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Virtue of the Week – Determination December 2nd - Wednesday Bulletin



Principal's News

Our first *School Reach System* voicemail and email **test** was sent out to all St. Bart's parents on Monday, November 30th. Everyone should have received a "test" voice message. In the future, we will use this system for school emergencies only. Do not be alarmed if the system sends out two-three messages. It automatically does this if it does not reach a voicemail system.

This Friday, December 4, 2009, is the deadline to apply for the 2010-2011 Tuition Assistance Applications Now Available: Applications for families interested in receiving tuition assistance from the *Archdiocese of Washington* for the 2010-2011 school year are now available online at www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org. **All current families who are receiving any type of financial assistance must fill out this form in order to continue to receive aid from our school.**

Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday, December 5th. This is a great morning filled with breakfast, Christmas crafts, and pictures with Santa.

Parents who are volunteering to help supervise students during the faculty Christmas luncheon next Wednesday, December 9th, please report to the school office for a visitor's badge and instructions. Thanks in advance for your help.

Our **Christmas Pageant** will be held on **Thursday, December 17th**. Please see the important enclosed information about our pageant. *Kathleen Miller, Principal*

Home & School News



A letter and envelope was sent home last week for a **Christmas Gift Fund** collection for St. Bartholomew's priests, teachers, and staff. This gift is a way to say "**thank you**" for their hard work and dedication to our children. Your donation is strictly optional but we are hoping for **100%** family participation! Please enclose your check, made payable to "Jennifer Bautista" in an envelope labeled *Christmas Gift Fund*. Please return your contribution to the school office by December 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Jennifer Bautista, President



Snow Policy/School Cancellation

There is **No Before/Aftercare if there is a late opening or early dismissal**: St. Bartholomew School follows the Montgomery County Public School System in case there is a school cancellation, late arrival, or early dismissal. A two-hour delay means school starts at 9:45 a.m. Please listen to your TV/Radio Stations for updates.



Hot Lunch News!

Parents, please send your children in with their lunch on days you have not purchased lunch for them. There really are **"No Extra Lunches"** for those who forgot or decide that morning they would like a hot lunch. Sometimes in the past this has worked out because of the missing or sick students who did not come in for their lunches. This puts an unfair burden on the volunteer parents who are trying to make sure that everyone who has paid receives a meal. The caterer only prepares the number of lunches which have been purchases, no "extras." There are extra hot lunch forms in the office if you still would like to order. Thank you for understanding.

Hot Lunch Schedule



Thursday, 12/03	Cold Cut sandwich, chips, & fruit
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Elisa DeAngelis, Katherine Loughran, & Susann Valenza</i>
Friday, 12/04	12:30 p.m. dismissal, No lunch
Monday, 12/07	Pizza, salad & dessert
<i>Parent Volunteers</i>	<i>: Zoy Calomiris & Rosario Hendricks</i>
Tuesday, 12/08	Chicken Caesar salad & roll
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Ladon Abbariki, Cecilia Castiello, & Fatina Mukhar</i>
Wednesday, 12/09	Grilled Cheese, chips & fruit
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Leah Morabito, Tracy McCann, & Michelle Place</i>
Thursday, 12/10	Beef Tacos with all the fixings
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Anne Park, Nancy Palermo, & Nick Triandafilou</i>
Friday, 12/11	Mama Lucia Pasta, bread, and salad
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Gena Conte, Maria Orozco, & Julie Pflieger</i>



Advent Project for Baby Jesus Shower

Each year, we ask that each of our families at St. Bartholomew School bring one wrapped gift of the following: sleepers, sweaters, long pants, and socks, from sizes 18-24 months to 2 toddlers.

Please send the wrapped family gift, label it with the enclosed gift tag, and send it to school with your oldest child by Wednesday, December 16^h. Additional gift tags are available in the office. **If you have more than one child in your family, we ask that the younger child bring in toiletries for the mother of baby, such as deodorant, tooth brush/tooth paste, lotion, comb/brush, soap, or shampoo. **Please do not wrap the toiletries just put a gift tag on them.

At the 11:15 a.m. *Advent Liturgy* on Friday, December 18^h, the children will bring up their wrapped gifts to place around the altar. A basket will be provided for the mother's toiletries. Thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Candy Cane Sale

Student Council will be selling candy canes during lunch the week of December 8th – 12th for 2 for \$1.00. You and/or your child can buy 2 candy canes with personalized tags! For parents interested in buying candy canes for their child, please send your money and order in to Mrs. Constable-Allen. The candy canes will be delivered by 12/13. All proceeds are to benefit Sr. Nena's Mission charity.



Picture Make-Up Day!

All ordered individual pictures will be coming home this week!

Picture Make-Up Day is **this Thursday, December 10th**. If your child was not here on picture day or would like to re-take his/her picture, please return your pictures on re-take day. Extra order forms are in the school office if you need one. **Children may dress-up for his/her picture, but must change into his/her uniform afterwards.**



St. Bartholomew Christmas Concert

St. Bartholomew Church is having their annual Christmas concert to benefit the *Mount Carmel House Shelter for Homeless Women* on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Church. Pieces to be performed include the Schubert Mass in G, the Vivaldi Gloria, and other vocal works of the season. The concert features Carole J. Wysocki, conductor, Jeanne Hisle, soprano, Carol Rollie Flynn, mezzo-soprano, H. Vincent Kelly, tenor, and John A. Martino, baritone, the Chamber Ensemble, and the *St. Bartholomew Choir*. This is an open donation concert. All contributions will benefit *Mount Carmel*. For more information, please call 301-22907933.

Announcements & Dates

- The November Childcare bills are enclosed in today's envelope. Please have your payment made before our Christmas break.
- Please **send in the new 2010 Extracurricular Activities**. Many classes fill up quickly. The **Mad Science** start date for January was incorrect on the form. The correct start date is Tuesday, January 5th. More forms are available in the school office if you need them.
- We need yearbook pictures! Please send in or email Mrs. Hall your Halloween pictures, last years Field Day pictures, book fair pictures, Field trip pictures, etc. You can send in hard copies or by email to: joanne@stbartholomew.org.
- Please join us for cocktails and a buffet on Sunday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall to thank all the St. Bart's Parish volunteers.
- Please do not park in the church/school courtyard area. Kids at play!
- Our next *Mother's Book Club* will be on January 4th; at 7:00 p.m. Begin reading *The Shack*, by Brad Cummings, William P. Young, and Wayne Jacobsen.
- Two St. Bart's students are performing in the *Washington Ballet's* Nutcracker at the Warner Theater: *Lauren Cox, a mouse, and Veronika Pettey, a soldier*.
- The *Montgomery Blue Devil's Squirt* AA hockey team, on which three of our St. Bart's students, *Jason Harper, Veronika Petty, and Kyle Sinai* are members, won the Silver Stick regional hockey tournament this past Sunday and will be competing in Canada in January for the North American Championship. Let's congratulate them and wish them well.
- Friday, December 4th 12:30 p.m. dismissal/Teacher In-Service
- Saturday, December 5th 9:00 -11:00 a.m. Breakfast w/Santa
- Sunday, December 6th 6:30 p.m. Parish Volunteer Party
- Thursday, December 10th Picture Re-take Day!
- Saturday, December 12th 10:00 a.m. 2nd Gr. 1st Reconciliation
- Thursday, December 17th 7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant
- Friday, December 18th 12:30 p.m. Dismissal – **No Aftercare**