

BISHOP BARAGA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JULY NEWSLETTER 2021

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A few Words from Mr. Closs

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for all of your kind words, thoughts and support as I transition into the principal role. I feel extremely blessed to have such a supportive community.

As we move forward into the 2021-22 school year, my goal is to provide consistent communication and build upon the success of the school in all areas. With that being said, I would like you all to know that my door is always open to you if you are to ever have questions or concerns. Although this next school year is going to be extremely busy and geared towards getting back to our own sense of normalcy in our own school, I will be sure to look at all of your feedback and consideration towards your child's education and our school.

My major goal for this school year is to provide consistency and fluidity across our school community and all we do to make Bishop Baraga what it is. With our hard working staff, excellent students, and supportive parents, I am very excited to see what we can accomplish.

~ Mr. Closs

School Handbook Update

Currently the school handbook is under review and updating. Please note that there may be changes by the beginning of the new school year. One of policies that has been updated includes the school dress code for K-7 students. Because many families will be "school clothes shopping" throughout the summer, I wanted to make the newly updated dress code available to families now. Please see the attached updated Dress Code on page 3 of my newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar:

July 21st - Knights of Columbus Dinner at K of C Hall

August 9th - School Office Opens at Bishop Baraga Building

August 19th - Advisory Board Meeting 5 pm

August 30th - Teacher Orientation Week Begins

August 25th - Kindergarten Preview

August 25th - Spaghetti Dinner at K of C Hall

August 26th - Bishop Baraga Re-Opening Celebration, Blessing and Community Thank You (formally known as Ice Cream Social) Time TBD

September 7th - First Day of 2021-22 School Year

Conducting School Business

Technically, until August 9th the school office is closed. Although the school office is not open, those that still have school business to conduct are encouraged to call (231) 627-5608 and leave a detailed message. Messages will be directly sent to Mrs. Couture and Mr. Closs and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

For those purchasing Scrip, all orders will be processed through the Parish Office or can be done electronically using the MyScrip App. If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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**LEARNING TODAY
LEADING TOMORROW**

Staffing Update

We sadly say goodbye to our two newest teachers, Natasha Camper and Tyson Eustice, as they both have accepted positions in other schools. We greatly appreciate their time with us and wish them the best in their new schools.

As we approach the next school year, the current plan features the following teachers in the following grades.

Preschool (Ms. Kayte and Ms. Brenda)

Kindergarten (Open)

1st Grade (Mrs. Budzinski & Mrs. Franz)

2nd Grade (Open)

3rd Grade (Ms. Mousseau)

4th Grade (Mrs. Sabolsky)

5th Grade (Mrs. K & Mr. Closs)

6th Grade (Mrs. Lentell)

7th Grade (Ms. Homant)

We are currently seeking two Lower Elementary teachers for the 2021-22 school year. If you know of anyone that is qualified and seeking to work in a team oriented environment and is passionate about Catholic education, please have them complete the application at the Diocese of Gaylord Website, or call Mr. Closs at the school office for more guidance.

We are also seeking a full time custodian next school year. This position entails 35 hours per week and will specifically include school duties. Hours per day can vary depending on scheduling. Applications must be done via the Diocese of Gaylord Website

Please keep in mind that staff with children enrolled at BBCS receive a 50% discount on tuition.

As staffing decisions and updates become available, I will be sure to communicate with all school families so that our academic plan for next school year is transparent and understood by all. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Bishop Baraga Rebuild Update

As the school enters the final stages of the rebuilding process, we are both excited and hopeful to be back in our school by the first day of school. Timelines and completion dates are still very tentative, but we are very much encouraged by the progress that has been made. Throughout the next month, contents from Westside will be transported back to our building, and new school furniture will be delivered. We are currently anticipating our school office to open back up on August 9th, however, please understand that this very well could change. More information about conducting school business throughout the month of July and early August can be found on page 1.

Please continue to look for more school updates in the August newsletter or through RenWeb communications leading up to the beginning of the 2021-22 school year.

Volunteer Opportunities

For students and parents looking to stay involved over the summer, or looking to get a jump start on volunteer hours for the 2021-22 school year, the Bishop Baraga Education Foundation's Helping Hands Committee is looking for parent volunteers to help sort bottles and cans. This group meets twice per week on the following days and times:

Wednesdays at 3 pm

Saturdays at 8 am

Families may also arrange for other times by contacting Christina Kiefer at (231) 818-9010.

We greatly appreciate this committee and all they have done throughout the past year. Through the Foundation, having raised around \$85,000, they have graciously helped with school operating expenses and various programs within the school. The new pop can location is at 11065 N Straits Hwy, next to the carwash. Thank you in advance to all that can help!



MISSION STATEMENT

**~TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION, WITH A
COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH THE
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN~**



Dress Code

for Students K-7



	Bottoms	Tops	Extra Layers	Shoes	Accessories	Hair
Clothing Type Example	Pants, shorts, skirts, capris (Shorts may be worn from 5/1 - 9/30)	Short sleeved Polo Shirts or long sleeved Polo Shirts	Pullover, Cardigans, Crewneck Sweatshirts, Baraga Hoodies, Zip Ups, Vests	Tennis Shoes Casual Shoes	<u>Belts</u> Solid color-navy blue, black, or brown, no design or patterns	<u>Hair Color</u> Must be natural colors
Mondays	Standard Jeans Allowed (must NOT have holes)	Baraga t-shirt or long sleeve shirt	Baraga Hoodies Baraga Pullovers Baraga Crewneck Sweatshirt	Tennis Shoes and/or casual shoes	<u>Socks</u> Must be solid colored and not impede on any student's learning	<u>Hair Style</u> Conservative and out of eyes Must not impede on student learning
Tuesday - Friday	Navy Blue or Khaki Solid Colored Standard Uniform Pants and/or shorts of appropriate length Girls may wear navy or khaki capri length pants or uniform skirts of appropriate length Girls' tights or leggings (with no lace or skin showing) must be solid forest green, solid navy blue or white and are to be worn under a skirt, dress or jumper.	Collared Shirts must be Solid Colored and can be: - Navy Blue - Forest Green - White Can be either long sleeve or short sleeved **Can be purchased through the School Store	Pullover & Crewneck Sweatshirts must be Solid Colored and can be: - Navy Blue - Forest Green - Grey **Can be purchased through the School Store Cardigans, other acceptable layers must also be Solid Colored and can be: - Navy Blue - Forest Green - White	Athletic sneakers or casual shoes are highly recommended All footwear must be close-toed Dress shoes may also be worn, but students may be asked to bring athletic shoes to be worn in the gym (Students must have a change of shoes in the winter months)	<u>Misc.</u> Students may wear watches Students may wear a necklace with Christian symbolism <u>Earrings</u> Students wearing earrings must wear studs	<u>Hair Accessories</u> Hair accessories of any type should be subtle and not impede on student learning or cause distractions to others
NOT Permitted	Cargo style pants, camouflage, wind pants or stretch pants	Light Blue collared shirts, excessive shirt logos, extreme variations of blue and green tops	Excessive shirt logos, extreme variations of blue and green tops	Clog shoes, open-toed sandals, heels, platform, boots	Distracting jewelry, jewelry on body, makeup	Non-traditional hair colors or highlights
Special Occasion Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team sport jerseys with a white collared shirt underneath may be worn on game days or on Fridays if the game is on Saturday. - Athletes will follow gameday dress policies as noted in the Athletics Handbook - Special Occasions may dictate uniforms or "Sunday-Best" attire 					