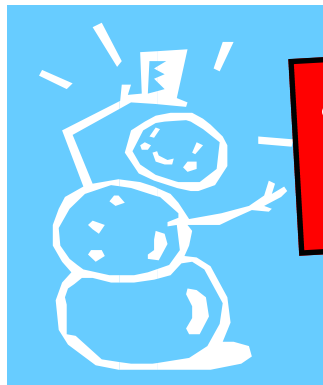


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## Message from the Principal

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**School classes end on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. and we return on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 8:45 a.m.**

**Have a safe Christmas and A Happy New Year!**



Nos Voeux Sincères de Noel

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, eternal life."

It is my wish that each of us 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*

Heath Hough, Principal



First Week of Advent, December 2nd: HOPE

### 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:**

**Tashina Tippeneskum, Gr. 1**

For being a responsible big sister and helping Moses at school and on the bus.

**Rocky Louttit, SK**

Rocky was chosen because of his love for learning.

**MeeKwan Kamalatisit-Glenesk, Gr. 1**

MeeKwan takes her time to hand in her best work! She has a positive attitude and is a good friend to her classmates.

**Kyle Nakogee-Naveau, Gr. 4**

Kyle has been finishing all his fwork on time. He asks for help when he needs it. Good job!

**Robert Peruelo, Gr. 5**

He works hard in class to complete his work. He is always willing to help his fellow classmates and his teacher. Great job, Robert.

**Margaret Wheesk, Gr. 7**

Making great efforts to furthering her learning. She asks questions and takes more risks during lessons.

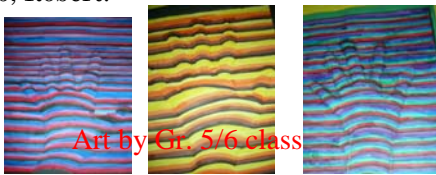
**Jastien Tippeneskum, French-as-a-Second Language**

He always has the right answer. Good work, Jastien!

**Taria Chakasim, Gr. 2, Native-as-a-Second Language**

Taria is very kind to her peers and she always manages to finish all her work. Doing good work.

JK/SK & Gr. 1/2 making Christmas crafts



Art by Gr. 5/6 class

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



## Upcoming events....

**Christmas Concert:** This year in order to invite all of our parents and guardians to a Special Christmas Lunch, we will be having our Christmas concert from **12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.**



Immediately following the concert, all students, parents, and guardians are invited to a Christmas Turkey Lunch in your child's classroom, along with some fun activities. Please come hungry ☺!!

**Christmas Food Drive:** We will be collecting non-perishable food items until Wednesday, Dec. 19th. There will be a drive box in every classroom. Our school would like to raise a large



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



amount of food for those in need to our community at Christmas time, and we would like to teach our students about how they can help. Please help our school by donating what you can.

**APANO—Aboriginal Diabetes Prevention Program:** A letter from the Aboriginal Peoples' Alliance (Northern Ontario) was sent home with the students. Starting on Monday, Dec. 10th, an After-School Program for grades 5 to 8 will take place 2 days/week, on Monday and Wednesdays for 1 hour after school (3:30-4:30 p.m.) in the gym. A permission slip was also included with the letter and is required for the students to attend. Mondays-Gr. 5 & 6, organized activities and sports in the gym; Wednesdays-Gr. 7 & 8, cross-country skiing.

Second Week of Advent, Dec. 9th: PEACE  
Third Week of Advent, Dec. 16th: JOY  
Fourth Week of Advent, Dec. 23rd: LOVE



## 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."

