

# The Belleau Beacon

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Bishop Belleau School

## Message from the Principal



Theme: *Charity*



Dear Parents:

December and its snowy, blowy weather is upon us. The snow makes the landscape appear clean and fresh in spite of the harshness of the winds. This snowy wonder reminds me of how Christ has come to make me spiritually as white as the new fallen snow... Not that there has been anything I have done to deserve this gift of cleansing: it is God's gift, through His Son, for all mankind.

This Christmas season we welcome the babe born in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Jesus came in the most innocent and easy to love form I can imagine – a new born babe. Yet, His purpose for coming was to lead an exemplary life free from sin, then offer Himself for us on the cruel cross of Calvary.

When I think about how, in spite of my failures and sin, God gave His only Son the

job of offering Himself to pay the price for my sins, I am overcome with both joy and grief. In this season where we give one another gifts of time spent together as well as physical gifts, I can't imagine giving my child as a ransom for lost sinners. Yet, God the Father did exactly that. He gave us His Son, Jesus, who would in a few short years from His birth, would lay down His life for us.

As a mother, I can imagine giving up *my life* for *my children*, or even for the innocent children of others; but, I cannot imagine freely offering one of any child's lives in exchange for an undeserving sinner! No, not ever!

Yet... that is exactly what God did for when He sent His Son to take upon Himself my sin. "All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his own way. But the LORD made the punishment fall on Him (Jesus), the punishment all

of us deserved." (Isaiah 53:6)

The Bible affirms in John 15:13: Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends. God the Father and Jesus, His Son, along with His Holy Spirit love all of us enough, in spite of our failures, to call us His friends!

As we celebrate the birth of Christ this holiday season with friends and families, let's remember the greatest gift of all: "For God so loved us that He *gave* His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

May God richly bless you and your family as we reflect on the greatest gift of all this Christmas season: our Lord Jesus Christ.

*"With God we make a difference"*

Sincerely,

Linda Pilgrim, Principal

Giving: the true meaning of Christmas



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



School classes end on Friday, December 17, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. and we return on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 8:45 a.m.

Have a safe Christmas and A Happy New Year!



### Safety Reminder

Students are not supervised before 8:30 each morning or before 12:55 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





## Students of the Month—December

**Principal's Award to:**

**Sebastian TIPPENESKUM, Gr. 1**

Sebastian has worked very hard to improve his behaviour and to come to school ready to learn.

**Principal's Award to:**

**Tia Iserhoff, Gr. 1**

Tia's attendance has improved dramatically. She is working hard in school and often helps others

**Taria Chakasim, SK**

Taria participates in all classroom activities. She gives her best effort and really enjoys learning!

**Nayyah Dulnuan, SK**

Nayyah was chosen for December student of the month because of her wonderful attitude towards school and

excellent behavior in class. Nayyah always gives her best effort no matter what the task is.

**Tamiera Sutherland, Gr. 2**

Tamiera has been punctual all month. She works very hard and always hands in her work on time.

**Margaret Wheesk, Gr. 5**

Perfect attendance this month!

**John Fireman, Gr. 8**

For working very hard in class and trying even harder! A very positive attitude also!

**Dwayne Iahtail, Gr. 6, French-as-a-Second Language**

Dwayne is trying real hard to catch up in French. Way to go Dwayne!

**Nathaniel TIPPENESKUM, Gr. 2, Native-as-a-Second Language**

Nathaniel has worked very hard and has respect for everyone. Meeg-wetch, Nathaniel!

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



Gr. 2/3 & Gr. 4/5/6 classes with most items donated!

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



*Congratulations to the Christmas Card contest winners; Jared & Andrew!*



*Congratulations to all the winners of the draws this month; Kamryn, John, Dwayne, Savannah & Kyle! Gift certificates from Northern Store!*



### Student of the Month Awards



### Upcoming events....

Holidays December 18, 2010 to January 3, 2011

**BBS Vouchers**

Draws for vouchers will be made every month for students who are: on time for classes, raise their reading score; and ready to learn in home-room, Cree or French classes.



*First draw for the Vouchers!*



*Congratulations to the first winner of the draw, Benny! A gift certificate from Walmart!*

**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**

