BOBKATBULLETIN

December Events

November 28 - Advent begins at BK! Pizza lunch; Food Bank campaign begins

November 30- Helping Hands awards @1:15pm; Healthy Hunger - DQ <u>ORDER</u>

December 5 - Report cards uploaded to PowerSchool; Pizza lunch

December 6 -Nativity scene lessons with SAP; Purdy's pickup

December 7 - Healthy Hunger - SUBWAY; Gr. 6 Immunizations; Kinder field trip; Kinder/Prek Family Fun Night

December 8 - 23 - 12 Days of Christmas begins! See schedule below.

December 9 - Advent celebration @ 9:30am

December 12 - Pizza lunch

December 14 - Healthy Hunger - EDO

December 15 - Christmas Concert @ 2pm & 7pm. Students should come to school dressed in what they need for the performance.

December 16 - No Kinder/PreK

December 19 - Pizza lunch

December 21 -Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with preK - gr. 3

December 23 - last day of classes; movie afternoon

December 26 - January 6 - Christmas Break

January 9 - Welcome back to 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. We will once again support St. Jean Baptiste Parish in their effort to rebuild their beautiful church. We will host a family raffle for priority seating and priority parking for our upcoming Christmas concert; all proceeds will go to St. Jean Baptiste Parish. To further support the Parish, the staff



Service Projects

Christmas Concert Priority Seating

Raffle - stay tuned for more info regarding a raffle for priority seating and parking at the Christmas concert. Winners will have reserved comfortable seating at the front of the gym, front of the school parking, and snacks served throughout the performance.

Food Bank donations - BK will be collecting Food Bank donations for the next 2 weeks: November 28th -December 9th.

Catholic Education Sunday

Please join us tonight at 6:30 pm at St. Albert Parish to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday. Please wear BK colours!

Christmas Concert & Kinder/PreK Family Christmas Fun Night

Dec. 7th @ 6pm- Kinder/PreK Family Fun Night. Immediate family only please.

Dec. 15th @ 2pm and 7pm - gr. 1-6 Christmas Concert. 2 tickets per student per show. Tix (\$5) will go on sale Dec. 1.

Mrs. Cancian Retiring!

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Mrs. Cancian on December 31st. Mrs. Cancian has been a joyful presence at BK for the last 8 years, the past 3 as VP. She will be incredibly missed as she enters this amazing portion of her life. Congratulations Mrs. Cancian! at BK will pay \$20 to wear jeans in the month of December. Students can participate in service by donating food for the food bank.

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."

The staff and students at BK are looking forward to showcasing their musical talent at the upcoming Christmas Concert on December 15th @ 2pm and 7pm. Our Kindergarten and PreK students will celebrate Christmas with their families at our Christmas Family Fun Night on December 7th.

The month of November brought a lot of fun events for our students. From wearing moustaches to support men's health to look-a-like day, we love how are students are so quick to be involved. December will be a blast as we dress up for the 12 days of Christmas. Please see the last page of this newsletter for a schedule.

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

Merry Christmas to our amazing BK Staff!

Khrystos Rozhdayetsia (Christ is Born)!

Parents, can you help us spoil our AMAZING BK Staff this December with a Ukrainian Christmas meal they'll never forget? Let's thank teachers and staff for ALL they do, withhomemade pyrohy, nachynka, holopchi and sausage. Plus presents for them all! If you would like to contribute to this Staff Appreciation Event, donations can be made through School Cash Online until Dec 11th.

If you would like to help us cook (hundreds of perogies to be made!), please email Beth@ <u>Bethdebruyne@gmail.com</u>

Thank you for your support!

Playground Equipment

Do you have any gently used balls around your house? The BK kids are in need of some new balls to play with while outside at recess. If you have, can you email School Council and let us know if you are able to donate by Friday December 9, 2022. After this date we will be purchasing some items with funds raised by you! Thank you for your support.

BK School Trustees

School Council would like to thank Mr. Joe Becigneul, our outgoing Trustee for all the hard work he has done for the BK Community over the last six years. Joe supported the school fully and was often a friendly face at our school events.

We would like to welcome our new School Trustee Mr. Greg Schell. We look forward toworking with you!

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 January 12, 2023 with both virtual and in person options. Agenda suggestions for the next meeting will be accepted until January 9, 2023. 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 (<u>https://www.facebook.com/bkbobkats</u>) and give us a like and follow!

BK School Council

Friends of BK

FOBK Festive Fundraising Update!

Jingle jingle can you hear the dollars adding up?? FOBK had another amazing month!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Purdys Chocolate Fundraiser as we surpassed our goal and raised \$1778 that will go towards the SchoolWide FitsetNinja Activity that will be in January! The pick up for chocolates AND poinsettias is Dec 6 at 3:30 and thank you to Kristina for organizing yet another sweet and successful fundraiser!

Lucky lucky! Congratulations to our official Oilers vs Vegas Raffle winner Shelley Sadownyk! Those amazing donated seats raised \$745 and the Oilers won in over time!

Do you want another chance to have a nice pair New Years Eve Oiler Tickets wrapped up under your tree? This NYE Ticket Raffle will close Dec 23 at 9am and the draw is that same day at BK.

Challenge ALERT!! FOBK would love to challenge our BK Community! Check those backpacks for this NYE Raffle Flyer - and spread this raffle info with friends and family. We challenge you to post it on your mailbox, set it on the workroom lunch table or any other creative ways to share! The more money we raise, the faster we reach our playground goal!

To be eligible for the challenge prize - Take a picture of how you shared this flyer and comment under the BKChallenge post on Facebook and you can win a trip to Winnipeg (joking) or a \$25 GroceryGiftCard or Little Caesar Pizza Kit! This is a way from FOBK to say thanks for supporting our school playground project! The link to buy raffle tickets is <u>https:// linktr.ee/FOBK</u> and where you can find ALL the fundraisers we have open! The challenge is on!

Looking ahead into December we are excited to have our Christmas Concert 50/50 And Christmas Classroom Baskets back in person!! So remind grandparents and family to bring some cash! There will be two 50/50 draws and the raffle baskets will be drawn at the evening concert. Thank you so much to all our generous BK families who brought in raffle basket items! Rebecca and Melinda are magically assembling them to be on display and they tell us they are going to be the best baskets to date!!

We look forward to continuing our gentle push for fundraising so our present and future BKStudents can play safely and the neighbourhood can enjoy this new park!!!

Merry Christmas and enJOY your December!

FOBK Executive Fundraising Team!





12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AT BERTHA KENNEDY

DECEMBER 2022				
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!			8 Wear your crazy Christmas socks - over your pant legs! We wanna see them.	9 Wear your Christmas Sweater/T-Shirt
12 Dress like the Grinch! Or in Green!	13 "Jingle bells, Jingle bells" Wear your jingle bells!	14 "SANTA! I know him!" Dress like an Elf!	15 "Christmas Concert Attire" MERRY CHRISTMAS	16 "You're a gift from God! Dress like a Christmas present!
19 Wear your Christmas Antlers/ Headband	20 "HO HO HO!" Wear your Santa hat!	21 Candy Cane Day! Dress in red and white stripes	22 Dress like any character in the Nativity Scene.	23 Get cozy in your PJs. It's Pajama Day!