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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a wonderful evening we celebrated with family and friends at the Basket Raffle! The event was a great success and I am grateful to all who worked so hard to prepare for this amazing event. Countless hours of work go into this and it showed. I thank all our wonderful volunteers, our emcee Pat Colligan, and our Home School Association. I am especially grateful to our chairs, Mrs. Molinaro and Mrs. Perlman, for coordinating this evening.

Thank you also to Mrs. Ebert and our International Night Committee: Mr. Badenhop, Mrs. Olvedy, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Ortiz, Mrs. Whipkey, Mrs. Phillips, and Mrs. Boomer. It was joyful to celebrate the diversity of our school with representation by 41 different countries. The displays taught us so much and the food was delicious. Thank you to all who contributed.

Our students thanked veterans by creating cards and writing letters, and several recipients called to say how much they appreciated the students' thoughtfulness. Thank you to the Columbiettes for ensuring that the veterans received the cards and letters.

Our teachers received part two of the series of professional development last Friday. We continue to work together to offer best practices for our students.

Pre-K 3 Thanksgiving Show will take place on November 19 at 1:30 pm and Pre-K 4 will host a Thanksgiving Celebration on November 20 at 1:00 pm. Please see teachers' websites for details. Thank you, Mrs. Porcelli and Mrs. Perdoni, and assistants for preparing our students so beautifully.

Students who purchased St. Bartholomew Spirit Wear may dress down in Spirit Wear on Tuesday, November 20. Thank you for your support. Our annual Pig Beauty Contest and Race will also take place on Tuesday to celebrate winners of the Magazine Drive sales.

It was wonderful to see so many parents/guardians during conference time. Thank you for partnering with us to offer the best education for your children.

I have partnered with a consulting firm called *Partners in Mission*, which focuses on developing advancement and leadership in order to advance our mission and to continue to offer the best education for our students.

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

School will dismiss at 11:30 am on November 21 as we begin the Thanksgiving celebration. A Prayer Service will be held at 10:30 am to thank God for our many blessings.

Our Band and Chorus Winter Concert will take place on November 29 at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm. Please join us for this wonderful celebration. The 9:30 am concert is for students and grandparents who may not be able to venture out in the evening. Thank you, Mrs. Kinnucane and students, for all your hard work.

Our Tree Lighting Ceremony and Festivities will take place on November 30. Thank you, Mrs. Riccardella, for preparing this wonderful event for our students.

“Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder (C. K. Chesterson). This is a perfect reflection of my experiences here at St. Bartholomew School. As I reflect on the many things for which I am thankful, I celebrate the amazing support of our parents and guardians for sharing their cherished children with us. I am thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn and for reminding us of what is important and why we are here. I take the success of each child personally, and I am thankful for our teachers and staff who are dedicated to our mission and our students. I thank Father Thomas and our parish for their support throughout the year. Most importantly, I thank God who showers our school family with so many blessings. I wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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