BOBKATBULLETIN

December Events

November 29 - Advent begins at BK! Pizza lunch; Cookie Dough orders due; Bucks for Bricks Advent campaign begins

November 30- Helping Hands awards; Look-a-like Day; **Oilers/Maple Leafs** <u>raffle</u>

December 2 - 17 - The 12 days of Christmas - please see the calendar below

December 1 - Healthy Hunger - Edo; FOBK Christmas basket raffle. LINK

December 2 - Wear crazy Christmas socks

December 3 - Wear your Christmas sweater

December 6 - Dress like a grinch/wear green; Report Cards available in PowerSchool; Pizza lunch

December 7 - Wear jingle bells; Cookie dough/Purdy's pick up

December 8 - Dress like an elf; Healthy Hunger-SUBWAY

December 9 - Wear your reindeer antlers; Advent Mass and Student retreat

December 10 - Dress like a Christmas present; Concert recording (gr.1-6)

December 13 - Wear your winter scarf; dress in blue/orange or Oilers jersey; Hunter the Lynx (Oilers mascot) visits! Hockey ticket raffle winner announced

December 14 - Wear your Santa hat

December 15- Wear red and white; Healthy Hunger - Booster Juice

December 16 - Dress like a character from the Nativity scene; Christmas basket raffle draw; Santa visit PreK - gr.3

December 17 - wear your PJs; last day of classes



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 our very own faith community. As you know, St. Jean Baptiste Parish in Morinville suffered a devastating fire which completely destroyed their beautiful and historic church. This Advent, we will raise money through the "Bucks for Bricks" campaign. For every dollar a student brings in, their name will be printed on a brick which



Service Projects

Bucks for Bricks - for every \$ donated, the students will build the church with personalized bricks at BK. For the 3 Fridays in December, we will sell popcorn to the students at lunch for \$1. This will support St. Jean Baptiste Parish in their rebuilding effort.

Advent Student Retreat - students will create Christmas cards and deliver to the Lacombe neighbourhood. Gr. 4-6 have delivered flyers for the Kinette Christmas Hamper campaign. Staff will donate new toys to the Kinette Christmas Hamper Campaign.

PowerSchool

If you haven't done so already, please ensure that you sign up for your PowerSchool Portal as this is the tool that you will access for report cards.

7 Grandfather Teachings

BK is proud to announce the introduction of the Indigenous Grandfather teachings to our students. We will focus on the "Courage" teaching for the month of December.

NEW Playground!

BK is planning for a new playground! You will notice that there is a lot of fundraising happening; this is because we are aiming to raise \$30000 this year to replace our aging wooden playground. The Friends of BK are working hard to keep this momentum going...please support where you can! If you would like to help on the playground committee please contact: chelsee.pedwell@gmail.com will be added to our "building a church" bulletin board. All money donated will go directly to the St. Jean Baptiste parish to assist in their rebuilding project.

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."

Our student retreat will focus on our theme "Arise: Get Going," as we become witnesses of our faith in sharing this with our Lacombe neighbours. Students will create Christmas cards that tell the story of the candy cane and deliver them on December 9th.

The Healthy BobKat Leadership team has continued to engage the school in some healthy eating by introducing our second vegetable of the month - RUTABAGA! It has been great to see all of the students try different root vegetables for the month of November. Stay tuned for December's vegetable of the month.

The admin at BK represented the school at our annual School Results Reporting meeting with GSACRD senior leadership. We were blessed to be able to present our amazing survey results from the previous school year (thanks for participating) and all of the great things that we are doing in our school.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire staff at Bertha Kennedy we wish you all the best during this Advent season.

God Bless,

Nicole Baker Principal Josie Cancian Vice Principal



School Council

School Council Update

We are recruiting

We need your help! Join us for a meeting! Join a committee! Lend a hand! Reach out and let us know if you are interested in joining School Council.

