

BOBKAT BULLETIN

December Events

November 30 - First day of Advent at school; kick-off Toonies for Teens campaign

December 1 - Christmas basket raffle begins

December 2 - Grade 6 Immunizations

December 3 - 12 Days of Christmas begins - wear Christmas socks

December 4 - Fffrozen Friday - wear blue

December 7 - Dress like a Grinch/ wear green

December 8 - Wear your jingle bells; Purdy's chocolate pick-up

December 9 - Dress like an elf

December 10 - School-wide retreat/service project; Advent Liturgy @ 11AM; wear reindeer antlers

December 11 - HALF DAY/NO KINDER; wear your wintry scarves

December 14 - Nourish the BobKat Snack; kick-off food bank campaign

December 15 - Wear your Santa hat; Nourish the BobKat snack

December 16 - Dress in red and white

December 17 - Ugly Christmas sweaters and Santa hats

December 18 - last day of classes; PJ Day! Merry Christmas!



Admin Message

What an amazing school community! From the students, to the parents, to School Council and Friends of BK, and of course the staff; we have all contributed to the positive school culture that one can feel when you enter this building.

The Advent season is upon us: **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."**

Romans 15:13

It is in this season that we showcase all of our hope, love, joy, and peace upon each other. It is with this spirit that we help others who are less fortunate in our community. We are all called to be faithful servants, in our Catholic faith, by supporting the vulnerable youth in our community. This year we are collecting **"Toonies for Teens."** Please consider sending in a monetary





Counsellor's Corner

Please visit [Mrs. Chyzowski's website](#) for her update.

Cookie Dough and Raffle

Please read the Friends of BK message on the next page for info about our upcoming fundraising initiatives. The baskets for the raffle look absolutely amazing. Thank you to all of the families who donated...stay tuned for pics.

Winter Clothing

Thank you to everyone who donated winter clothing. Please contact Mrs. Baker if you need any assistance supporting your family during the winter season. We will make sure your children are dressed for the weather.

Parent Cafe - Nutrition and Mental Health

Click on the [link](#) to register

NUTRITION & MENTAL HEALTH
VIRTUAL EVENT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
6:30 PM
with
Lailitha Taylor, Registered Dietitian

REGISTER ONLINE at
<https://gsacrdvoice-mh-nutrition.eventbrite.ca>
Event will take place online via zoom. Meeting information will be emailed to you after registration.

donation; for every donation of a toonie your child will have an ornament with their name on it to decorate our Christmas tree. We are challenging the kids to LIGHT UP the Christmas Tree and help make a difference in someone's life.

As Pope Francis said, "Local individuals and groups can make a difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land."

In school we will also be decorating cards and delivering them around the community to promote a festive spirit in a time that can be challenging. We appreciate all of our neighbours and want to spread cheer and thank them for continuously supporting our school.

On top of this, our usual participation at River Ridge Seniors center has been suspended. Both the students and residents are missing each other immensely. We are making and sending felt hands tied together with ribbon, in a decorated bag to let the residents know that they are loved and missed. The hands can rest on their shoulders as a reminder of their friends at Bertha Kennedy.

As we finish off this roller coaster year of 2020, it is easy to look at the negatives surrounding our situation. We have seen nothing but POSITIVES here at BK; the light of the students in this building overcome the shadow of darkness. The staff at BK are blessed to work with all of our families. We wish you all of the best in this season of Advent.

God Bless,

Nicole Baker
Principal

Josie Cancian
Vice Principal



School Council

Thank you to everyone for your time and commitment to School Council so far this year! We have great things going on and our BK community benefits greatly from everyone's time and dedication!

Keep an eye on your emails and the School Council Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats>) for surveys this month. We are reaching out to families for input on various topics to gather the collective voice and we want to hear from you!

The School Council Engagement Task Force has sent out a survey for feedback on the Weighted Moving Average Funding Model. Head on over to this form to provide us with your voice: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdojWCOR3I2VSHGxGlaBndiVRUULeRMZWQcDSYF6I45CSbhw/viewform>

Be on the lookout for the Spirit Committee throughout the school year! You just never know what exciting things they have planned!

We hope students enjoyed their healthy snack from the Nourish the BobKats committee this month! Students can look forward to a snack each month provided by this committee! Next snack day is December 16th!

The Compassion Committee has been busy organizing speakers to deliver a series of information sessions for parents throughout the rest of the school year. Topics will range from mental health to nutrition and exercise. Let us know what topics interest you by filling out this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnrJUxBThCTjYfiD2VU9IqxADWLAmhBT9x9sgxMXU7VD8A7g/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Keep an eye on your emails and check out School Council's facebook page for more coming from the compassion committee!

Yearbooks are now on sale and can be purchased throughout the school year. Yearbook designs are finalized at the end of the school year and will be distributed in September 2021. Yearbooks are \$20 and can be purchased here: <https://form.jotform.com/203008181554246>

BK Face Masks are available for purchase. Visit this link to view mask options and order: <https://form.jotform.com/202236978057260>

If you are interested in learning more about how you can be a part of School Council and/or its committees please email bkschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Do you have any topics/agenda item ideas that you would like to see discussed at one of our council meetings? Please let us know! Head on over to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats>) and give us a like and follow to keep up to date on what School Council has going on!

Our next School Council meeting will take place virtually on January 14, 2021 at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

November 29, 2020

Friends of BK

Holy Smokes! Thank you to all families who graciously donated items for our Annual Christmas Basket Raffle! We are blown away at our BK generosity. We hope you click and share this link below to all the details for our current Cookie Dough Campaign and our upcoming Raffle and 50/50! 🍀 Buy a ticket and guarantee a chance to win an amazing basket or the cash prize:

<https://linktr.ee/FOBK>

Our Purdy's Fundraiser unofficially raised \$1600! A huge FOBK thank you to Kristina Dover for heading this campaign and to all our BK Families for your support.

By sharing our campaigns with coworkers, neighbours, family and friends, it helps School Council fund student based projects and improvements! *** (I would like to write outdoor classroom playground or sound system but regain until it's voted on at council side)

Thank you for being a Friend!

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Staff Appreciation

In appreciation for our staff, we would like to add a compilation letter from the students in each classroom but we need your help to put the letter together.

Please email Andrea Eberhardt (ae.eberhardt@gmail.com) with some answers, from your children, to these questions about any of the staff in our building:

What do you like best about your teacher/EA/Admin staff?

What do you wish for your teacher/EA/admin.³ staff over the Christmas holidays?