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Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Bartholomew School is alive with the industrious sounds of learning for all of our students. It is wonderful to have all of the children back in school and we are enjoying getting back into the routines of school.

Thank you for your patience at drop off and dismissal. The first few days of school are always a bit more challenging and require more patience. The procedure for arrival and dismissal is moving along well. The arrival is quick and efficient and students are transitioning easily. School for students in grades K-8 begins at 7:30 AM, and we are allowing a grace period of 5 minutes for students who may be moving from the parking lot to the classrooms for tardiness. Morning prayers begin at 7:35 AM. Please make every effort to have your child on campus by 7:25 AM so that they are ready for morning prayers at 7:35 AM.

We are now up to four buses that service our school. We've worked out the initial kinks with their dismissal and things seem to be much quicker for bus riders. Placards with family names were sent home earlier this week. Place the placard in the passenger window or dash area so that we can more quickly see who is approaching the pick up zone. Please be reminded that instructional time goes until 1:35 PM and dismissal is at 1:45 PM. At 1:40 PM, students who ride buses, have siblings in PreK, attend aftercare, or any after school clubs or activities are moving to their next area. Once those children have transitioned, we begin to call the names of the car riders. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we perfect this routine for all concerned.

We have a nice variety of after school clubs and activities. These give children the opportunity to explore interests and make new friends. Please see the school website for more information and to register your child.

Back to School Night for families with students in Grades 1-8 is scheduled for Thursday, September 21 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. The schedule is as follows:

**6:30-7:00** -Cafeteria open to visit with special area teachers, HSA, clubs, and activities  
**7:00-7:30** - Meet in **Church** for information from Fr. Tom, Mrs. Craig, and the HSA  
**7:35-8:00** - **Session 1** (Parents/guardians Grades 1-5 meet in classrooms for presentations and middle school (Grades 6-8) parents/guardians meet in cafeteria)  
**8:05-8:30** - **Session 2** (Parents/guardians Grades 1-5 meet in classrooms for presentations and middle school parents/guardians can visit classrooms)

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

Please remember that Back to School Night is for informational purposes and not for teacher conferences which are scheduled for November.

Families with students in Grades 1-5, should plan to visit their individual homeroom teacher for a presentation. Families with students in middle school (Grades 6-8) will meet in the cafeteria for Session 1. Teachers will collaborate on the middle school presentation so that you can attend other teachers' presentations for children in Grades 1-5 during Session 2. This year, the 8th grade parent/guardian meeting will take place via video conference on another evening.

As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday, September 22 for a Teacher Spirituality Day. I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

God bless,  
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.  
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