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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here we are in the middle of October. First and eighth graders had a wonderful Buddy Ceremony and prayer service. What a lovely school tradition that we are so thrilled to share with another group of students. Thank you to all who had a hand in making it a memorable morning.

We've finished up the first round of MAP testing in grades 1-8. If you would like your child's report, please contact Mrs. Tkacenko at vtkacenko@stbartseb.com to request a copy of this round of test scores for your child. A hard copy of all test scores will be sent home at the end of the school year.

In a few weeks, the school community will enjoy some of our Halloween traditions. The volunteers from the HSA have been working to prepare the Halloween party which is scheduled for October 27th from 6-9pm. School day celebrations will be on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27** with the Halloween Parade at noon and class parties being scheduled by individual grades. Our annual Basket Raffle will be on November 10. This is a major fundraiser for our school. Volunteers and donations are needed. I strongly encourage your participation.

Typically the school community attends Mass each Friday at 10:00 am. Because of our Halloween festivities, students will not attend Mass on October 27, but instead on November 1 for All Saints Day. Please remember that due to space constraints, only the families of the class that is "hosting" the Mass are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending when your child's class hosts the Mass, please contact your child's teacher for a tentative date. As we continue to be diligent about the safety and security of our school community, parents or guardians who attend Mass will be asked to show ID before entering the church.

The end of the first marking period is on Friday, November 3rd, report cards will be ready for viewing on November 10, and teachers will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences between November 13-17. In order for teachers to have adequate time to meet with parents, we have made a change to the calendar. November 16 & 17 will now be early dismissal days. For families with students in PreK3 through grade 5, you will conference with your child's homeroom teacher. For middle school students, you will have the opportunity to meet with a pair of teachers who teach the specific grade. Teachers will be reaching out soon with more details and to schedule conferences with you.

As we move into fall, I strongly encourage you to label all of your child's outerwear and sweaters or sweatshirts with an indelible marker. As the season changes, the number of items that are left at school are multiplying, especially uniform sweaters and vests. It makes things so much easier if the lost item is labeled.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Month of the Rosary.

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