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January 7, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday with your family and friends. It was wonderful to have some time to rest and recharge. In case I've missed anyone, I wanted to say thank you for the generous and thoughtful gifts that I received. I was floored by the generosity of the school community. It was lovely to see all of the smiling faces of the children and staff as we returned to school this week. The children are bursting with stories of their time away from school. We are all settling back into our regular routine. Homework Club has already resumed, and the next set of registrations for after school clubs has already been posted on the school website.

We continue with our tradition of classes hosting our school Masses. The children are really doing a wonderful job at Mass, and I encourage you to attend when your child's class is the host. Student cantors, readers, singers, and ambassadors make it a truly special time.

We are excited for all of the new adventures that 2026 will bring for the St. Bart's family. Mark your calendars for Catholic Schools Week which will begin with Mass at 10 am on Sunday, January 25. Consider other us and other St. Bartholomew School families for the Pancake Breakfast in support of the Ariella M. Hopkins Memorial Scholarship after the 8 am and 10 am Masses. We are inviting families to join us for International Night Wednesday, January 28 from 6:00-7:30 pm. We have several special events for students including the annual volleyball game, the American Heroes Prayer Service, Eighth Grade Leadership Day, and our breakfast and Mass for volunteers. A sneak peek of the week can be found on the school's website.

Midterms for middle school students are planned to start on Tuesday, January 20. Students in grades 6-8 will be taking midterms. Please help your middle school student understand the difference between studying and homework, and the need to prepare for midterms. Study guides are available for students. Sixth graders tend to have the most difficulty understanding the preparation that is involved in studying for exams. Check your child's teachers' websites for the specific dates of their exams. The end of the marking period is January 16. Please check PowerSchool to see how your child is doing academically. It's certainly easier to deal with any missing assignments now than the few days before the end of the marking period.

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

As is traditional, the information for re-registration for students for the 2026-2027 school year will be available soon. We are changing things this year to streamline payments and paperwork. Please make every effort to adhere to the deadlines. We begin planning and making decisions about the 2026-2027 school year as early as the beginning of March.

**Mark your calendars:**

- 1/16 - End of second marking period
- 1/19 - No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 8th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
- 1/25-1/30 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/31 - HSA's Sweetheart Dance - tickets required
- 2/2-2/17 - MAP Testing
- 2/9 – No School – Pastor's Holiday
- 2/13 - Valentine's Day celebrations, early dismissal, faculty meeting
- 2/16 - No School - Presidents' Day
- 2/18- Ash Wednesday, All School Mass
- 2/19 - HSA's Mission Fair

Wishing you a blessed New Year!

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