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Principal's Remarks

As we near the end of October and venture into November, our school year continues to get busier and busier. We are thankful and blessed to be having such a great school year so far. We are excited and preparing to sit down with our families next month during our parent-teacher conferences as we near the end of the first term. Be sure to check out the information provided below about conference details. We are also excited for all of our October-November events that you will read about as well.

Thank you to all our parents and Bishop Baraga families for continuing to support our everyday efforts to bring the best learning experience to your children. We also thank you for all your ongoing support with volunteering, sending supplies when needed, and most importantly, being active in your child's learning process. We have a truly remarkable school thanks to you all.

Communications Update

Remind101 is our communication platform that we will be using along with FACTS (RenWeb) to send school communications to all our families. While routine communications such as newsletters and updates will be our main source for sending communication, emergencies and reminders will be sent through Remind101, which will send a notification to you via text message. If you have been receiving emails from our school through FACTS (RenWeb), then your contact information will have been uploaded into our school Remind101, meaning you are signed up and good to go. Our school's Remind101 account is now up and running, so you will now be receiving these messages more frequently. Classes have been set up, and teachers have added all our parents to their classes. More communication groups will be added throughout the year as we assimilate to using this communication platform. If you are not receiving communications through text message, and would like to,

we are happy to add you so that you can be included on our school communications. Please contact Mrs. Couture or me in the office and we will be happy to assist. Thank you for your patience throughout this process. We hope that this will increase our school communications and keep all our Baraga families connected throughout the year.

Trunk or Treat

This year for Halloween, Bishop Baraga students will have a full day of school. In the morning, students will follow the regular schedule. The afternoon will feature classroom Halloween parties and new this year, Trunk or Treating! We are inviting our Baraga families and Baraga community to get into the Halloween spirit and decorate their trunk, pass out candy, pencils, stickers, etc. to our students and be a part of our Halloween festivities. Trunk or Treating will take place from 2:15-2:50 (dismissal). We hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Wednesday, November 8th from 3:10-7 pm and on Thursday, November 9th from 11:40-7:20 pm. Thursday will be a half day for Bishop Baraga students and Friday there is No School. Conferences are held in 20 minute sessions and can be scheduled through our main office. If you wish to conference with multiple teachers, please let Ann know when you call so we can try and schedule accordingly. We invite you to bring your student for conferences if you are able to, as they can often help provide assistance with explaining how their learning process is going so far this school year. At conferences, you can expect to receive your child's report card, latest NWEA scores, a student conduct report, and productive conversation about your child's strengths and areas for growth. We value Parent-Teacher conferences, and greatly appreciate you taking the time to meet with us and



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discuss your child's learning process. To schedule a conference for one of the two conference days, please contact Ann in the school office.

Veterans Day Assembly

On November 8th, we will celebrate Veterans at Bishop Baraga for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. Each year we welcome our local Veterans to our school to participate in a student led assembly to honor them. We encourage all our students to invite a Veteran in their family to participate if they wish. This year's assembly will feature the introduction of Veterans, the reading of this year's Patriot's Pen Essay, 7th grade flag folding, and more! All are welcome to attend if they wish. This year's assembly will be at 10 am in the school chapel with coffee and conversation with Vets to follow. We hope to see you there!

Reminders & Updates

- A big thank you to all our families that helped sell tickets for our Annual Meat Raffle! This year's Meat Raffle winners are:
 - 1st Place: [Ray Phillips](#)
 - 2nd Place: [Cheri Gheldof](#)
 - 3rd Place: [Mary Darrow](#)

Thank you to all those involved in the success of this fundraiser. All proceeds from the Bishop Baraga Meat Raffle help support our yearly budget and our end of year class trips.

- Please have your student begin dressing for unpredictable weather. Hats and gloves are recommended. Please encourage your students to dress in layers, and be prepared for various types of weather.
- Remember that there is No School on November 1st, the day following Halloween.
- Thank you to all who have supported our school through the purchase of Cranberries. A

tremendous thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Huggett for allowing our school to have this opportunity.

- 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!
- Polar Express Christmas rides will go on sale on Monday, November 27th. Ride dates will be advertised on our school website and to our school families as the date gets closer. A big thank you to Jason and Jackie Luttrell for providing this opportunity.
- Thanksgiving break will be from Wednesday, November 22nd–Friday, November 24th.
- Service-to-Spirit Day for the month of November is themed Thanksgiving Foods. We will have both shopping carts out for November, collecting thanksgiving foods until November 17th. Our goal is to fill both shopping carts with food for the St. Thomas food pantry. We will also be speaking with our students about the importance of service to others and how our donations help so many within our community. We encourage families to have similar conversations with their children at home.
- As we begin our year, we are always in need of volunteers. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help support:
 - Weekly Recycling
 - Monthly Popcorn Machine Clean Up
 - Bulletin Board Decorating
 - Preparing Boosters Annual Mailing
 - Upcoming fundraisers



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Please call Ann in the school office and she will be happy to schedule you. Thank you in advance for all your help!

- Reminder to all that we celebrate Mass every Friday morning at 8:15 am. All are welcome to come and celebrate weekly Mass with our students and staff.
- Wreath Pick Up will be on Monday, November 20th from 8 am until 4 pm. Mrs. Budzinski is currently looking for volunteers to help with this.
- Reminder to all parents that the school doors open at 7:30 am. Please do not release your child until the foyer lights are on and an adult is present.
- We have seen an increased volume of various illnesses throughout the school. Please use the following image to help your decision making when considering sending your child to school.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.0 or higher.	Within the past 24 hours.	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice, nits close to scalp.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER visit.
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours <u>without</u> the use of fever reducing medication. i.e. Tylenol, Motrin.	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	I treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and cleared by Health Room upon returning.	Evaluated by my doctor and on prescribed medication for 24 hours.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.

BBCS vs CAS Calendar Compare

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Date	Public	BBCS
Oct 31	½ Day Teacher PD	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
Nov 1	No School Teacher PD	No School Teacher PD

Nov 9	½ Day	½ Day (11:15 am Dismissal)
Nov 10	No School	No School
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break
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)