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WELCOME TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL STARTS ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012. THIS IS A
FULL DAY 8:15 AM - 3:15 PM

School Doors open at 7:45

Breakfast is served from 7:45 - 8:00
KINDERGARTEN IS FULL DAY - EVERY
DAY THIS YEAR.

K - 6th grade Lunch 11:10 - 11:50
7th - 12th grade lunch 11:50 - 12:30

It is important that students arrive after 7:45 as there is no one scheduled to supervise students until that time. If it is essential that a child be dropped off before 7:45, please contact the office or the child's teacher to make appropriate plans.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH THE ENCLOSED PAPERWORK MUST BE RETURNED BY AUG. 29, 2012

TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

The school continues to improve student and staff access to technology. The school works hard to leverage ISD vocational-technical dollars (both deferred and current year) to keep technology updated. This year we are able to accomplish the following technology initiatives:

- Install monitoring software that will allow more selective blocking of inappropriate sites, or parts of sites, and that will allow tracking of user work if necessary;
- provide 12 iPads for educational use in 6 classrooms;

Hot lunch menus will be mailed or emailed home next week. Please complete the enclosed Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application to determine eligibility for free or reduced meals. Full-priced student lunches are \$3.61 and need to be ordered and paid in advance. The deadline for ordering student lunches is the Wednesday prior to the week for which you are ordering. All full-priced, free, and reduced lunches include milk. Individual cartons of reduced-fat chocolate and a reduced-type white --2%, low-fat, or skim - are available for 50 cents.

- Provide Dell Latitude 2120 Netbooks for each high school student and 3 per K-8 classroom;
- replace current aging teacher laptops; existing teacher laptops that are still usable will be redeployed to classrooms for student use;
- Install 2 wireless access points to building to provide more coverage;

Improvements are expected to be completed by mid-September.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ First Day of School 9/5/12
- ◆ 7-12 Grade Parent-Student Orientation 9/5/12 @ 8:15am
- ◆ First Day 21cclc After-school program 9/17/12

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

While we bid a sad farewell to 11 seniors, the Dan & Sarah McCafferty family, Austyn Oliver and the Maurice and Jennifer Butler family, we welcome new faces.

Incoming pre-schoolers are Alexis Coffell, Sophie McDonough and Aedyn Oliver. Also new this year:

- 4th grader Ruby Antinori
- 6th grader Sveta Stebbins
- 8th grader Olya Stebbins
- 10th grader Chaise Laufenburg

BICS RANKED 94TH PERCENTILE IN STATE SCHOOL RANKING

In the State of Michigan's 2011-12 Top to Bottom School List, BICS was ranked in the 94 percentile state-wide. The high ranking in the summary of all Michigan Public Schools is based upon the school's academic achievement, improvement, and achievement gaps compared to all 2,865 other Michigan schools. BICS's percentile ranking was the highest of any school in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

And, again this year, the school made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), as required by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS AND TEACHERS!

YOUR HARD WORK PAID OFF!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Welcome Jenna Wilk - 21cclc Site Coordinator - Ms. Jenna Wilk was the unanimous choice of the interviewing committee for this position vacated by Laura Gibson. Ms. Wilk worked in the school last spring as a long-term 7 - 12 grade substitute teacher and made great connections with the students and families. Jenna Wilk is very excited to move the program forward and to become a member of the island community.

Welcome Jason Darwin - Custodian -Mr. Jason Darwin was the unanimous choice of the interviewing committee to fill the afternoon-evening custodian position. Jason Darwin is excited to fulfill a long-time desire to live on the island. Jason has been coming to the island since he was a child.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

Help keep the school circle drive area safe for all students by following these rules:

- If you are first in line, pull all the way through so others can line up behind you.
- Park as close to the curb as possible.
- Always have students get out on the sidewalk side of the car.
- Use extreme caution when moving around another car in the circle drive.
- Always use blinker when turning into the drive or turning at the corner.

All Drivers Use Turn Signals
All Drivers Park with Legal Flow of Traffic

Walk all bicycles on school property

Watch for children and drive **SLOWLY** in the school area. Thank you!

STUDENT INSURANCE AND IMMUNIZATION INFO.

Enclosed is a summary of our student accident insurance outlining benefits for accidental bodily injury while attending school, school events, school sports and travel to and from events. This plan is secondary to any policy the family may have and it does not cover out of school time. It is the family's responsibility to initiate claims.

Families can choose to purchase 24-hour coverage from the company the school uses. Information and pricing for 24-hour coverage is contained in the enclosed Summary of Coverage.

The State of Michigan requires

children to be adequately immunized to attend school. Students entering preschool and kindergarten must present a copy of their immunization record prior to the first day of school. Boosters are needed for students entering the 6th grade. Please contact the medical center or your physician to determine whether your child is up-to-date, and, if necessary, schedule an appointment as soon as possible to insure compliance.

ISLANDER SOCCER

Islander Soccer is coached by elementary teacher and veteran coach Mr. Mike Myers. Boys and girls in grades 7 - 12 are part of the interscholastic team.



GO ISLANDER SOCCER



ISLANDER VOLLEYBALL

Islander Volleyball is coached by school secretary and 4rd year coach, Ms. Kerry Smith, assisted by Heather Cary. Girls in grades 7-12 are part of the interscholastic team.



