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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and ready for the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter and Spring Break. Many children have shared that they will be traveling with their families. We wish you safe travels!

This week and next week, the children and their teachers continue to learn about Lent and Holy Week. Grades 1-8 will attend Stations of the Cross on Wednesday morning while PreK and Kindergarten enjoy special activities in their classrooms that are more age appropriate. Don't forget to return your child's Rice Bowl during the week of April 3.

The HSA has been working tirelessly to help to reestablish some of the social traditions of St. Bartholomew School. These wonderful volunteers have brought back special events and help to make our school an even better place to be. On Thursday, March 30 at 6:30pm, they are sponsoring a Cyberbullying Presentation that will be put on by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. Please see the school website to register for the event. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. The class with the most parent/guardian participation will win a dress down day! Students in grades 6-8 will participate in the student version of this presentation that will be done by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office in conjunction with the East Brunswick Police Department on the morning of March 30. We are very excited to welcome them to St. Bart's and know that the presentation will benefit us all.

We've noticed a marked increase in the number of students who are arriving tardy to school. Please make every effort to have your child at school by 7:25 AM and at the latest at 7:40 AM so that you can access the carline. There have been several complaints from neighbors about cars making left turns into the small parking lot at the front of the building. Cars making a left are creating a dangerous situation on Ryders Lane. We've been in contact with the East Brunswick Police Department to ask them to check on the light at Peach Orchard Dr. to see if the timing can be adjusted.

The winter session of clubs has just about wrapped up. If you'd like to enroll your child in clubs for the spring, please see the school website for information. Special offerings for the spring session are: Book Buddies, Boxing, Chess, Coding, Magic, Mad Science, and Sewing. Year round clubs including Band, Chorus, Drama, Track, and Homework

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

Club will resume on April 17 and the Spring session of other extracurricular activities will begin on April 24.

We continue the process of re-enrollment. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's re-registration paperwork or any outstanding forms and payment. We are 92% re-enrolled and have begun waiting lists in a few grades. We expect to be close to 100% re-enrolled by the end of April.

Field trips for students in grades K-8 have been planned and reservations have been made. You should be receiving information from your child's teacher with particulars for each grade. Please remember, if you plan to volunteer as a chaperone, you must have submitted all of the required paperwork in advance of the trip. It can take several weeks to complete all of the necessary items. The specific information can be found on the school website under "Quick Links" and then "Become a Volunteer".

Here are a few dates that you need to be aware of:

April 5 - Early dismissal (**aftercare available until 4 PM**)

April 6 - 16 - Easter Vacation

April 19 - Author Mike Dawson Visit (see school website for more information)

April 20 - PBL/Science Fair Night (families invited to attend)

May 3 - Race for Education

May 4 - Band and Chorus Concert

I know you share my most heartfelt prayers for the families at the Covenant School in Tennessee. Please know that the safety and security of our school community is at the forefront of our decision making. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Wishing you a blessed Easter,

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