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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a beautiful celebration of our outstanding Catholic school we enjoyed as a school family last week! The Mass with the beautiful procession of banners and Offertory procession depicting the history of our school began the week. The Pancake Breakfast and Open House that followed were huge successes as we welcomed many new families to our school family. Our students enjoyed participating in the Olympics with the carrying of the Olympic torch carried in the Atlanta Olympics, on loan from Mr. Newcomb. School Spirit Day and the traditional volleyball game were held in our beautiful, newly renovated gym. You can see pictures of the gym on our website and Facebook page as we celebrated National School Choice Week with our entire student body participating in the flash mob. On Wednesday, Mayor Cohen visited our school and answered students' questions about governing and our township. Students shared their knowledge at the Literacy Fair with unique celebrations of literacy. Students attended a wonderful assembly on the science of sound, *Bach 2 Rock*. Our student mentors traveled to the NJ State House to perform the National School Choice Week dance in front of the assembly. Additionally, a poster, recognizing our wonderful school and created by Sofia Gatti, won an award and was on display at the State House. Our week concluded with Candlemas at a candlelit Mass, another successful Open House, and Family Bingo, sponsored by our Home School Association. Thank you to our outstanding faculty, staff, students, HSA, and volunteers for all their assistance this week.

On Monday, we are blessed to be able to participate in a Skype session with Colonel Mark Vande Hei at the International Space Station. Students will get to interact with Colonel Vande Hei, who is leaving the St. Bartholomew Commemorative Coin at the space station. This is an incredible opportunity for our students and staff.

Congratulations to Marcus Justiniani, Alani Boomer, and Daniel Novoselov, who were chosen to participate in the Woman's Federation Spelling Bee on February 11!

February 5 begins the Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale. Thank you for your support. Kindergarten Conferences will be held February 7 and 8. The Sweetheart Dance will be held on February 10. Pre-K 4 will host a Valentine's Day event on February 12. Our Mission Fair will be on February 13. We will attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

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

In order to take advantage of the reduction in registration fee, please return re-registration packets by February 5.

Please see our Activity Calendar for after school offerings. I am looking forward to starting a Book Club for our students on the upper floor. Look for a flyer coming soon!

Thank you for graciously participating in the education of your students. Working together, our students accomplish wonderful things!

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