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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful Halloween Party we had on Friday evening with over 400 people in attendance. Thank you, Ms. Phillips and the Home School Association, for hosting such a wonderful event!

We also had a wonderful celebration of the Pope's Encyclical, *Laudato Si*, as we had a school-wide planting and reading project. Older students were paired with younger students, and the program continues as students will also be taking care of vegetable plants in school. Once the vegetables grow, they will be donated to a Soup Kitchen. Our students had a great time as they worked together to care for creation and each other.

The Halloween Parade will begin in the parking lot at 12:00 pm on October 31 with Trunk or Treat to follow. Please see the flyer for information. Students may dress down and bring costumes in a bag labeled with the student's name. Please do not send in weapons/props. Students will bring home treats collected during Trunk or Treat for your review and may not be eaten at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

The annual Basket Raffle will be held on November 10. Tickets are now on sale and volunteers are needed. Please see information in the Communication Envelope. There will be a dress down for donation on November 2 to benefit the Basket Raffle.

Students will attend Mass on November 1, The Feast of All Saints, instead of Friday this week.

Astronaut Mark Vande Hei, who has been at the International Space Station for 6 weeks, received a phone call from Pope Francis! Please see the newsletter for details. He will be leaving the St. Bartholomew Commemorative Coin in space, and you may purchase the coin. Please see the Communication Envelope.

Our Boy Scouts are sponsoring Operation Gratitude. Please see the flyer for details.

Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences will be held November 15 and 16, early dismissal days. You may call the office to sign-up beginning November 1. Conferences are 10 minutes in length.

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

The NJHS is sponsoring Pennies in a Pail on November 6 and 13 to support Catholic Relief Services Disaster Relief.

School photos for Pre-K students who did not get their photo taken and retakes will be on November 21.

Please see the newsletter for winners of our Fire Poster Contest. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to Samantha Bell; her artwork was chosen as the Christmas card for Catholic Charities! We are proud of our talented students.

I wish you a blessed week as we honor all saints and pray for all departed souls.

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