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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We had a beautiful Mass last Monday for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A variety of middle school students helped to make it a wonderful Mass! Our prayer service on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe was a memorable spiritual and cultural experience for the children.

We have had many Christmas activities at the school. Students enjoyed the tradition of the Tree Lighting Event, which allowed older students to work with younger ones in the creation of simple ornaments and afforded us all the opportunity to get into the Christmas Spirit. We even had a special visitor, Santa Claus, for St. Nicholas Day! He visited every classroom and shared the message that Jesus is the reason for the season. Many thanks to the HSA and many volunteers who made these events memorable ones for all.

Our Christmas Shows for the students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 were magical. Many of us found ourselves wiping a tear or two as we listened to the children singing. Many thanks to Mrs. Kinnucane, Mrs. Tkacenko, Mrs. Ebert, and all of the teachers and teaching assistants for their hard work in making the show a very memorable experience. In case you or a family member missed it, you can still view it on our YouTube channel. There is nothing that will put you in the spirit of the season more than listening to children singing Christmas hymns.

Our PreKindergarten students were precious on Tuesday as they joyfully sang songs of the season. We are so proud of their hard work and enthusiasm.

The Chorus and Band Winter Concert is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, 12/19 at 7 pm. Please join us for a wonderful evening of song.

Winter weather is upon us. We do our very best to allow students time for recess outdoors daily. It can be very windy and chilly on our campus. Please send your child with the appropriate outerwear on a daily basis. Even after clearing our lost and found table at Thanksgiving, the items are building up again. Please help us return items that are mislaid, by labeling your child's items with their name. We will be clearing our lost and found items during the Christmas vacation.

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

The next few days will fly by and be filled with events to celebrate Advent and Christmas. The excitement is building! Please mark your calendars for the following events:

12/20 - Christmas Family Mass (hosted by grade 2), Early Dismissal, **NO AFTERCARE**

1/2/25 - School Resumes

1/17 - No School - Martin Luther King Day

1/26 - 1/31/25 - Catholic Schools Week

2/3 - 2/20 - Winter MAP Testing

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year!

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