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Bishop Belleau School

Message from the Principal



Theme: *Charity*



Thank you to all classes for their generous donations to the MNFC Food Drive!



School classes end on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. and we return on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 8:45 a.m.

Have a safe Christmas and A Happy New Year!



Jesus is in the manger.

Dear Parents/Guardians:
As the winter progresses this year, it has brought us toward the Christmas season once again. To many people this time of the year is about presents, Santa Claus, reindeer and elves, lights and decorations. In order to put smiles on our children's faces, we tell them tall tales of the man in the red suit with the magic sleigh, and all the gifts they will receive. We put out milk and cookies, and write him letters telling him how nice we have been. It is also a very busy time as we shop for the perfect gift for those special people in our lives, prepare to visit with family and friends or have them over to our house. It is a time when our money and our patience are stretched to their limits, and it is easy to be so busy that we forget the real reason for the season, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Christmas is not about shopping or getting presents, it is not

about tall tales we tell children. It is about our faith and how God loves us so much He gave His only Son for us, to die on the cross for our sins. Christmas is a time to celebrate this unbelievable gift from God, to appreciate how lucky we have for all of His gifts, and a time to thank Jesus for His unimaginable gift of His life for ours. It is a time for family, for love, and for helping those who are in need of assistance, not for helping ourselves. A true gift is giving someone something they truly need, not just something they would like.

As it turned out, we needed forgiveness for our sins (and still do), and knowing this Jesus did just that. While it was in His power to give us anything we might have thought we wanted, He of His own free will gave us instead what we needed, even though this meant giving His life in unimaginable sacrifice. During this season it is important to remember this sacrifice and to ask our-

selves; what can I do to help those around me, and how can I be thankful and live up to the teachings of Jesus? As stated in John 3:16 "For God so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have ever-lasting life."

It is my wish that each of you has a safe and happy Christmas celebration, one that allows you to enjoy the gifts of God and the love of family and friends, and to help anyone you can that God places in your path. Merry Christmas to you all!!

"With God we make a difference"
Sincerely,

Heath Hough, Principal



Safety Reminder

Students are not supervised before 8:30 each morning or before 12:35 each day. Please do not send your children to school before these times as nobody is scheduled to supervise before these times. I know that students want to come earlier but it is a real safety concern if they are here unsupervised. We ask for your cooperation in this important safety concern.



Students of the Month—November



Principal's Award to: Jonah Nakogee, Gr. 5

For being very responsible and mature around the school and being a leader.

Jonah Tippeneskum, SK

Jonah comes to school with a positive attitude. He loves to share his knowledge with classmates and has helped our two new friends learn their way around the classroom.

Phoenix Gunner, Gr. 1

Phoenix is very punctual. He is trying to complete all his work on time. Good work Phoenix!

Sebastian Tippeneskum, Gr. 2

The Grade 2/3 student of the month is Sebastian for the effort he shows when doing his class work.

Ethan Koostachin, Gr. 6

For always participating enthusiastically.

Ivan Matthews, Gr. 7

He works hard in class to complete his work. He is regularly participating in classroom discussions. Keep up the great work Ivan!

Jonah Tippeneskum, S.K., French-as-a-Second Language

For always listening and helping others. Way to go Jonah!

Skyla Sutherland, Gr. 5, Native-as-a-Second Language

Skyla is doing good work and she has respect with everyone around her.



THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6)



"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"



Upcoming events....

Holidays December 17, 2011 to January 2, 2012

Attendance Awards: the attendance awards for September and October were given out. Perfect attendance for September: 12 students; 95%-10 students; 90%-9 students. Perfect attendance for October: 14 students; 95%- 10 students: 90%-4 students

Christmas Concert: Our concert will be held Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym; please see the letter sent home with your child/ren what time they come to the school.

It is a blessing for us to have the opportunity to work with you and your children throughout the year—a privilege that we truly value and one in which we are so grateful for your interest and support. May the peace and joy of the Holy Family be with you throughout the Christmas Season and into the New Year. From the Staff of Bishop Belleau School



"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord"
(Luke 2:11)



Attendance Awards