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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In case I don't get to see you during conferences this week, **Happy Thanksgiving!** As we come to Thanksgiving, we know that Advent is not far away. It is with a grateful heart that I share the particulars below for your information and planning.

Many thanks to Michelle Perlman, Maryjo Phillips, Jenifer Breman, and the basket raffle committee for their hard work in putting together a spectacular basket raffle. The event went off without a hitch. Thank you to all who made donations and who attended the event. It was a wonderful evening for us all to support our fantastic school.

As I know we've all noticed, the weather has become significantly chillier. Please send your child with a warm coat and other appropriate outerwear daily. We do our best to have the children play outside for recess each day. This week we will have tables of lost and found items in the hallways for people to look at when they come for conferences. Please ask your child to check the tables. On November 22, all unlabeled uniform items will be donated to the used uniform sale and other unlabeled items will be donated to charity.

Winter uniforms are now required. That means that students should not be wearing gym shorts and girls should be in navy or plaid skirts or jumpers.

The next few weeks will be filled with events to celebrate Advent and Christmas. I know that the children are looking forward to these special activities. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- 11/16 & 17 - Early Dismissal, parent-teacher conferences
- 11/22 - Early Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE
- 11/23 & 24 - No School - Thanksgiving
- 12/1 - All School Mass (hosted by grade 4)
- 12/5 - Chorus performance at Brunswick Square Mall (6:30 pm)
- 12/5 & 6 - St. Nick Sale
- 12/8 - All School Mass (hosted by grade 3), Tree Lighting Event, Early Dismissal,
- 12/15 - K-8 Christmas Show (7 pm - see details below)
- 12/20 - Chorus & Band Winter Concert (7 pm)
- 12/21 - PreK Christmas Show (noon)
- 12/22 - Christmas Family Mass (hosted by grade 2), Early Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE

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

Similar to last year, the Annual Christmas Show for students in grades K-8 will be an in-person event. Please take note of the following information. All students in grades K-8 are expected to be at the evening performance. While this is very exciting for all of us, we do have to make some adjustments due to our large enrollment. First, each family will be allowed 2 guests only at the event. That means, 2 parents/guardians or one parent/guardian and sibling, or some other combination. Babies/young children on laps are still counted. Extra tickets are not available. This is due to space constraints and fire safety. The evening event will be live-streamed for any and all who'd like to view from home. *For everyone's enjoyment, please respect the rules.*

In an effort to include as many people as possible, grandparents or senior citizen friends will be invited to join us for the dress rehearsal on December 15 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Families who'd like to have grandparents at the dress rehearsal, must email Mrs. Tkacenko on or before December 13 so that we can ensure proper seating is available. Last year the grandparents enjoyed the day time event as much as the parents/guardians did the evening event. The children are already practicing their songs. I know they'll be wonderful!

Wishing you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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