standardized tests.

### What's Been Happening @ BBCS

- ★ Congratulations to Joyce Maltby for winning our 2nd Early Bird Boosters Drawing on January 3rd! Remember to purchase your Grand Raffle tickets before the final draw on February 1st!
- ★ Friday, January 20th marks the end of Term 2. Students will be bringing home report cards on Wednesday, January 25th.
- ★ The Bows & Bowties Dance at Bishop Baraga will take place on Saturday, February 11th from 6-8 pm at Bishop Baraga School. If you wish to attend this event, please see the flier and sign up that went home with students last week. Forms and payment can be returned to the school office.
- ★ A note from Kim Socolovitch, our Faith Formation director:

The Chosen, is a multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus that invites viewers to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. No matter where you are at, in your journey with

Jesus Christ, this show will challenge you to more fully know, love, and follow Him. The first season includes eight episodes and covers the beginnings of the ministry of Jesus. Every Tuesday starting, January 10<sup>th</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. Come and meet the real Jesus. Everyone is invited to a special 8 week series at SMSC Catholic Church in Cheboygan showing Season 1 of the hit series The Chosen. This is a whole community family event. People of all ages and all denominations are invited. We want to help your family grow in your relationship with Jesus through The Chosen.



**You're Invited!**

Get used to different.

**Let's come together to grow in our faith and in our relationship with Jesus as we experience season 1 of *The Chosen*.**

**Where:** We'll meet once per week in St. Mary/St. Charles Church to walk through this experience as a community.

**When:** All presentations will begin at 6:45 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 10: Episode 1 | Have Called You by Name
- Tuesday, January 17: Episode 2 | Shabbat
- Tuesday, January 24: Episode 3 | Jesus Loves the Little Children
- Tuesday, January 31: Episode 4 | The Rock on which it is Built
- Tuesday, February 7: Episode 5 | The Wedding Gift
- Tuesday, February 14: Episode 6 | Indescribable Compassion
- Tuesday, February 21: Episode 7 | Invitations
- Tuesday, February 28: Episode 8 | Am He

**Each episode will be followed by optional small group discussion in the church basement.**

**Mass is celebrated at 6 p.m. every Tuesday for those choosing to attend prior to *The Chosen* presentation.**

*The Chosen* allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.



Mass is celebrated every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. at SMSC if you wish to attend prior to watching the video presentation. We pray we'll see you there!



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- ★ Also attached is a Kid's Bulletin (attached) for everyone to learn more about the readings and Gospel that are being read that week. If you don't have a bulletin from church you can always access this online at [www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com).
- ★ Please be sure to make 1 final push to sell your Boosters Tickets before the 2/1 Grand Raffle Draw. If you know you will be unable to sell your tickets, please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Please remember that our Boosters Grand Raffle accounts for roughly 20% of our school's budget. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### General Reminders

- Public School is off on Monday, January 16th, however, BBCS students will have a full day. Transportation to and from school will be needed.
- Public School has half days on Thursday, January 19th and Friday, January 20th. BBCS students are in school full days on both of those days. Transportation home will be needed.
- Remember to bring appropriate clothing and extra layers as needed throughout these winter months.
- The Student Council will be collecting Breakfast items for the local food pantry until 1/20. Please consider bringing a donation and helping our students earn a Spirit Day at BBCS.
- **Remember to be mindful of 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.**

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Available!

- ★ Catholic Schools Week Events
- ★ Cardboard Recycling
- ★ Grand Raffle Ticket Sales @ Masses
- ★ Classroom Parties

- ★ Returning Popcans
- ★ Helping with After School Clubs
- ★ Assist with Upcoming Fundraisers
- ★ Get involved with one of our Boards

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

### Calendar Update

- 1-16 No School @ Public → BBCS IN SESSION
- 1-17 - 1-20 Christian Unity Week
- 1-17 Rosary Club 2:50-3:50 pm
- 1-18 Chess Club 3-4 pm
- 1-19 ½ Day @ Public – Full Day @ BBCS  
Mass @ BBCS 8:15 am  
Adoration 2:50-3:50 pm
- 1-20 ½ Day @ Public – Full Day @ BBCS  
End of 2nd Term  
Ski Club
- 1-23 7th Grade Field Trip Meeting 5:30 pm  
January Spirit Day – Hat Day
- 1-24 Rosary Club 2:50-3:50 pm
- 1-25 Chess Club 3-4 pm
- 1-26 Mass @ BBCS 8:15 am  
Adoration 2:50-3:50 pm
- 1-28 Mass at Sacred Heart Honoring CSW 4:30 pm
- 1-19 Mass at SMSC Honoring CSW 9 am
- 1-30 - 2-3 Catholic Schools Week @ BBCS
- 2-1 Spaghetti Dinner @ BBCS 4:30-7 pm  
Boosters Grand Raffle Drawing 5:30 pm
- 2-2 Adoration 2:50-3:50 pm  
Children's Choir 3-4 pm
- 2-6 Baraga Blossoms 3-4 pm
- 2-7 Archery 2:50-4 pm  
Rosary Club 2:50-3:50 pm
- 2-8 Chess Club 3-4 pm  
Fr. Ben Rexroat to visit BBCS
- 2-9 Mass @ BBCS 8:15 am  
Adoration 2:50-3:50 pm
- 2-11 Bow & Bowties Dance