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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are completing our first month of school. This month has flown by! It was wonderful to be together with all of you for Back-to-School Night. The students are enjoying using their “smencils” and the HSA appreciates your support of this St. Bartholomew School tradition.

Next week, we will begin administering the MAP tests to students in grades first through eighth. These computer-adaptive tests are the standardized tests mandated by the diocese that are given three times a year. Students will have plenty of time to complete the tests on their school-issued devices. Please make it a priority for your child to arrive at school on time so that they do not feel stressed or disturb the group once testing has begun. Once all tests are completed and we have permission from the diocese, score reports will be made available to parents.

This week, students in grades 2-8 will attend Mass on Friday at 10:00 am. As always, families of the class that is “hosting” the Mass are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending the Mass, please contact your child’s teacher for the exact dates and the school office to let us know the day before you attend.

October 4th marks the middle of the first marking period. As you may recall, St. Bartholomew School does not send home hard copies of progress reports or report cards. Only the end of the year report cards are sent home. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to login to PowerSchool to check their child’s progress on a regular basis, but minimally twice a marking period. If you are not able to access your account, please contact the office. Mrs. Tkacenko will provide you with your login information.

To follow up on the traffic situation from my last letter, we have been in contact with the county and adjustments to the traffic light for the left turn lane have been made and significantly improved the traffic flow. We are waiting on approval on a timing adjustment for traffic exiting our parking lot at dismissal.

As we move into fall, I strongly encourage you to label all of your child’s outerwear and sweaters or sweatshirts with an indelible marker. Our lost and found is beginning to pile up, and as the season changes, the number of items that are left at school will multiply. It makes things so much easier to return to the student if the lost item is labeled.

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

With the cooler weather, also comes the increase in illnesses. Please refer to the nurse's letter for information about healthy habits and when to keep your child home. As a reminder, we do not reward students for perfect attendance. We have found that this puts undue pressure on the student and family to come to school when they are ill or should otherwise not be at school. As a reminder, students are only excused from school for funerals and to attend an official high school visit. Otherwise, students are marked absent from school when they are not present in the building.

I am looking forward to visiting classrooms and our Month of the Rosary activities in October.

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