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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend as we celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I attended elementary school at St. Margaret's School in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, and the Dominican sisters who taught at the school participated in the march led by Dr. King from Selma to Montgomery. When they returned, we joined in prayers for unity and peace and were taught to sing the song, *We Shall Overcome*. The eloquence of Dr. King's words continue to guide us today and we work to pass his message onto our students. One of our alumni, Mrs. Maligranda's daughter, is a volunteer at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in Rhode Island, which makes a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable residents of Newport County.

Our eighth grade students traveled to the Holocaust Museum with students from the East Brunswick Jewish Center on Monday, and I thank Mrs. Trenery and Mrs. Fassold for their assistance and for educating our students on this important part of history.

Catholic Schools Week begins January 28 with the 10:00 am Mass, Pancake Breakfast, and Open House, which begins at 11:30 am. Students will host the Mass and process in with banners. Students are encouraged to attend in uniform to support the opening of Catholic Schools Week. Students will participate in Penny Wars throughout the week to support Catholic Charities. On Monday, January 29, students may dress in red, white, and blue and sneakers as they participate in Winter Olympic activities. Tuesday, January 30, is School Spirit Day, so students may dress in green, gold, and sneakers as the Teachers vs Eighth Grade Volleyball Game takes place. Wednesday, January 31, is the mandatory Literacy Fair, which begins at 7:00 pm. Students will enjoy an assembly on Thursday, February 1, called *Bach 2 Rock*, about the science of sound. Catholic Schools Week ends with Mass on February 2 and Open House from 9:30-10:30 am and 12:15-1:15 pm and Family Bingo Night. Please help to spread the good news of St. Bartholomew School.

Re-registration packets will be sent home this week with your oldest/only child. Please return by February 5 to take advantage of the reduction in registration fee.

***The mission of St. Bartholomew School is to love, educate and inspire
our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.***

Please note that the second marking period ends on January 26, so please contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Please support the Polar Bear Plunge on January 28, organized for St. Bartholomew School by Mr. O'Grady. Students may dress down for donation on January 25 to support this event.

Please see the flyer for the raffle to participate in a Skype session with Astronaut Mark Vande Hei, who is at the International Space Station. Twenty-five students who win the raffle will attend the session along with our eighth grade students. The proceeds will benefit our STEM initiative. This week, our Science lab received a digital podium, as we progress toward our STEM goals.

Information about the Monsignor Kelly Basketball Tournament may be found in the Communication Envelope. Also, please see information about the upcoming Sweetheart Dance, to be held on February 10.

I wish you a blessed week.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in *Strength to Love*, 1963,

God bless you,
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.
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