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Virtue of the Week – Joyfulness November 18, 2009 Wednesday Bulletin



Principal's News

Our **Open House for Prospective Parents** is this Friday, November 21st from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will be taking applications for the upcoming school year for new students. Also, please tell your friends about our school and tell them to attend and register on Friday.

This Friday we will be honoring **as Al & Judy Arcidiacono as our *Volunteers of the Year*** at the *Catholic Business Network Banquet*. As most of you know, Al & Judy have been actively involved in our school for over 13 years. Their service includes being room parents, DJ at our Field Days and St. Bart's Weekend, Gala volunteers, and much, much more. They are very dedicated to our church and school. Congratulations Judy and Al!

This Friday we will also be sending out a "*School Reach Instant Parent Contact*" test by voice mail and email. This is only a test. This system will only be used in the future in case of a school emergency.

Thank you to all parents for keeping your children home when sick or until fever-free for 24 hours. This helps stop the spread of the flu through our school.

School begins at 8:00 a.m. Children are to arrive between 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Many students are arriving late.** Please also dress your child for the weather with winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Don't forget to label everything. We do go outside, so it is important that they are dressed warmly.

Attention 8th grade parents: Your child's ADW high school choice form is due into the office no later than Tuesday, November 24th.

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 each year in order to continue to receive aid.** The deadline to apply for this tuition assistance is December 4, 2009.



It's hard to believe that it is time for **Breakfast with Santa on December 5th**. This is a great morning filled with breakfast, Christmas crafts, and pictures with Santa. Please send in your RSVP for this event, so that we can get an accurate count for breakfast.

Our **Christmas Pageant** will be held on **Thursday, December 17th**. The Pageant is one of the most memorable nights of the year. All of the students in PreK-8th are involved in the pageant. They have been

working hard, and they sound beautiful.

Kathleen Miller, Principal

Home & School News

 *Sally Foster*

school delivery was yesterday. Please verify your entire order immediately. If you find any discrepancies, please notify one of us no later than this Monday, November 23rd. Please note that this is the absolute deadline and after this date, we will be unable to adjust your orders. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

Jackie Edmunds, Amy Smith & Aimee Turner, Sally Foster Chairs.

NEWS ABOUT THE BOOK FAIR: Thank you to all the wonderful families who came out to support the book fair. The numbers are in and we are happy to report that the school raised over \$2,100.00 in cash at the sale! This total does not reflect the real gift of your generosity because it does not include the value of the over 60 books donated to our library, estimated at over \$1,000.00. Each and every book you gave will be read over and over through the years. Thank you!



WINTER FUNDRAISING FOR ST. BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOL!



WREATHS AND POINSETTIAS

Believe it or not, the deadline for ordering your wreaths and poinsettias is **NEXT MONDAY!** Please send in your order forms this week! Are you curious about what the wreaths look like? Check out the front doors of the school office. We have had 2 wreaths delivered early so that you can see the product. Get ready for Christmas early this year and let us bring your wreaths and poinsettias to you!

Sacred Heart Thanksgiving Baskets



Each year we provide the *Sacred Heart Parish* with ten Thanksgiving baskets. Each student is to bring the item told to them by their homeroom teacher to donate to the baskets. In addition, we ask that each student contribute one dollar towards the cost of the turkey. We deliver these baskets on Tuesday, November 24th. Ten deserving families will enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner because of your generosity.



Congratulations to the following Altar Servers who were installed this past Sunday:

Max Allen, Lorenzo Bascon, Joan Castiello, Michael Libre, Mackenzie Menaker, Widad Mukhar, Kevin McGarry, Veronika Pettey, Haley Rupp, & Charlie Tomlin.



The *St. Bartholomew' Children's Choir* is currently seeking new members. All parish children in Grades 1 through 8 are welcome to join. Rehearsals are every Sunday after the 10 o'clock Mass up in the Choir Room. The Children's Choir sings at Children's Liturgies such as First Reconciliation, First Communion, and our very special Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy. The choir will also sing at several 10 o'clock Sunday Masses throughout the year. Singing in the Children's Choir is a great way for children to

actively participate in our Church community! For more info, please contact Daniel Villar at (301) 509-0352, or by email: danielvillar@danielvillar.com



St. Bartholomew Parish Advent Wreath Workshop

Come learn how to make a beautiful evergreen advent wreath for your home. All supplies, instructions, and help will be provided. It is Sunday, November 29th, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The wreath is sure to become a focal point for your family’s spiritual preparations for Christmas. Please fill out the enclosed form and return.

Lost and Found News

The Lost and Found bin (located outside the Men's bathroom near the Church Hall, by the stairwell) is brimming with your children's clothing. Unfortunately, none of it is labeled. We have lots of St. Bart's sweatshirts, gym shorts, T-shirts, sweatpants and blue uniform pants. We also have a number of non-uniform windbreakers, and hoodies. There are several lunch pails, a few leather belts, some hair accessories and even a few pairs of white socks and athletic shoes!

Please feel free to stop by the bin yourself or encourage your child to stop by the bin to look through it if your child is missing anything. Anything left over the holidays will be given away or saved for the Gently Used Uniform Sale in the spring. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Patty Keith and Lea Courtis

Hot Lunch Schedule



Thursday, 11/19 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Beef tacos with all the fixings <i>Lillian Argilagos, Beth Fagan, & Judy Roberts</i>
Friday, 11/20 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Pasta, salad, & dessert <i>Mary Beatson, Laura Gallagher, & Lisa Ratnavale</i>
Monday, 11/23 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Pizza, salad & dessert <i>Al Arcidiacono & Cynthia Burns</i>
Tuesday, 11/24	12:30 p.m. Dismissal – No Lunch <i>Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!</i>



CYO Basketball Bobcats

The season is upon us! To avoid the substantial costs that we have been incurring to replace uniforms that aren't returned to us at the end of the season, we are modifying the process.

Individual players in grades 3 through 8 should pick up their uniforms on either of the following days:

Thursday, November 19th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Please bring a check, made payable to "St. Bartholomew CYO" in the amount of \$50. We will hold the check

as a deposit and return it to you at the end of the season when you return the uniform. Attached is a uniform form to bring with you along with your \$50.

We're looking forward to a successful season for all of our teams. If you have any questions, please email me at tomserena@yahoo.com.

Announcements & Dates

- Our December calendar is enclosed.
- Please send in the new 2010 Extracurricular Activities sent home last week. 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.
- October Childcare bills are due. Please send in payment this week. Thank you.
- We need yearbook pictures! Please send in or email Mrs. Hall 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 5th 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.
- Tuesday, November 24th 12:30 p.m. Dismissal (**Aftercare will be available until 6:00 p.m.**)
- Wednesday – Friday, Nov 25th – 27th No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday, November 30th School resumes