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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you had a wonderful three-day weekend and had some extra time with your family. Friday was the end of the second marking period and we are halfway through the school year. We are preparing to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with many events to share what a wonderful school we have.

On Sunday, January 26 we will be kicking off Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 10 am. Many students will be participating in the Mass and helping with tours of the school. The HSA and Ariella M. Hopkins Memorial Fund will be hosting a pancake breakfast after the 8 am and 10 am Masses. There will be an Open House from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. A full schedule of events was posted earlier this month. I hope to see you at some of the events!

Re-registration packets were sent home with your children last week. Please note that there is a discount in the School Fee if you re-register by February 7. We expect our enrollment to be robust. Please don't wait to return the paperwork to school. We look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back in September!

The second lesson of the Empowering God's Children Program will take place in classrooms by the end of the month. Students who were opted out of this program will remain out of the program unless we are otherwise notified by the parent or guardian.

In an effort to limit the number of days that we are in school in June and possibly exposed to overly warm temperatures, we are making a slight change in procedures. In lieu of a traditional snow day (should one be necessary and we have enough warning), we are going to have asynchronous learning days. Remember that asynchronous learning means independent work for students, not online learning. Students in grade 5-8 will have assignments to complete that will be posted by 8:00 am on the day that school is closed. Teachers will be available to answer questions from students posted in Google Classroom from 8:00 am - noon. Students in PreK through grade 4 will have "Just in Case" activities and assignments sent home from the teacher prior to a weather event. Teachers will be available to answer questions via Class Dojo from 8:00 am to noon. The amount of work will be determined by the age of the students.

As was sent home to you via email last week, if you are able to donate small items for the Mission Fair tricky tray table (up to \$20), the HSA would greatly appreciate it.

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

A few important dates for you to note:

- 1/26-1/31 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/26 - Pancake Breakfast
- 1/31 - Early Dismissal
- 2/3 - Beginning of MAP testing for winter
- 2/14 - Valentine's Day Celebrations
- 2/20 - HSA's Mission Fair
- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday

Wishing you a wonderful week!

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
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