

# BOBKAT BULLETIN



## October Events

October 3 - 6 - Read-in Week

October 3 - Pizza Lunch

October 5 - Shumka Performance @ Jubilee 9 - 12; Healthy Hunger - Pierogi lunch [ORDER](#)

October 6 - Picture Day; Pizza kit orders due

October 7- No Kinder/PreK; World Smile Day

October 10 - Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

October 11 - Thanksgiving Liturgy @ 9:30 am (all are welcome to attend - BK gym)

October 12 - Healthy Hunger - KFC [ORDER](#)

October 14 - No Kinder/PreK

October 17 - 20 - Scholastic Book Fair

October 17 - Pizza Lunch

October 18/19 - Parent Teacher Interviews

October 19 -Healthy Hunger - DQ

October 20 - School Council @ BK 6:30pm

October 21 - NO SCHOOL - PD DAY

October 24 - Pizza Lunch; Musical Performance - Melisizwe Brothers @ 1:15pm

October 26 - Helping Hands Awards; Healthy Hunger - Subway

October 27 -ESACHS Halloween band performance

October 28 - BK School Council Family Dance



## Admin Message

Happy Fall!! We have had a buzz and flurry of excitement as the students returned to classes to see friends and new teachers. A school is not a school without the positive vibe of students!

As we head into the 2022/2023 school year, we encompass our school faith theme wholeheartedly: Arise: Go With God!

"Arise, I have appointed you as a witness of what you have seen" (Acts 26, 16). As Pope Francis has written in his message to the young people around the world in the Christus Vivit - "Putting all else aside, I now wish to speak to young people about what is essential, the one thing we should never be quiet about. It is a message containing 3 truths: You are LOVED, you are SAVED, Jesus is ALIVE."

As we celebrate our young people this year, we are reminded that now more than ever we need to engage our students through hope and service. We were blessed to have been able to celebrate our Opening Mass at St. Albert Parish. Our grade 4s have received their bibles; thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring these beautiful bibles. We also held a beautiful Liturgy with Father Ed commemorating the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation last week. We spent this day learning



## Sacraments

Preparation for the Sacrament of Holy communion and Reconciliation and the Sacrament of Confirmation begin in October. It's not too late to sign up!

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## BK Spirit Wear

Our BK Spirit Wear is on sale. Check out our online store! [LINK](#)

## Toonies for Turkeys

Let's get Mrs. G wearing the Turkey costume by the end of the week! Please help us to support the Kinettes with our **Toonies for Turkeys** campaign.

"What you do for the least among you, you do for me." Matthew 25:34-40

## Parent Volunteers

There has been a change in how we manage Parent Volunteers. Currently we have 3 levels of screening. Please see the office for a screening letter if you wish to volunteer at level 2 or 3.

**Level 1:** No criminal record check - Volunteer Declaration Form required. This is for volunteers who will be working with students under the direct supervision of a teacher.

**Level 2:** Criminal record check required. This is for volunteers who will be supporting small groups of students without direct supervision.

**Level 3:** Criminal record check and Vulnerable Sector required. This is for volunteer coaches or volunteers assisting with an overnight camp.

about the importance of reconciliation and learning the "why" behind wearing an orange shirt on this day. Students participated in an Indigenous book walk in our Peace Garden and wrote inspirational chalk messages all along our walkways.

We have already practiced one Emergency Evacuation this month and will endeavor to have 2 more practice evacuation drills before the end of October.

Our Terry Fox run was a huge success. Thank you to all students who participated and who donated money towards the Terry Fox Foundation. As a school community, we were able to raise over \$1000 for this worthy cause. **As Thanksgiving draws closer, I would like to give you a heads up that we will be collecting toonies for turkeys in support of the Kinettes.**

As the month of September closes, I wanted to thank all of the parents from School Council and the Friends of BK for their hard work and dedication in hosting our first Family Fun Night. From the magician, to the glitter tattoos, to the balloon animals, to the BBQ and Kona Ice, and of course the socializing, the buzz and excitement was palpable. I look forward to many more opportunities to connect with all of our BK family.

God Bless,

Nicole Baker  
Principal

Josie Cancian  
Vice Principal



## Picture Day

Picture Day will take place on Thursday, October 6th. We are looking for 2 parents to assist us on that day. Please contact the office if you are available.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our first round of Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on October 18th and 19th. Please stay tuned for an online link to register for your time slot. PTI will be held in-person with a virtual option if you prefer. Kindergarten families will be invited to participate in a "celebration of learning" with their child.


## Library News

The first week of October is Read-in Week at BK. Mrs. Williams, our Librarian, has lots of events for us to participate in. The best part of Read-in Week is when parents come to read in their child's class. Please talk to your child's teacher if you would like to participate in this.

