



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DECEMBER 2024

“The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.”- W. C. Jones

The Barnegat Township School District would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to the community for its incredible support of families facing hardships this holiday season. We take great pride in the collective effort to ensure that all our students can experience the joy and magic of the holidays. Planning for this large-scale initiative begins in September and continues through December, and it would not be possible without the generosity and compassion of our dedicated staff and community.

Thanks to the kindness of our generous donors, over 300 children received holiday gifts. A special thank you goes to the Paws For A Cause committee members for their unwavering dedication in coordinating this effort. We also deeply appreciate everyone who contributed to brightening the holidays for our Barnegat families and demonstrating the true spirit of the season!

● Paws For A Cause hosted two fundraisers in December to support families in need. These events enabled the six schools to purchase gifts for 172 children.

● The Beach Haven West Community Group donated over 60 toys and \$2500 for our families in need.

● Barnegat Pride donated \$750, bicycles, and toys to support our families in need.

● The Barnegat Rotary Elf Program sponsored 45 children. The BHS Interact Club assisted the Rotarians with shopping for gifts at Target.

● Barnegat PBA 296 held its Annual Toy Drive. Officers collected toys from local businesses and Elfie's House. Toys were delivered and sorted for distribution to the individual schools. The PBA also donated \$2,000 to Paws For A Cause.

● Ten children from the Donahue School participated in "Shop with a Cop" at Walmart in Little Egg Harbor. Barnegat Police officers were on hand to assist the children while they shopped.

● Pheasant Run community members sponsored 29 children.

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IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!





“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” - Mother Theresa

- The Waretown United Methodist Church sponsored twenty five children.
- The Heritage Bay Book Club donated 33 pairs of pajamas to keep our children warm at night.
- Seacrest Pines community members sponsored five children.
- The Barnegat Elementary PTA sponsored six children.
- The Dollar Tree on Lighthouse Drive donated four boxes of toys to our families in need.
- The Men’s Club at the Mirage donated toys to the PBA and provided a family with a holiday meal.
- A Barnegat family sponsored five children.
- The operating room at Southern Ocean Medical Center sponsored three children.
- The Sons of the American Legion and the American Allegiance Riders South sponsored four children.
- The BHS Environmental Club donated over \$500 to provide gifts to our families in need.



MAY YOUR DAYS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT!



“No one is useless in the world who lightens the burdens of another.” - Charles Dickens

- To keep our families warm, Bayside Chapel's Annual Winter Coat Drive provided 105 new coats for children as well as their parents.
- The United Way of Monmouth and Ocean Counties Warm Wishes Program provided 24 coats, 20 hoodies, and Bombas socks for our students.
- Students, staff, and community members donated comfort and personal care items to the Christmas in Camouflage program that provides care packages to soldiers deployed overseas.



WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!