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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a busy few weeks we have had, with even more excitement and learning ahead! School holidays, Valentine's Day celebrations, the Mission Fair, Ash Wednesday, and MAP Testing have certainly kept our teachers and students engaged. It has been a wonderful February so far. The children were especially excited to exchange valentines and share special treats with their classmates and friends.

As we begin our Lenten journey, I encourage each family to take time to draw closer to God in a meaningful way. You might consider attending Friday evening Mass and Stations of the Cross, the Novena Mass on Mondays at 7:00 PM, or the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays at 10:00 AM. Lent is a beautiful opportunity for prayer, reflection, and renewal. Our first of several planned school wide activities for charity, or almsgiving was the Mission Fair. Fifth grade will be sponsoring their annual Cereal Box Challenge, and we will have another dress down day for a donation to support research for rare diseases.

One of St. Bart's most beloved traditions is the Mission Fair that took place this week. Each year, I am amazed by the positive energy and enthusiasm of our students and volunteers. The children patiently take turns, cheer for one another, enjoy the many games, and make their teachers and administrators incredibly proud. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Villalona and the Mission Fair Committee for the many hours spent planning and organizing this event. Thank you also to the families who generously supported the fair through donations, and to the volunteers who gave their time to make this both a "fun-raiser" and a fundraiser in support of the missions of our diocese. What a special community event!

Winter MAP testing has now been completed. Family reports for students in grades 1-8 will be printed and sent home once the diocese closes the testing window and releases the necessary documents. We anticipate reports being sent home by the end of February. If you have questions regarding your child's scores, please contact your child's teacher first. Should you have additional questions after that, I am happy to assist.

We continue with the updated re-enrollment process. Re-registration fees were billed to your FACTS accounts on February 6 and will be withdrawn on February 20. If you have not yet returned your child's re-registration paperwork, please do so promptly. If any portion of your paperwork is outstanding, kindly make it a priority to submit it to the

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our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.***

office. Please note that families with delinquent tuition accounts will not be permitted to complete the re-registration process.

On Thursday, February 26 at 7:00 PM, the school and parish, in conjunction with the Daniel Pearl Education Center, will host Mrs. Maud Dahme, a Holocaust survivor, who will share her experience as a "hidden child" during the Holocaust. This event is open to all families and to the public, and is most appropriate for older students. We hope many of you will consider attending this meaningful presentation. Please RSVP to Mrs. Ebert at [zebert@stbartseb.com](mailto:zebert@stbartseb.com) as soon as possible.

As we continue through the school year, please take a moment to ensure that your child is adhering to our school uniform code. Students are growing and may need new uniform pieces. Girls are expected to wear knee socks without logos or tights as part of the uniform. Ankle socks are only for gym days. Sneakers should only be worn on designated gym days. On school Mass days, students are to be in their formal uniforms; this includes boys and all students in upper grades wearing their vests and all students wearing the required formal attire. For further information about the uniform, please refer to the school website. Attention to these details helps foster a sense of pride, unity, and respect within our community. Addressing and correcting small uniform infractions promptly helps students develop responsibility and prevents the need for larger disciplinary actions.

Finally, a reminder regarding campus safety. Backing up in a crowded parking lot creates an unsafe environment for everyone. Please refrain from doing so and allow yourself adequate time to exit safely. Additionally, when snow is on the ground, students are not permitted to walk on or play in the snow. This rule applies whether students are under school supervision or with their families. Lastly, once students have been dismissed into the care of their parents or guardians, those adults are responsible for supervising them. We have observed unsafe behavior in the preschool area, including children playing on the steps and running through landscaping. Your cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

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