## SAP News

St. Albert Parish releases a bulletin each week. Stay informed by clicking on this [LINK](#)


## Counsellor Message - please check out the monthly Counsellor newsletter



### COUNSELLING CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2022

**MRS. FLORENCE**



**WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!**





Welcome back to school! This new school year brings lots of changes like starting off the school year with no COVID-19 restrictions and some new school staff, like me. I am Mrs. Florence and I am your school counsellor! I am very excited to be working with Bertha Kennedy students, families, and staff. As a school counsellor, my job is to support the social/emotional and academic development of students. Please make sure you look out for my monthly newsletter, I will be updating it frequently with counselling lessons, resources, and much more! I look forward to meeting you and working with our students to have a successful school year.

**RELATIONSHIP SKILLS:**

THE ABILITY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS AND TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE SETTINGS WITH DIVERSE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS. THIS INCLUDES THE CAPACITIES TO COMMUNICATE CLEARLY, LISTEN ACTIVELY, COOPERATE, WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO PROBLEM SOLVE AND NEGOTIATE CONFLICT CONSTRUCTIVELY, NAVIGATE SETTINGS WITH DIFFERING SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEMANDS AND OPPORTUNITIES, PROVIDE LEADERSHIP, AND SEEK OR OFFER HELP WHEN NEEDED.

SUCH AS:

- Communicating effectively
- Developing positive relationships
- Demonstrating cultural competency
- Practicing teamwork and collaborative problem solving
- Resolving conflicts constructively
- Resisting negative social pressure
- Showing leadership in groups Seeking or offering support and help when needed
- Standing up for the rights of others

## Please join us!

Please do not hesitate to join us for any of our assemblies, Liturgies, Masses, and presentations! As a part of the BK family, parents are encouraged to be a part of everything that we do. A strong parent presence is a sign of a healthy school. See you soon!



## School Council

### Family Fun Night – Thank You!

BK School Council and FOBK's first event of the year was a great success! Thank you so much to all volunteers that helped plan and make that evening as magical as it was. We enjoyed seeing all the faces of our BK Community. All our events are ran by volunteers and we need many hands to help out and keep future events coming!

### Halloween Dance

We are hoping to plan an evening Halloween Dance for the month of October. We are pre-emptively seeking out volunteers to help with the planning and running of this event. If we are able to secure enough help it will go ahead! Please take a look at the JotForm in the FOBK

[LinkTree](#) to sign up to help.

### We are Recruiting!

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

### Join Us!

Our next School Council meeting will take place October 20, 2022 with both virtual and in-person options. Agenda suggestions for the next meeting will be accepted until October 17, 2022.

Let us know if you have a topic you would like to see discussed at one of our meetings.

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

(<https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats>) and give us a like and follow!

BK School Council

## Friends of BK

### FOBK Fundraising Fun!

After a little restful summer FOBK is back with a sharp razor focus on our fundraising goals for this school year!

With everyone's help, big and small, we have tucked away \$42k for the BK Playground Project and we have to rinse wash repeat this year! Along with fundraising we will be focussing on reaching outside our BK school and into the community for Business and Corporate Donations to be able to break ground in 2023! The Playground application has \$25k as the corporate goal and we are looking for helpers who would like to complete online forms and take letters to local businesses - and do a little work on your own time so this might be one way you can help out! These donations are crucial to the success of our project - we are excited our fundraising plan is on course! \*Reminder that a tax receipt will be issued for all corporate donations and the team will be discussing a corporate acknowledgement incentive!

Healthy Hunger is one of our biggest fundraisers that is a win win - take a look at the link below and order! We would like to announce a new item for Pizza Monday - Pizza with No Sauce! We need 1 volunteer for each lunch to distribute the labelled lunches to each class - without help, we will need to readjust our program frequency - so please take a look and see if you have 30 minutes of time 11:45-12:15 on a Monday or Wednesday to help!

We would like to announce our new Officers voted in at the AGM meeting on Sept 15 - Congratulations to President Lorriane P, Treasurer Deanna M, Secretary Chelsee P, and Directors Melinda W and Rebecca G - the Vice President position is vacant if you want to join our fun executive team! Our next meeting will be on Oct 20th at 6:30pm.

Little Caesar Pizza Kits Order are due soon! Paper orders are due Oct 6 and online Store closes Oct 9! Order pick up will be at BK at 3:30 on Oct 26 - let us know if you are unable to pick up to make other arrangements!

Looking ahead we will be having a few Fun Oiler Ticket Raffles so stay tuned along with Purdys chocolate for Christmas and those amazing BK Classroom Basket Raffles and Poinsettias - always follow this link: <https://linktr.ee/FOBK> to stay in the loop for all fundraisers and events!

Speaking of events! BK Family Fun Night couldn't have been more of a success - and special thanks goes out to the Pedwell Family for being our GrillMasters for the evening and the Grade 4 and 6 volunteers for prepping the Preorders and packing popcorn bags! The tattoo, balloon and spin the wheel stations brought in money for the playground along with the 50/50 (\$193 was the winning pot) concession and Kona ice!! We were able to add \$825+ more dollars to our project! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to set up and run a station/ concession and clean up! We appreciate your time and talents as that wheel of fun was spinning till it was clear spun out! It will need to go in the shop before the next event!!

We are off to a running start as we will pace ourselves to see our BK Playground Project past the finish line!!

