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Dear Families,

We were blessed to celebrate a beautiful school Mass last week in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, graciously hosted by our fifth-grade classes. It is a joy to gather together as a school community in Mass.

The past few weeks have been filled with wonderful Christmas activities. Students enjoyed shopping at our annual St. Nick Sale, participated in the Tree Lighting Event, where older students partnered with younger ones to create simple ornaments—an experience that truly captured the spirit of the season. Students were also excited by a special visit from Santa Claus and the surprise of treats in our “shoes” for St. Nicholas Day! Many thanks to our HSA and the numerous volunteers who made these events so memorable for our students.

Our Christmas Shows for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 were absolutely magical. Many of us found ourselves wiping away a tear or two as we listened to the children sing so beautifully, and perhaps chuckling at the enthusiastic antics of our youngest singers. Heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Kinnucane, Mrs. Tkacenko, Mrs. Ebert, Mr. Collins, and all of our teachers and teaching assistants for their dedication and hard work in creating such a meaningful experience. If you or a family member were unable to attend, the performances are available on our YouTube channel. There is truly nothing that captures the spirit of the season quite like children singing Christmas hymns.

Our Pre-Kindergarten students also delighted us on Tuesday as they joyfully sang songs of the season. We are so proud of their enthusiasm and hard work.

The Chorus and Band Winter Concert will take place on Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for an evening celebrating our students' musical talents.

As winter weather sets in, we do our best to provide students with outdoor recess whenever possible. Our campus can be windy and cold, so please ensure your child comes to school each day with appropriate outerwear. Despite clearing the lost and found before Thanksgiving, items are already accumulating again. Please help us return misplaced belongings by labeling your child's items with their name. All unclaimed lost and found items will be cleared during Christmas vacation.

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

Please note a calendar update for the 2025-2026 school year. **Monday, February 9, will now be observed as a Pastor's Holiday**, and school will be closed for students and staff on that day. Our school calendar will be updated accordingly. Thank you for your attention to this change and for your continued cooperation.

The next few days will surely fly by and will be filled with joyful events as we continue to celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas. The excitement is building! Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:

12/19 - Wear your "holiday headgear"
12/22 - Class Christmas Parties & "Christmas Sweater Day"
12/23 - Christmas Mass (hosted by grade 2), Early Dismissal, **NO AFTERCARE**
1/5/26 - School Resumes
1/16 - Early dismissal, faculty meeting
1/19 - No School - Martin Luther King Day
1/26 - 1/31/25 - Catholic Schools Week
2/3 - 2/20 - Winter MAP Testing
2/9 - No School - Pastor's Holiday - CALENDAR CHANGE

Wishing you a blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year!
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