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*Virtue of the Week – Peacefulness*

*January 27, 2010 - Wednesday Bulletin*



**Principal's News**

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> place at the *DeMatha Academic Challenge* over the weekend. DeMatha said that we received the highest score in the seven years they been doing this! We competed with 15 other ADW schools. Congrats to team members: *Ashley Arcidiacono, Alex DiMisa, Michael Libre, Jake Miller, and Cormac O'Donovan*. Thanks also to *Katherine Travis* who was a team member but not able to participate on Sunday.

**This Sunday** we are officially beginning our *Catholic Schools Week* celebration at all the masses. **The children should wear their school uniforms to any St. Bart's Mass this weekend to show their school spirit. In return, the students who wear their uniform to mass will be able to have a free "dress up" day on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.** There will be a special celebration at the 10:00 a.m. mass where we will have children as lectors, singing in the choir and ushers. There will be a special treat for children after mass in the church hall. Children who are in the school choir are invited to sing with the children's choir at mass. Please report to rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. At the end of each mass, a St. Bart's student will read an essay about "*Why I like St. Bart's*", and all children will hand out thank you notes to parishioners.

Next **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will be having our *Family Open House* for parents of children who currently attend our school. This is a day you don't want to miss. The day will be full of activity, including 8:00-8:30 a.m. parent coffee in the church hall, **8:30 a.m. student presentation in the church hall**, 8:45-10:00 a.m. classroom observation, a Catholic Schools Week/Honors Mass at 10:15 a.m., followed by a special lunch with your child. The children look forward to showing you everything they do each day. Enclosed, is additional information and details regarding Catholic School's Week.

We will be having an *Open House and Registration* for prospective parents on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Our Kindergarten class is full for next year but spaces are available for Pre K. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to come and apply that day.

*St. Bartholomew School* has many after school activities, and aftercare children are also at play in the courtyard area. Please **drive very slowly** when you are entering and exiting the school grounds. Please teach your children to look both ways when getting in and out of the car. Please **do not talk on your cell phones** while driving through the carpool line. Please also inform your caregivers/babysitters, etc. this rule also. There is **NO PARKING IN THE COURTYARD** from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Report cards are coming home today in your child's backpack.

*Kathleen Miller, Principal*

 **Important Accounting Information**

**Report cards will be coming home today through your child's back pack.** All outstanding tuition, childcare, or any other invoices & school bills must be paid and up-to-date in order for your children to receive his/her report card. Please call the school office if you have any questions.



**The 2010 Snowflake Ball (Father/Daughter Dance)**

Fathers and daughters, the eighth annual Snowflake Ball is rapidly approaching! It will be held on Saturday, February 6th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Everyone should have received their invitation to the Ball in last week's envelope. There are extra invitations in the school office if you need one. Please send in your RSVP's along with a check for **\$15 per person, made out to St. Bartholomew HSA**, to the school office by February 1st. As in years past, we are asking each attending family to bring either an appetizer or a dessert for the event. Families with last names beginning with **A through L should bring an appetizer** and families with last names beginning with **M through Z should bring a dessert**. Items can be delivered to the church hall cafeteria between 6:30 and 7:30 on the night of the dance.

Volunteers are still needed for decorating, set-up, clean-up and on-site support during the dance so please fill out and return the volunteer flyer that was sent home, or contact either Liz Manning at [lizwmanning@aol.com](mailto:lizwmanning@aol.com) or 301-365-2765 or Elizabeth Crone at [dc5777@verizon.net](mailto:dc5777@verizon.net) or 301-564-5777 with the time(s) that you are able to help.

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**BINGO NIGHT!**

Please see the enclosed flyer for our BINGO night on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the church hall. iPod Nano Raffle! Great prizes for kids of all ages! Cost is \$10.00 which includes 10 Bingo games, a slice of pizza and a drink! All children must be supervised by a parent.



**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Bart's Ice Skating Party!**

Enclosed please find a registration form for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual St. Bartholomew School ice skating party at *The Cabin John Ice Rink* on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm - 8:00pm for a private skate and a private party in the back room afterwards!

**Catholic School's Week - Family School Open House/Lunch**



Last Call to Order a special Family Lunch!

Please join us on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> for *St. Bart's Open House and Family Lunch Day*. You may purchase a *Chicken Caesar or Vege Wrap Boxed Lunch*. A special order form is enclosed in today's envelope. This is a very special day for the children, and we hope you'll be here.

**! LAST CALL ON ORDERING HOT LUNCHES AND PIZZA !**

**Please send in your order forms this week. We need to give the caterers our orders. If you need more forms, come to the school office.**

**Lunch Problems:** Many students are not coming to school with lunches or morning snacks. **If your child is not signed up for hot lunch, we can no longer provide a lunch for them. We only have enough lunches for those children who have signed up.**

**Hot Lunch Schedule**



**Thursday, 01/28**

**Beef tacos with all the fixings**

*Parent Volunteers:*

*Courtney Bromley, Elisa DeAngelis, & Beth Fagan*

**Friday, 01/29**

**Pasta with sauce, salad, and bread**

*Parent Volunteers:*

*Laura Gallagher, Maria Orozco, & Julie Pflieger*

**Monday, 02/01**

**Pizza, salad, & dessert**

*Parent Volunteers:*

*Al Arcidiacono & Kimmy Boone*

**Tuesday, 02/02**

**Chicken Caesar Salad**

*Parent Volunteers:*

*Amy Abdow, Jennifer Allison, & Beth Fagan*

**Wednesday, 02/03**

**Family Lunch Day – Special Lunch**

*Parent Volunteers:*

*Allison Cox, Michelle Hutter, & Romina Vos*

**Thursday, 02/04**

**Cold cut sandwich, fruit, and chips**

*Parent Volunteers:*

*Lisa Lynch, Judy Roberts, & Nancy Travis*

**Friday, 02/05**

**12:30 p.m. dismissal, No lunch**

## Important 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

The Confirmation Rite of Blessing scheduled for Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 Mass *has been changed* to Sunday, **Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:00 Mass**, because of the Archbishop's Appeal.

The parent meeting to be held Sunday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 in the Hall *has also been moved* to Sunday, **Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00** in the Hall for the same reason. If you have any questions, please call the CCD office at 301-229-3431. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.



Everyone should have received their invitations last week. Please let me know if you did not receive one. A few were left in Aftercare. Thanks to those of you who have already begun sending in your donations and RSVP's! Keep them coming!

Our next gala meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2/2/10 after carpool at Lisa Hull's house (5505 Charles Street in Bethesda). Also, we will begin selling raffle tickets for a beautiful *Sony Vaio laptop computer*. I am looking for volunteers to sell at Sunday Masses, basketball games, your businesses, etc. Please email or call me if you think you can help at [juliaconstableallen@yahoo.com](mailto:juliaconstableallen@yahoo.com) or 301-229-5586 ext 29. Thanks!

*Julia Constable-Allen, Gala Chair*

## Announcements

- The February school calendar is enclosed.
- Remember to listen to your radio for school cancellations, late openings, etc. We follow the MCPS system. No Before/Aftercare when there is a change in weather.
- Please restock your children's pencil cases with new pencils (sharpened), erasers, and pens. Thank you.
- Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Full day of school
- Sat-Sunday, January 30-31<sup>st</sup> Wear uniforms to church