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January 26, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week, a time when we celebrate our outstanding school. The benefits of a Catholic education and the Kindergarten through eighth grade model have been studied and well-documented. Students who attend St. Bartholomew School receive a challenging, high-quality academic experience in a supportive environment, with an emphasis on Catholic values. At St. Bartholomew School, we teach students to accept responsibility and respect others as we work together to provide an excellent learning environment. Please see my letter in the reregistration packet about the value of the K-8 model. Our students score in the 85th percentile on standardized tests and we offer advanced technology, full-day academic Kindergarten, STEM curriculum, and a strong foundation in all academic areas. Please join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 27, beginning with the 10:00 am Mass and following with tours from 11:30am-2:00 pm to meet our teachers and students. Students who attend Mass and dress informal uniform will receive a dress-down pass. Students who have a part in the Mass or Open House must be dressed in formal uniform. A second Open House will be held on Friday, February 1, from 9:30-10:30 am and 12:15-1:15 pm. Tuition assistance is available. Please call the office or check the website for information.

On Monday, January 28, students will “step-up” to the next grade level to engage in a learning experience. Tuesday is School Spirit Day and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Game. Students may dress in green or gold to show school spirit. On Wednesday, we celebrate literacy with our Literacy Fair, which will be held at 7:00 pm. Author Michael Dooling will visit on Thursday, and his autographed books are available for purchase. Please see the website for the form. We conclude the week with Open House and Family Bingo Night, which begins at 5:30 pm. Candlemas will be held at 7:00 pm and our second grade students will receive miraculous medals and scapulars. Thank you for all you do to spread the good news about our school.

Grades close on January 25 and report cards will be available on Power School by February 1. Please contact teachers with questions or concerns.

Please see the Communication Envelope for information about upcoming events and extra-curricular offerings.

May we continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to “light a fire in the heart of our world” as stated by Bishop Checchio in his Pastoral Letter. Have a blessed week.

God bless you,  
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.  
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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.***