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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Parishioners,

We are honored that you have chosen to partner with us in the Catholic education of your children, be it face-to-face or virtually. We have reasons to be both grateful and hopeful as we continue the outstanding education at our beloved St. Bartholomew School. School opens on September 2 for students in Grades 1-8, and there is an early dismissal at 11:30 am on September 2, 3, and 4. Please refer to the Return-to-School Plan for details about re-opening.

Books for students who are engaging in virtual learning will be distributed on September 1 from 9:00 am-11:00 am. Mrs. Ebert will distribute books in the back parking lot near the Church. Please social distance and wear a mask.

A virtual meet and greet with Kindergarten teachers will take place on September 2 at 9:30 am, for Pre-K 4 at 10:00 am, and for Pre-K 3 at 10:30 am. Pre-K 3 teacher will host a virtual Back-to-School session on September 2 at 7:00 pm. Pre-K 4 will host a virtual Back-to-School session on September 3 at 6:00 pm and Kindergarten will host at 7:00 pm.

Students in Kindergarten and Pre-K 4 will attend school on September 3 from 9:00-11:00 am for orientation. Pre-K 3 orientation will be held on September 3 from 9:30-11:00 am.

Please look for information from all teachers regarding return-to-school. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Please be mindful of the following:

- Continue summer reading
- Family/Student Emergency Information Form and signed waiver form are due before September 2.
- Please read and sign the forms in the Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook which will be posted shortly and return by September 4.
- Sign on to the Honeywell Instant Alert System and update your information. Information may be found on the website.
- Please provide me with any custody information. This must be provided each year.

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

- We are a peanut and tree nut-free facility. Please read all ingredient labels carefully. Any item with the warning *may contain traces of nuts or manufactured on equipment that also processes peanuts or tree nuts* is not permitted in school. No food may be shared during this time. Students may continue to dress out of uniform for their birthdays following the guidelines in the Handbook.
- Snack and lunch must be brought into school each day. Lunch is not available for purchase at this time.
- Please notify your child's homeroom teacher in writing about the way your child will travel home from school. If the situation changes on any given day, the homeroom teacher should be notified in writing. Please limit calls to the office about changes in dismissal. Please see the dismissal procedures in the Return-to-School Plan.
- The playgrounds may not be used after school during this time.
- Students in Grades K-8 should not arrive at school before 6:45 am. The school's responsibility for supervision begins at 6:45 am and ends at dismissal or at 6:00 pm for students who are registered in After School Care. Pre-K Before Care begins at 7:00 am. Under no circumstances shall students be in the building or on the grounds in an unsupervised capacity. Please refer to the Return-to-School Plan for information about arrival and where students should enter. Staff will be facilitating entry.
- Students should bring their own water bottle each day. Water fountains may not be used during this time.
- Prayers, Pledge of Allegiance, birthdays, and announcements begin at 7:40 am and will be over the intercom in the classrooms during this time.
- No one is permitted to park in the first row.
- Only students and staff are permitted to enter the building. No parents/guardians are to enter the building at this time.
- Please ensure that students arrive on time to school. The first class begins promptly at 7:45 am. Unexcused lateness impacts the flow of the classroom and interrupts learning. It is especially important during this time to arrive on time to school. See the Return-to-School Plan for details.
- All students will only be dismissed to a parent/guardian or person designated in writing by the parent/guardian.
- Please note that cell phones are not permitted to be used during school hours. See the Handbook for the cell phone policy.
- Teachers use our website to post announcements and homework. Please read the weekly Communication Envelope and Newsletter, which may be found on our website.
- Parents/guardians of students in Grades K-8 must have Power School accounts. If your child is new to the school, access codes and registration instructions will be sent home.
- Teachers in Grades 1-8 will host a virtual Back-to-School Night on September 9 with 3 sessions: 7:00 pm, 7:30 pm, and 8:00 pm. Details will be forthcoming.

We congratulate Mrs. Trenery on her retirement and welcome the following new teachers to our school family:

- Miss Anne Marie Giuliani will teach Pre-K 3.
- Miss Cortney Hanson will join second grade.
- Miss Rachel Januse and Miss Sabrina Carulli will teach third grade.

- Miss Ashley Gil will join fourth grade.
- Mrs. Oktavia Romano will join fifth grade.
- Mrs. Terese Maligranda will be eighth grade homeroom.
- Fr. James DeFillipps will teach eighth grade Religion and Social Studies.

Teachers will provide more information in their letters to the parents/guardians.

We look forward with excitement as we welcome our new and returning students and guide them to experience the gift of a St. Bartholomew School education. I thank you for entrusting your children to us, especially during this time. The safety and health of our staff and students is always a priority, and we have been working hard to ensure this. I am grateful for your support and understanding.

God bless you,
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.
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