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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. The children are back in school and we are already seeing signs of the coming Advent Season.

Congratulations to the fifth grade who led the school in donations for the Change Spree. This event raised over \$3,800 to benefit the Ozanam Homeless Shelter. As a celebration, we will have "Comfy-Cozy" Day on Thursday, December 7. Teachers will share additional information.

The weather has become significantly chillier, today it was downright cold! We do our best to have the children play outside for recess each day when the "feels like" temperature is 32° F or above. Please send your child with a warm coat and other appropriate outerwear daily. Take a few moments to write your child's name inside their outerwear so that when it gets left somewhere on campus that we can return it to your child.

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. Sweatpants and sweatshirts on gym days are expected for all students in grades K-8.

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

- 12/1 - All School Mass (hosted by grade 4)
 - Christmas Event for SBS Moms (6 pm)
- 12/5 - Chorus Performance at Brunswick Square Mall (6:30 pm)
 - Drama Panera Bread Fundraiser (4 pm)
- 12/5 & 6 - St. Nick Sale (shopping schedule posted on teacher websites)
- 12/8 - All School Mass (hosted by grade 3), Tree Trimming 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.*

All students in grades K-8 are expected to be at the evening performance. While this is very exciting for all of us, we have to make some adjustments due to our large enrollment. First, each family will be allowed 2 guests at the event. That means, 2 parents/guardians or a parent and a sibling, or some other combination; babies on laps are still counted. Extra tickets will not be 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 (vtkacenko@stbartseb.com) 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 did the evening event. The children are already practicing their songs. I know it's going to be a great show!

Wishing you a blessed Advent Season!

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