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First Month Back

I would like to thank everyone for a great start to the school year. Every year brings new beginning-of-year challenges, and as we have worked hard and continue to work through some of the simple hiccups of the new year, we greatly appreciate your patience. Regardless, we have had a nice start to the year. Students and teachers are working on routines and procedures and will soon begin their curriculum work with students. Beginning of the year assessments are well underway, and teachers are working hard to ensure each and every student has what they need to be successful this school year. As the end of the month approaches, we will be getting busier and busier here at school. Some of our after school clubs will begin at the end of the month, and our volleyball team will begin game play this week and kick off their season. I hope that everyone has had a good beginning of the school year, and that if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Lunch Ordering Issues

Thank you for your patience with all of the lunch ordering issues you may have experienced within the first weeks of school. Mrs. Couture and I are still working through the best options for families ordering lunch. Currently, to order lunch, you must pay upon placing an order. That method will continue until the end of the month. Beginning in October, we will be able to switch back to the previous method of being able to order, and billed after your student has received their lunch. As we work through these changes within the Parent Portal, please continue to stay patient with us, and know that we will do whatever we can to make any mistakes right. At the end of the month, we will be billing for the first month of the school year for those who have a cafeteria bill. Once you receive your bill, please direct your payments to the school office via check. Checks should be made

payable to Bishop Baraga School. We ask that you pay by check or money order if at all possible, with cash as a last resort only. We appreciate your cooperation and hope to be able to make the cafeteria billing experience more convenient throughout the school year.

Communications

Thank you all for staying current with communication, especially in the event of emergency situations. In the future, you will be receiving all emergency communications through Remind101. As our school account is being activated, all parent numbers registered in RenWeb will be transferred to Remind101, where we will eventually push out notifications from the school for weather days, emergency notifications, and more. Classrooms have also created Remind101 accounts to communicate with parents within their classrooms. Additionally to Remind101, communications will also be sent via email through communications with RenWeb. If you are not receiving communications on either of these platforms, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ann at the office to help.

Reminders & Updates

- Please take a moment to visit the following website to view the important updates and information, as well as take immediate action regarding school meal programs in the future. To learn more, please visit <https://www.micatholic.org/advocacy/catholic-advocacy-network/vv/?vsrc=%2Fcampaigns%2F107899%2Frespond>
- Please have your student begin dressing for unpredictable weather. Mornings are typically cool, and afternoons are warmer. Please encourage your students to dress in layers, and be prepared for various types of weather.
- Best of luck to our girls volleyball team this year! We hope you will come out and watch our girls in



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action! Games are listed within the school calendar on our website.

- Wreath sales and Cranberry sales are currently underway. If you have any questions or would like an order form, please stop by our office or call to place your order. Proceeds from these fundraisers help support our school budget and fund our end of year class trips.
- Many of our after school clubs will be starting. Mrs. Sabolsky will be coordinating clubs. If you have questions about athletics and/or after school clubs, you can always reach out with any of your questions or concerns. Lego Club will begin on Tuesday, September 26th. Lego Club will be on Tuesday's from 2:50-3:50 pm. Lego Club is open to 1st-7th graders. Please look for the sign up form in the upcoming weeks if your student is interested in joining Lego Club.
- Our Bishop Baraga Meat Raffle is currently underway. This fundraiser is for our student's class trips at the end of the school year. We greatly appreciate all our parents' help in selling their tickets and helping meet our fundraising goals for class trips! Please return your sold and unsold tickets to the school office as soon as possible.
- The public school calendar has recently changed, which has caused our calendar to change as well. Changes can be found in the updated school calendar on our website. In short, the public school will be taking 2 additional half days during the year. On those days, Bishop Baraga students will be in school full days. The other major change was the Christmas break. Cheboygan Area Schools will be taking an additional day for Christmas break, and will resume school on January 3rd, 2024. Bishop Baraga will follow the same schedule and return on 1/3/24 as well. All

changes can be found on the school website within the updated calendar or the calendar tab.

- The month of October will kick off our Service-to-Spirit Days at Bishop Baraga. For the month of October, we are asking that all students bring a minimum donation of \$1 on October 27th for a Spirit Day on October 30th. The spirit day of the month will be a WEAR PINK for Breast Cancer Awareness. All Spirit Day proceeds will be donated to a local charity for Breast Cancer Awareness.
- As we begin our year, we are always in need of volunteers. Currently, we are looking for volunteers to help support:
 - ◆ Weekly Recycling
 - ◆ Month Popcorn Machine Clean Up
 - ◆ Preparing Ed. Found. Mailing
 - ◆ Preparing Boosters Annual Mailing
 - ◆ Upcoming fundraisersPlease 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. We always welcome all to come and celebrate weekly Mass with our students and staff.
- Remember that as of October 1st, students must wear long pants, and shorts will not be allowed. Please be sure to plan for this change in uniform as October nears closer.
- Its Lice Season again – please encourage students with long hair to wear their hair up at school. We will be doing lice checks in classrooms for the next few weeks or as long as needed.
- Remember that using RaiseRight is the easiest way to save on your student's tuition! Let us know if you ever need help with RaiseRight.



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TROMBLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

For those interested in applying for the 2023-24 Tromble Foundation Scholarship, please visit the Bishop Baraga website and view the application listed on the homepage. Please contact the school office if you have more questions regarding this great opportunity. Scholarship applications are due September 30th.

Preschool Parents!!

If You're Considering BBCS

If you have a child in the PK3 or PK4 program, it's not too early to start planning for Kindergarten. For parishioner parents that are planning to attend Bishop Baraga Catholic School and would like to take advantage of the parishioner tuition rates, it is important to know that tithing commitments must be up to date and in good standing a year in advance from your child attending school. To better understand how this works, you're encouraged to contact the parish office to inquire about your tithing commitment and gain more information about how to qualify for parishioner rates.

BBCS vs CAS Calendar Compare

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Date	Public	BBCS
Oct 2	½ Day	Full Day Transportation Home Needed
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) Parent-Teacher Conferences 12-7:30 pm

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)

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Leading Tomorrow