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Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day, and the first day of Spring are upon us! We are fully immersed in the Season of Lent. Students and staff members are learning about and living their faith in many ways. Daily religion lessons and weekly Masses help the children to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Service projects and prayer time in classrooms and school-wide are evident. Thank you for your support of the Mission Fair. We raised over \$2,900, which is a record amount, in support of the Missionary Childhood Association.

Students in grades 2-8 will have the opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the coming weeks. Grades 3-7 will go to confession during the school day. Students in grade 8 will have the opportunity to go during their final Confirmation preparation event and students in grade 2 will go to confession a few days before their First Holy Communion.

We continue the process of re-enrollment. If you haven't already done so, please return your child's re-registration paperwork. Many classes are approaching or are at capacity and we are not able to hold seats for students whose families are still undecided. We expect there to be waiting lists in several grades.

An important consideration for parents and teachers in the coming weeks will be the process of creating class lists. We're going to use a similar process this year that we did last year and will allow parents to make requests for an **educational environment** for their children. Please understand that this is a request and not a guarantee. If you feel the need, you may request a learning situation that you feel your child will flourish in. For example, does your child need a structured learning environment, does your child prefer to learn in cooperative groups, does your child do well with a fast-paced teaching style. Does your child do well with a teacher who is soft-spoken or one who is more direct in his or her style? For students that will be in middle school, they will have multiple teachers and several different approaches to teaching. **Please do not request a teacher by name**, as staffing changes. Any and all requests must be addressed to Mrs. Craig, not the classroom teacher, at tcraig@stbartseb.com on or before April 15. To avoid any confusion, each request will be sent a form response. If you do not receive a response within 2 days, please send another message.

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

Many classes will be taking field trips in the coming weeks and we will be having Field Day as well. If you plan to request to be a chaperone or volunteer for Field Day, please make sure that you complete the volunteer procedures. This can take several weeks to complete. The specific information can be found on the school website under "Quick Links" and then "Become a Volunteer."

There are a few dates that you need to be aware of:

- 3/18 - Parent and Guardian Engagement Meeting - Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse Prevention - 7:00 PM
- 3/21 - Mother Son Event - 6:00 PM
- 3/24 - New Volunteer Virtus Training at St. Bartholomew School 6:00 PM
- 3/25 - PBL Night from 5:30-6:30 PM (Please note: the time has been changed.)
- 3/25 - Memorial Mass for Fr. Tom's Sister, Joan Beck - 7:00 PM
- 3/26 - Dress Down Day for donation
- 3/27 - 6th Grade Trip, Confirmation - 5:00 PM (Early dismissal for grade 8 - only!)
- 4/1 - Early Dismissal
- 4/2 - 4/12 - Easter Vacation

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Wishing you a wonderful week,
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
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