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Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Bartholomew School is alive with the industrious sounds of learning for all our students. It is wonderful to have all the children back in school and we are enjoying getting back into the routines of school.

Thank you for your patience at drop off and dismissal. The first few days of school are always a bit more challenging and require more patience. The procedure for arrival and dismissal is moving along well. The arrival is quick and efficient, and students are transitioning easily. School for students in grades K-8 begins at 7:30 AM, and we are allowing a grace period of 5 minutes for students who may be moving from the parking lot to the classrooms for tardiness. Anyone arriving after 7:40 will be marked tardy. Morning prayers begin at 7:35 AM. Classes begin promptly at 7:45. Please make every effort to have your child on campus by 7:25 AM so that they are ready for morning prayers at 7:35 AM. As always, when you exit the campus, we ask that you remain patient and follow all safety rules and procedures.

We are now up to four buses that service our school. We've worked out the initial kinks with their dismissal and things seem to be much quicker for bus riders. Please be reminded that instructional time goes until 1:35 PM and dismissal is at 1:45 PM. All students who need to be dismissed early must be picked up by 1:15 PM at the front office. At 1:40 PM, students who ride buses, attend aftercare, or any after school clubs or activities are moving to their next area. Once those children have transitioned, we begin to dismiss classes into the pick-up area. Older students are dismissed first. Students are not allowed to walk across the parking lot to get into a car without an adult. You must exit your car to pick up your child. On inclement weather days, please have appropriate clothing as the dismissal may take a bit longer.

We have a nice variety of after-school clubs and activities. These give children the opportunity to explore interests and make new friends. Please see the school website for more information and to register your child.

Back to School Night for parents/guardians with students in **Grades 1-8** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 19 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**. This is an **adults-only** event. The schedule is as follows:

6:00-6:30 -Cafeteria open to visit with special area teachers, HSA, clubs, and activities

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

6:30-7:00 - Meet in **Church** for information from Fr. Tom, Mrs. Craig, and the HSA
7:05-7:25 - Session 1 (Parents/guardians Grades 1-5 meet in classrooms for presentations and middle school (Grades 6-8) parents/guardians meet in cafeteria)
7:30-7:55 - Session 2 (Parents/guardians Grades 1-5 meet in classrooms for presentations and middle school parents/guardians can visit classrooms)
Please remember that Back to School Night is for informational purposes and not for teacher conferences which are scheduled for November.

Families with students in Grades 1-5 should plan to visit their individual homeroom teacher for a presentation. Families with students in middle school (Grades 6-8) will meet in the cafeteria for Session 1. Teachers will collaborate on the middle school presentation so that you can attend other teachers' presentations for children in Grades 1-5 during Session 2. This year, the 8th grade parent/guardian meeting will take place via video conference on another evening.

It has come to our attention that cars are using Peach Orchard Lane to make u-turns to make the light into our parking lot. Please be aware that children from that neighborhood may be making their way to school at the same time as our students. As always, please be cautious when driving through the neighborhoods where pedestrians may be present.

As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday, September 20 for a Teacher Spirituality Day. I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

God bless,
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
School Principal