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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are fully immersed in the Season of Lent. Students and staff members are learning about and living their faith in many ways. Daily religion lessons and weekly Masses help the children to deepen their relationship with Jesus. Service projects and prayer time in classrooms are evident. Students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation with some grades already having done this. Grades 3-7 will go to confession during the school day. Students in grade 8 will have the opportunity to go during their final Confirmation preparation event and students in grade 2 will go to confession a few days before their First Holy Communion.

We are seeing an uptick in lunches being dropped off from fast food restaurants. Students should bring lunch to school with them on a daily basis or use our catering service. Lunch being delivered presents a problem as they don't arrive in time for the children to eat during their regular lunch period and disrupts the office staff in their tasks. Please only use lunch delivery in an emergency situation.

We continue the process of re-enrollment. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's re-registration paperwork. We are 86% re-enrolled and don't want families to lose their spot if the paperwork isn't in order.

An important consideration for parents and teachers in the coming weeks will be the process of creating class lists. We're going to use a similar process this year that we did last year and will allow parents to make requests for an **educational environment** for their children. Please understand that this is a request and not a guarantee. If you feel the need, you may request a learning situation that you feel your child will flourish in. For example, does your child need a structured learning environment, does your child prefer to learn in cooperative groups, does your child do well with a fast-paced teaching style. Does your child do well with a teacher who is soft-spoken or one who is more direct in his or her style? For students that will be in middle school, they will have multiple teachers and several different approaches to teaching. **Please do not request a teacher by name**, as staffing changes. Any and all requests must be addressed to Mrs. Craig, not the classroom teacher, at [tcraig@stbartseb.com](mailto:tcraig@stbartseb.com) on or before April 15.

Many classes will be taking field trips in the coming weeks. If you plan to volunteer as a chaperone, please make sure that you have submitted all of the required paperwork.

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

This can take several weeks to complete. The specific information can be found on the school website under “Quick Links” and then “Become a Volunteer”.

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

- March 28 - No School (Diocesan Professional Development Day)
- March 28 - Confirmation at 4pm
- April 9 - Spring Used Uniform Sale, Grades PreK - 4, PBL Night 6pm
- April 16 - Early dismissal (**aftercare available until 4pm**)
- April 16 - 27 - Easter Vacation
- May 2 - Family Day (Grade 2)
- May 3 - First Holy Communion
- May 5-9 - Teacher Appreciation Week (details to come)
- May 5 - 20 - Spring MAP Testing

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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