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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the middle of October. First and eighth graders had a wonderful Buddy Ceremony and prayer service last week. What a lovely school tradition that we are so thrilled to share with another group of students. Thank you to all who had a hand in making it a memorable morning.

We've just about finished up the first round of MAP testing in grades 1-8. As you may recall, MAP Tests are given three times a year for all students in grades 1-8. If you would like your child's report, please contact Mrs. Tkacenko at [vtkacenko@stbartseb.com](mailto:vtkacenko@stbartseb.com) to request a copy of this round of test scores for your child. They will be available after October 20. A hard copy of all test scores will be sent home at the end of the school year.

In a few weeks, the school community will enjoy some of our Halloween traditions. The volunteers from the HSA have been working to prepare the Halloween party which is scheduled for October 25th from 6-8 pm. Please see the flier from the HSA for the specifics for the event. You must purchase tickets in advance. No tickets for this event will be sold at the door. In school celebrations will be on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31** with the Halloween Parade at noon and class parties being scheduled by individual grades. Our annual Basket Raffle will be on November 15. This is a major fundraiser for our school. Volunteers and donations are needed, and I strongly encourage your participation. Once tickets go on sale, don't wait to purchase. Traditionally, this event sells out quickly. Please check the HSA's portion of the school website, which can be found under the teachers and staff tab, for details on many HSA events.

Typically the school community attends Mass each Friday at 10:00 am. All students, K-8, will attend Mass on November 1 for All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please remember that due to space constraints, only the families of the class that is "hosting" the Mass are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending when your child's class hosts the Mass, please contact your child's teacher for a tentative date. As we continue to be diligent about the safety and security of our school community, parents or guardians who attend Mass will be asked to show ID before entering the church.

The end of the first marking period is on Friday, November 8th, report cards will be ready for viewing on November 15th and teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences between November 18-22. In order for teachers to have adequate time to meet with parents, we will have early dismissal days on November 21 and 22. For families with students in PreK3 through grade 5, you will conference with your child's homeroom teacher. For middle school students, you will have the opportunity to meet with a pair of teachers who teach the specific grade. Teachers will be reaching out soon with more details and to schedule conferences with you.

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

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. As the season changes, the number of items that are left at school are multiplying, especially uniform sweaters and vests. It makes things so much easier if the lost item is labeled.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Month of the Rosary.

God bless,  
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.  
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# Halloween 2024

Halloween is coming! Thursday, October 31 is a school day and we are looking forward to our parade at 12 noon. Students who choose to dress up must come to school in their costumes. If students choose not to dress up, they must wear their school uniform.

## Guidelines:

1. All costumes need to be appropriate for a Catholic School.
2. Costumes must not prevent the student from fully participating in learning activities.
3. Costumes must not be revealing – no halter tops, tank tops, bare midriffs, short shorts or skirts.
4. Costumes must not be a tripping hazard.
5. Closed shoes must be worn.
6. All makeup, hair, and accessories must be done at home before coming to school.
7. No masks or face coverings.
8. No full-face makeup that obscures the identity of the student.
9. No weapons, or look-alike weapons (nunchucks, sickles, swords, knives, guns, etc.)
10. No clothing that is offensive, that promotes the use of drugs, alcohol or activities that are derogatory, disrespectful, or depict violence.
11. No fake blood or gory costumes.
12. If a student's costume is bulky or is an inflatable, it may only be worn during the parade.

If you think the costume might be questionable, don't have the student wear it.

If you need guidance, ask the teacher or administration.

Students who are deemed inappropriately dressed by administration will need to call home for a change of clothes or to be picked up from school.