GO ISLANDER VOLLEYBALL



Home of the Islanders

Thank You to the following major donors for making our new scoreboards a reality:
Beaver Island Boat Company, Martin Gas and Oil, Island Airways, McDonough's Market,
Charlevoix State Bank, TDS Telecom, E J Hodgson Enterprises, Beaver Island Sports Boosters,
Schwartzfisher Stoneworks, Olivia Schwartzfisher #14

Thank You to the following volunteers for putting up the scoreboards: Gerald LaFreniere,
Ernest Martin, Kevin McDonough, Ryan Smith, John Robert, and Tony Rouch

2012 SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL GAMES

- August 24: MAPLEWOOD BAPTIST @ BI VOLLEYBALL ONLY HOME GAME
 - Sept. 7/8: BI @ HANNAHVILLE SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL
 - Sept. 14/15: BI @ PARADISE SOCCER ONLY
 - Sept. 21/22: MUNISING BAPTIST @ BI SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL HOME GAME
 - Sept. 29: BI @ LEAGUE VBALL TOURNAMENT IN SAULT STE. MARIE
 - October 1: OJIBWE @ BI VOLLEYBALL ONLY HOME GAME
 - October 5/6: BI @ GRAND MARIAS SOCCER ONLY
 - October 6: BI @ MACKINAC ISLAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
 - Oct. 12/13: BI @ MACKINAC ISLAND SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL
 - Oct. 20: LEAGUE SOCCER TOURNAMENT @ BEAVER ISLAND HOME GAME
- Soccer Games typically start @ 5:00pm on Fridays & 10:30AM on Saturdays*
Volleyball Games typically start @ 7:30PM on Fridays & 8:30AM on Saturdays
Check the school website or BI Forum for up to date starting times.

EMERGENCY CARDS

Enclosed with this mailing is an emergency card, either your current card if we have one or blank if we do not already have one. If the information hasn't changed, just date and initial the card and return it to Kerry Smith in the office. If it is a blank card, please complete and return.

TEACHERS TACKLE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Teachers have been very busy this summer reviewing our K-12 Math and K-12 ELA curriculums to make sure that our grade level instruction and materials match the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) <http://www.corestandards.org/>. The CCSS have been adopted by most of the states in an effort to provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. Parents and students may notice some changes. In mathematics, some skills are moved to different grade levels and students are expected to learn fewer skill, but in much more depth. In ELA the shift is toward developing strong writing skill, more reading in the non-fiction area, and developing critical reading skills. Parents can expect to get more information form teachers about the changes.



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MESSY PROFITABLE FUNDRAISER

Many of the 5th through 8th grade students and their parents have raised more than \$2,000 this summer returning bottles and cans. Can Queen Deb Robert and Adam "Returnables" Richards have been amazed at just how much such a fundraiser could yield. The 5th and 6th grade profit will be an important part of helping to fund their annual Camp Hayo-Went-Ha trip. The 7th and 8th grade profit will help the middle school students get to Washington D.C. for the semi-annual experience. For many of the students, this trip constitutes the furthest they've been away from home, and while they are away, they visit so many monumental places which really add to their sense of being part and parcel of America.
BYLINE: DEB ROBERT AND ADAM RICHARDS

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Ms. Jenna Wilk is the new site coordinator for this program which is funded through a federal grant administered by Char-Em ISD. The after-school program will be similar to last year. There will be four eight-week sessions. Program information and registration information will be mailed to parents soon after starts. First day of the program is Monday, September 17, 2012.

GOOD LUCK SENIORS!

McCAULEY CONNAGHAN

MARISSA CRANDALL

MICHAEL PRYOR

J.P. STIGALL

CLASS OF 2013

Community Health Fair to be Held at BICS

Over 30 organizations and individuals from northern Michigan are participating in this year's Health Fair sponsored by Beaver Island's Human Services Commission. The event takes place at the school on September 28 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Participants in this year's fair include a heart dissection demonstration, free cholesterol screening, and information on becoming financially, emotionally and physically stronger. For more info please contact Adam Richards at adamanos@gmail.com

Brief Notes about School Happenings

- The **School Board** meets on the Second Monday of each month at 7:30p.m. The next meeting is on: **Monday, September 10**. The board meetings are held in room 115 at the school and you are encouraged to attend. Board Officers were elected at the July meeting: President, Jessica Anderson; Vice-president, Dawn Marsh; Treasurer Karen Johnson; Secretary, Dana Hodgson. Trustees, Barb Schwartzfisher, Nancy Tritsch and Brian Cole round out the board.
- The **Suzuki Strings** program will continue again this year. All students in grades K-4 will receive violin lessons during the school day and are encouraged to participate in free after-school lessons. Interested students in grades 5-12 can choose to continue in the strings program and can choose their own instrument.
- Michigan law requires schools to have copies of **Birth Certificates** on file for all students. Please submit a copy of the certificate to the school office if your child is entering preschool or kindergarten, or is new to the district.
- Beaver Island Community School will host this year's **NLL Soccer Tournament** on October 20, 2012. There is an important **Planning Meeting** on **Tuesday, September 18 @ 3:15pm**.