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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of the first marking period, we felt the need to clarify some details regarding the expectations of academic excellence at St. Bartholomew School. We believe that academic success is a shared responsibility among students, parents, guardians, and teachers. While teachers provide instruction, guidance, and support, students must take ownership of their learning by developing consistent study habits, completing assignments, and preparing for assessments. In middle school this includes midterm and final exams.

As we work together to help our students grow into responsible, independent learners, we would like to clarify several important expectations.

Students are expected to complete all assigned homework and classwork within the designated time frame. Class time should be used productively, and students are responsible for completing assignments, following directions, and seeking help when they do not understand the material. Homework is an essential part of reinforcing skills and concepts taught in class.

Completing homework is not the same as studying. Homework provides practice and reinforcement, while studying requires students to review notes, revisit previously taught material, practice skills, and prepare for upcoming assessments. Teachers provide study guides and other resources to help students prepare; however, students must take the initiative to use these tools consistently and effectively.

In mathematics, test corrections are typically offered to help students identify errors, strengthen their understanding, and learn from their mistakes. However, corrections are not guaranteed for every assessment and may vary depending on the teacher, the content, and the purpose of the assessment. Test retakes are generally not permitted. Students should therefore approach each assessment with appropriate preparation and recognize the importance of taking advantage of study opportunities before a test.

We recognize that students benefit from extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, and time with family and friends. However, these activities must be balanced with academic responsibilities. Students are expected to manage their time effectively and prioritize completing assignments and preparing for assessments. A busy schedule does not eliminate the responsibility to complete schoolwork.

Parents, guardians, and teachers play an important role in supporting students by providing encouragement, guidance, resources, and appropriate accountability. At the same time, students must gradually assume responsibility for their own academic progress. This includes keeping track of assignments, asking questions, using available resources, meeting deadlines, and recognizing that effort and preparation directly influence their success.

Our goal is not simply for students to earn good grades, but to help them develop the habits, perseverance, and personal responsibility they will need in high school and beyond. When students, parents, guardians, and teachers work together while maintaining clear expectations, we provide the strongest foundation for meaningful and lasting growth.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support in helping our students become confident, capable, and responsible learners.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
Principal

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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.***