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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I pray you are doing well. We are getting close to the start of the 2020-2021 academic year and I am happy to welcome you back to a year of living our mission: *To love, educate, and inspire our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.* We welcome all of you back and are blessed to welcome new families to St. Bartholomew School.

The Return-to-School Plan has been posted on our website, so please review. Waiver forms are due before the first day of school. If changes become necessary, you will be notified. Arrival and dismissal procedures are also in the plan. If students arrive between 6:45 and 7:00 am, they should enter via door # 6 for temperature screening and will remain seated in the hallway while socially distanced until teachers are in the classrooms. Other students should enter through the doors designated in the Return-to-School Plan and will receive temperature checks before entering. All staff will receive temperature checks. Everyone will hand sanitize at the entrance. Masks are currently mandated; please practice with your child before the start of school. Staff will be outside in order to facilitate safe entry.

Dismissal procedures are also in the Return-to-School Plan; please refer to the diagram. No one should park in the first row. After School Care students will be dismissed by class first. The ASC plan will be posted shortly. Bus riders will be dismissed by class next. Then, car riders of students in Grades K-4 will be dismissed first and led out by teachers to the designated area for pick up followed by students in Grades 5-8. Parents/guardians of students in Grades K-4 should park to the right of the path when facing the building and Grades 5-8 to the left of the path. One parent/guardian should wear a mask and pick up the child. Please do not congregate in the parking lot and the playgrounds may not be used at this time. No one is permitted to leave the lot until students are safely in their cars. Grades K-4 should exit to the right and Grades 5-8 to the left. Park on the side of your youngest child.

Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers will let parents/guardians know their back-to-school schedule and arrival and dismissal procedures.

Book pick up for virtual students will take place in the back parking lot on September 1 from 9:00-11:00 am.

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Teachers will be emailing parents/guardians with classroom numbers and information. Teachers in Grades 1-8 will facilitate a virtual Back-to-School Night for parents/guardians on September 9 at 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm, and 8:00 pm in order to accommodate multiple siblings.

Following are guidelines for remote learning for the 2020-2021 school year:

- If a student begins remote learning and parent/guardians chooses to change to face-to-face learning, the administration must be notified in writing and students will remain remote until approved to change.
- If a student starts face-to-face learning and chooses to change to remote learning, the administration must be notified in writing.
- Links for live stream classes will only be shared with students/parents/guardians enrolled in the remote learning option. This link may not be shared with anyone else.
- Live stream sessions may not be recorded.
- All students are expected to attend scheduled classes via live stream in order to be considered present for the day.
- Students participating in live stream are expected to be dressed in the school uniform and to behave in a manner appropriate to the classroom. Students should be seated at a desk or table and should not be eating during class. While students may ask and answer questions, parents/guardians should not be addressing the teacher or students during this time.
- Students are expected to enable the video during every live stream class.
- If a student in face-to-face learning is out sick, he/she may participate in live stream if the teacher and office is notified.

On behalf of Fr. Thomas, Fr. James, the faculty, and staff, we are looking forward to a wonderful partnership with you to ensure our students receive the best Catholic education. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful community.

St. Bartholomew, pray for us.

God bless you,
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