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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope and pray that you are doing well and enjoying some well-deserved relaxation with your families. We are preparing for the upcoming school year and are crafting a path forward. Fr. Thomas and I have formed a school task force to assess various aspects of readiness for re-entry. Planning is underway for returning safely to school in September, following advice and directives from governmental, medical, and Diocesan agencies. We continue to stay updated and comply with regulations that apply to the school setting.

There are five domains that are being addressed to help to frame planning through an educational lens for a safe return to school. Logistics and Planning encompasses the basic operational aspects of the school, including safety procedures, arrival/dismissal procedures, and other aspects of schooling. Creating and Maintaining Community addresses the social/emotional aspects of the school. Curriculum and Instruction entails the teaching and learning aspects of the re-entry response. Promoting Catholic Identity to ensure that we continue to be authentically Catholic, remain academically excellent, and serve as an avenue for faith formation. Technology Support addresses use of technology as a tool for instruction.

As we have found, the situation is dynamic and fluid and we continually assess the impact the pandemic has had on our school community. We are committed to moving forward with hope and will keep you updated via the website. Please see the NCEA Newsletter on the website for information about addressing the topic of racism with our children. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. St. Teresa of Avila exhorts us to, "Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. Those who know God have everything. God is enough."

Have a safe and healthy summer and a happy Independence Day.

God bless you,
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.
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*The mission of St. Bartholomew School is to love, educate and inspire
our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.*