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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a beautiful Mass on Friday for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The third graders hosted the Mass and it was wonderful! Students also enjoyed the tradition of the Tree Lighting Event, which allowed older students to work with younger ones in the creation of simple ornaments and afforded us all the opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit. Earlier in the week we enjoyed special treats for St. Nicholas Day and the St. Nick Sale. Many thanks to the HSA and volunteers who made these events memorable ones for all. Rehearsals for the Christmas Concert and Christmas Shows are in the works. There is nothing that will put you in the spirit of the season more than listening to children singing Christmas hymns.

There have been some concerns raised about the traffic light at Peach Orchard and Ryders Lane. Please know that we are working with the county to have the timing of the light adjusted during the morning drop-off times so that there is less traffic building up. Thank you for your patience.

Effective January 3, 2024, there will be an addendum to the school handbook in regard to Smart Watches. Smart Watches are any device that is worn that allows students to access the WiFi network, make unmonitored calls, send text messages, play games, take pictures, etc. These devices will no longer be permitted to be worn or brought to school by students. They present several concerns including security, privacy, and the distractions they cause. Please tell your child to leave this device at home. Thank you for your cooperation.

As previously announced, students in grades K-8 are expected to be at the evening performance of the Christmas Concert. Each family will be allowed 2 guests at the event. That means, 2 parents/guardians or one parent and one sibling, or some other combination; babies on laps are still counted. Extra seats 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 a day time performance on December 15 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Families who'd like to have grandparents at the daytime performance, must email Mrs. Tkacenko (vtkacenko@stbartseb.com) on or before December 13 so that we can ensure proper seating is available.

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

The next few weeks will fly by and be filled with events to celebrate Advent and Christmas. The excitement is building! Please mark your calendars for the following events:

12/15 - K-8 Christmas Show (7 pm)

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

1/3/24 - School Resumes

Wishing you a blessed Advent!

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