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BBCS PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



Principal's Remarks

We hope that everyone's 2nd Term is off to a good start. With the midterm quickly approaching, we find ourselves in a very busy time of the year. Hopefully during this busy time, everyone is taking some time to step back and appreciate each other, our community, and self. We, as a staff, are reminded each day how incredibly lucky we are to be able to work with such great children, interact with supportive and caring families, and be part of such a great school.

The Bishop Baraga staff and I are all wishing you the very best this holiday season, and would like to thank you all for making our school the very best it can be. Please be sure to take a moment to read about all that is happening at Bishop Baraga leading up to Christmas Break.

23-24 Grand Raffle

Our 2023 Grand Raffle is underway. The Grand Raffle, along with annual Eagle Club memberships, help support almost 25% of our school budget. This year, instead of our traditional raffle, featuring a variety of prizes, we are featuring an ALL CASH raffle. This year's prizes are as follows:

1st Place \$10,000

2nd Place \$3,000

3rd Place \$1000

Lucky Ticket Seller: \$500

The 2023 Grand Raffle also features two Early Bird Drawings! The first Early Bird winner was chosen on November 29th at 4 pm at Bishop Baraga. Anne Farrell was our first \$250 early bird winner, congratulations Anne! Our second early bird drawing will take place on December 20th.

Also new is our Lucky Ticket Seller prize, which will go to the person who sold the winning \$10,000 ticket. So be sure to sell, sell, sell!

Grand Raffle tickets can be purchased through our main office at school, through any of our school families, or after one of the CPR Masses. Tickets are only \$50 each this year, and our school goal is to sell 1000+ tickets! The Grand Raffle Drawing will take place on January 31st during our Annual Spaghetti Dinner. We appreciate all your support on one of our biggest fundraisers of the year!

Bishop Baraga Christmas Programs

We are excited to announce that our students will again be performing in a Christmas Program. This year's program is called *A Christmas Road Trip*, and is directed by two of our very own teachers, Mrs. Jill Kwiatkowski, and Ms. Haley Stempky. Students have been practicing each day at school, and will continue to work on the program leading up to the performance. This year's program will take place on Monday, December 18th at 6 pm at the Cheboygan Opera House. Students in kindergarten through 7th grade will be participating in this year's Christmas Program. Teachers will be sending home information within the coming weeks outlining what each grade's attire should be for the program. Like last year, we will be bussing students to the Opera House for an all day practice on the day of the performance. More information and a permission slip will be shared as that day gets closer.

Our year 4 preschool students will also be participating in a Christmas Program. The preschool Christmas program is called *In A Stable*, and will be held in the Bishop Baraga gymnasium. The Preschool 4 Christmas program will be on Friday, December 15th at 10:30 am with cookies and hot chocolate to follow.

We hope you will plan to come to these free, parent-appreciation events that feature our wonderful students.



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Protect Young Eyes

Are you curious about the harmful effects that social media can have on your child? If you have ever thought about this, in our very technologically driven world, there is a great learning opportunity for parents to understand more about how social media impacts our children.

The Diocese of Gaylord has encouraged all diocesan schools to check out a great resource for learning more about this growing topic regarding our children. Chris McKenna, the founder of Protect Young Eyes, provides short snippets of information, or "digital drips" about technology and its impact on children. To access this resource, use the QR code below.



Polar Express!

Polar Express Christmas rides are now on sale! The Polar Express will kick off this weekend in the Cheboygan Downtown Parade of Lights. Those who have returned their permission slips will be participating in the parade by riding the Polar Express. After the parade, Bishop Baraaga will be offering separate rides to those wishing to book a ride on the Polar Express. You can now do so by calling the school office and checking the availability of one of the offered Polar Express rides. All rides are \$10 per person, which includes a 1 hour ride, cookies and hot chocolate. The available rides for this season are as follows:

- 12/3 @ 6 pm 12/8 @ 7:30 pm
- 12/9 @ 6 pm & 7:30 pm (adults only)
- 12/15 @ 6 pm & 7:30 pm
- 12/16 @ 6 pm & 7:30 pm

A tremendous thank you to Jason and Jackie Luttrell for providing this opportunity to our school. We hope you will consider joining us for a great family event!

