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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Jesus is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia! I hope this letter finds you well and that you have enjoyed a wonderful Easter vacation. We are in the final marking period and the end of the year will be here before we know it.

After Easter, students are permitted to wear their spring/summer uniforms. This includes the khaki shorts and gym shorts for all students, and the khaki skirts or skorts for girls. Students may still opt to wear pants or sweatpants if they are more comfortable, and girls may wear the plaid or navy skirt. Formal uniforms are still required on Mass days which is most often on Fridays.

Our Spring PBL/Science Fair event is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th from 6:00-7:30 pm. Student projects in grade PreK-4 will be available for viewing and sharing in their classroom and the Science Fair (grades 5-8) will be in the cafeteria. Families are invited to attend so that you can see what our students have been learning and how that learning is applied through their project-based learning activities.

As you may recall, from a fall Principal's Message, we are no longer going to be giving Perfect Attendance Awards. After some brainstorming with the staff, we have developed a new award. Students in grades 1-8 are eligible for this award. It will be given based on individual growth as measured by the MAP Test instead of solely being based on grades like our more traditional Honor Roll and Principal's List. There will be 2 tiers for this award, which is similar to honor roll. Each student who shows growth above the 61st percentile will receive one award, and those that earn 86% or higher will receive a different award. One of the ways that you can help your child earn this award is to have them work on their IXL on a regular basis and also commit to recreational reading for a minimum of fifteen minutes per night. These awards will be distributed at the end of the year this year, and then going forward, we will distribute them following the close of each testing window, which is three times a year.

The tentative calendar for the 2024-2025 school year will be posted to the school website under the "Calendars, Forms and Info" tab within the next few days. Please use this to help you prepare for the coming school year. There may be some changes, and we will post a full and detailed calendar as we get closer to the end of the school year. **Due to the lack of school closure days this year, we have adjusted the date of the end of the school year. The last day of school will be Wednesday, June 12 with an**

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our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

11:30 AM dismissal. June 7, 10, 11, and 12 will be early dismissal days (11:30 AM). The last day for after school care is June 11. Please mark your calendars.

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. It is the safest and most efficient way for students to arrive at school.

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

April 18 - PBL/Science Fair Night (families invited to attend)

April 30 - Race for Education

May 1 - Band and Chorus Concert

May 4 - 60th Anniversary Celebration Events

May 6-22 - Spring MAP Testing

May 17 and 18 – Drama Club Production of *The Descendants*

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education and St. Bartholomew School.

Wishing you a wonderful week,
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
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