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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. It was nice to have a few days to rest and recharge. In case I've missed anyone, I wanted to say thank you for the generous and thoughtful gifts that I received. I was floored by the generosity of the school community. It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces of the children and staff as we returned to school today. The children are bursting with stories of their time away from school. We are all settling back into our regular routine. Homework Club will resume next week and the next set of registrations for after school clubs has already been posted on the school website. Chorus and Band will resume the week of January 15.

This week and next, eighth grade homerooms will host our school Masses. The children are doing a wonderful job at Mass, and I encourage you to attend when your child's class is hosting. We've added student cantors and returned to having altar servers.

We are excited for all of the new adventures that 2024 will bring for the St. Bart's family. Mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week which will begin with Mass on January 28 and continue through February 2. We are planning to host International Night that week and to have several special events for students.

Students in grades 6-8 will be taking midterms shortly. Please help your middle school student understand the difference between studying and homework, and the need to prepare for midterms. Study guides are available for students. Sixth graders tend to have the most difficulty understanding the preparation that is involved in studying for exams. Check your child's teachers' websites for the specific dates of their exams. The end of the marking period is January 19. Please check PowerSchool to see how your child is doing academically. It's certainly easier to deal with any missing assignments now than the few days before the end of the marking period.

As is traditional, the information for re-registration for students for the 2024-2025 school year will be available prior to Catholic Schools Week. Please make every effort to get the paperwork into the office on time. We begin planning and making decisions about the 2024-2025 school year as early as the beginning of March.

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

Please mark your calendars:

1/12 - Early dismissal, faculty meeting

1/15 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC

1/19 - End of second marking period

1/28-2/3 - Catholic Schools Week (schedule attached)

2/5-2/16 - MAP Testing

2/12 - BISHOP'S HOLIDAY - (calendar change)

2/14 - Ash Wednesday, All School Mass

2/16 - Early dismissal, faculty meeting

Wishing you a blessed New Year!

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