Student Christmas Shopping

Each year, we host a student Christmas shopping exhibit for students to shop for their siblings and family members. This year, we will be having our student Christmas shopping for students on Wednesday, December 20th and Thursday, December 21st. We will now begin accepting gently used donated items to be used in our student Christmas sale. If you are doing any cleaning, or looking to offload some items that you have parted ways with, please consider donating those items to the school between now and Monday, December 18th so they can be featured in our student Christmas sale. All items will be listed for \$1, and students will be given the opportunity to shop during the two day event. Students may bring money to school to shop on those days, and we will bag their gifts and send home with them for Christmas. More information for students will be provided throughout the month. If you have any items you wish to donate, simply send them to school with your student, or drop them off at the school office at your earliest convenience.

POPCORN FOR ALL!!

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Tim and Katie Moskalik, every student in our school, preschool through 7th grade will now receive FREE popcorn on popcorn Mondays for the remainder of the school year. Their generous donation will not only supply popcorn for all our students and staff, but also help contribute to our student's class trips at the end of the school year. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Moskalik for your generous donation.



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Reminders & Updates

- If you forgot to provide your feedback from the first Term, you can still participate. Click [HERE](#) to take the term 1 parent survey. We greatly appreciate all your comments and feedback.
 - Thank you to all the families that participated in this year's Trunk or Treating Event at school. This was such a great day for our students and staff. We are already looking forward to next year!
 - Winter weather is here now. Please be sure to send your student to school with the proper winter attire daily. 7th grade students have the option of not wearing snow pants, but all other students are required to wear them daily during the winter months. Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm and dry during these cold winter months.
 - Box Tops are back, and easier than ever! If you buy food items at the grocery store that have box tops, our school can earn money, but through a new way that is easier than ever. Through a new receipt scan system, we can scan receipts and earn money for our school. If you have grocery receipts that contain items with box tops, please consider sending them to the school office. Mrs. Socha has been and will continue to collect all turned in receipts and log them for our school to earn money. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Ann and ask more. You can direct all your receipts to Ann in the main office.
 - Do you have a student in Leveled Learning? Stay connected with what's happening in each of your students' classes by glancing at the Leveled Learning Newsletter. Simply click this link to see updates from teachers as to what is happening in each class. Updates will occur as new content is introduced, and will repeat what is sent home in teacher newsletters. This is just another communication tool to keep our families informed.
- [LEVELED LEARNING NEWSLETTER](#)
- Remember the easiest way to save on your child's tuition is to shop with RaiseRight. Thank you to our families that are consistently using RaiseRight. Remember that each RaiseRight purchase helps your child's tuition and also helps contribute to yearly scholarships. Save big on tuition, shop with RaiseRight! To receive reminders about daily and weekly deals, upcoming training, and other great RaiseRight opportunities, consider signing up for our BBCS RaiseRight Club. By signing up, you will receive reminders from our RaiseRight committee about deals and announcements specific to our school's RaiseRight. Signing up is easy! Simply text [@bbcsrr](#) to [81010](#).
 - Only 4 more Mondays to order manual RaiseRight cards through the school office before Christmas. If you are someone that utilizes manual ordering, please be sure to get orders in before Christmas break.
 - Our students and families collected 2 full shopping carts of Thanksgiving food items during the month of November, earning them a camo spirit day! Great job students and families. This year, all food was donated to the Salvation Army for their Thanksgiving dinner they put on for our community. During December, our goal is again to fill 2 shopping carts. We will be collecting Baking Items this month, with the goal of a Christmas spirit day on December 18th!

DECEMBER 1ST, 2023



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➤ Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help support:

- Weekly Recycling
- Monthly Popcorn Machine Clean Up
- Bulletin Board Decorating
- Shadow Box Decorating
- Preparing Annual Mailings
- Upcoming fundraisers
- Recess/Lunchroom Duty for Staff
- Christmas Luncheon
- Christmas Gift Wrapping for student shopping days.
- March Reading Month Pep Assembly
- Catholic Schools Week Decorating
- Uniform & Dish Towel Laundry

Please call Ann in the school office and she will be happy to schedule you. Don't forget to log your hours in ParentPortal when you have completed any hours throughout the school year. Thank you in advance for all your help!

BBCS vs CAS Calendar Compare

2023

Date	Public	BBCS
Dec 6	½ Day	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
Dec 25-Jan 2	Christmas Break	Christmas Break

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Jan 18	½ Day	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
Jan 19	½ Day Teacher PD	No School Teacher PD
Feb 7	½ Day	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
Feb 23	No School	No School
Mar 6	½ Day Teacher PD	No School Teacher PD
Mar 20	½ Day	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
Mar 25-Apr 1	Spring Break	Spring Break
April 10th	½ Day	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
May 1	½ Day Teacher PD	No School Teacher PD
June 5th	Full Day	½ Day (11:15 am Dismissal)