Nourish the BobKats

Nourish the BobKat continues to work with the Healthy BobKat Team as Rutabaga Root November has come to a close we will be focussing on greens in December! Take a look at this recipe on how to jazz up your greens at home with your family! Follow us on Facebook for Tasty Tuesday Greens this month!

Healthy Hunger

Our Healthy Hunger Team has added additional hot lunch options. BK Students can now choose from Edo, Booster Juice and Pizza! Check out <u>healthyhunger.ca</u>!

Join Us!

Our next School Council meeting will take place virtually in the New Year on January 13, 2022. Agenda suggestions for the next meeting will be accepted until January 9, 2022.

Let us know if you have a topic you would like to see discussed at one of our meetings. On the Keep an eye on your emails for the agenda and meeting details/zoom link.

Keep up to date and in touch with School council by heading over to our Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats</u>) and give us a like and follow!

BK School Council





Friends of BK



The Friends of BK Fundraising have been busy setting up exciting ways to raise money to replace the Old Failing Wooden Park this year so the present and future kids can "BK Play"!!

We are so BLESSED!

Purdys Chocolates will be ready for pick up on Tuesday Dec 7 at 3:30 BK and as always SIGIS families can pick up later there. Thank you for your support this Christmas Season!

Because of your generosity in orders, we have just over \$2300 to put in the Playground Bank!

Looking Ahead:

Announcing for for all the Hockey Fans, we have Toronto Maple Leaf vs Oiler Ticket Raffle on right now and Hunter the Oilers Mascot will be at BK on Dec 13 to draw the lucky ticket! Go Oilers Go ...now get your tickets before we sell out at our main shopping link:

<u>https://linktr.ee/FOBK</u>

1 (b) The Annual in person Christmas Concert will have to wait for another year but don't worry our Christmas Basket Raffle excitement will continue! Is this the year you will win one of the 9 wonderful baskets? Good luck to you!

The Basket Elves have been busy getting the class gift baskets ready with all the family and community donations we received! This Big Fundraiser would not be possible without the generosity of our BK parents and staff! So thank you! Take a look at the little sneak peak below as the prize baskets are valued well over \$2000!!!

Share the shopping link with neighbours family and friends - and purchase a ticket or two to have more chances to win.

Tickets will be on sale Dec 1 and sold until December 16 9am and the draw will be at 1pm at BK. All the fabulous details are found here: <u>https://linktr.ee/FOBK</u>

Before we close, you may have missed this opportunity in the paper shuffle!

I I Cone super easy way to help is to use the FlipGive App that gives back % to our BK Fundraising team... so if you are doing any online shopping or purchasing gift cards from 100's of stores this Christmas and into the new year remember to do this before you shop!

We will have a grand total to share in January Newsletter from all our fundraisers campaigns so stay tuned. Our next meeting is January 6 at 6:30pm to talk about our Big Events for 2022! 3

Have a Merry Christmas from the Friends of Executive and always - Thank you for being a Friend!

DECEMBER 2021				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Welcome to BK's 12 Days of Christmas Spirit! Join us in dressing festive. We've planned some fun Spirit Days to get us in the Christmas mood! You can participate in one of them, some of them, or all of them - just have fun and get creative!			2 Wear your crazy Christmas socks - over your pant legs! We wanna see them.	3 Wear your Christmas Sweater/T-Shirt
6 Dress like the Grinch! Or in Green!	7 "Jingle bells, Jingle bells" Wear your jingle bells!	8 "SANTA! I know him!" Dress like an Elf!	9 'Rudolph the red nose" Wear your reindeer antlers!	10 "You're a gift from God! Dress like a Christmas present!
13 "Baby it's cold outside." Wear your winter scarf, Blue, Orange or Oilers Jersey	14 "HO HO HO!" Wear your Santa hat!	15 Candy Cane Day! Dress in red and white stripes	16 Dress like any character in the Nativity Scene.	17 Get cozy in your PJs. It's Pajama Day!