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Virtue of the Week – Love November 24, 2009 Wednesday Bulletin



Principal's News

Congratulations to **Al & Judy Arcidiacono** who won the *Volunteers of the Year* for the entire Montgomery County Catholic Schools at the *Catholic Business Network Banquet last Friday*. We appreciate all they have done for St. Bart's over the many years!

St. Bart's had a wonderful *Open House*. Thanks to all the parent hospitality volunteers, especially Courtney Bromley and Beth Fagan. We received applications from almost everyone in attendance! If you know people who would like to attend next year, please let them know we are now taking applications. Our Kindergarten class is full and our Pre K class is almost full.

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.

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



A letter and envelope is being sent home today 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



A big thank you to our altar servers: Ciaran O'Donovan, Cormac O'Donovan and Charles Tomlin for representing St. Bartholomew at the Altar Server Appreciation Mass at the *Shrine of the Immaculate Conception* this past Sunday. Archbishop Wuerl celebrated the mass and it was wonderful to have a St. Bartholomew presence.



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

Please feel free to stop by the Lost & Found bin by the men's room in the church hall 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

Snow Policy/School Cancellation

St. Bartholomew School follows the Montgomery County Public School System in case there is a school cancellation, late arrival, or early dismissal. Please listen to your local radio and TV stations including WTOP, WASH, WMAL, and WRQX. You may also call the MC Hotline at 301-279-3673, or go to www.MCPS.K12.md.us.com or www.schools.out.com or www.wtopnews.com.

There is **No Before/Aftercare if there is a late opening or early dismissal**: A two-hour delay means school starts at 9:45 a.m. If MCP Schools are closed, St. Bart's is closed. If MCP School has early dismissal, we have an early dismissal. 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



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| Monday, 11/30 | Pizza, salad & dessert |
| <i>Parent Volunteers</i> | : <i>Kimmy Boone & Mercedes Sundeen</i> |
| Tuesday, 12/01 | Chicken nuggets, chips & salad |
| <i>Parent Volunteers:</i> | <i>Louise Canavan, Patty Keith, & Cheryl O'Connor</i> |
| Wednesday, 12/02 | Macaroni & Cheese, bread & fruit |
| <i>Parent Volunteers:</i> | <i>Nneka Achufusi, Joceline Martinez, & Katie Soto</i> |
| 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 |



Bake Sale

Mark your calendars! Next Wednesday, **December 2nd**, the student council will be having a bake sale to help Sr. Nena's charities. Please donate a bake sale. All items .50 cents!

Announcements & Dates

- Please welcome our new student *Liberty Topka*, Kindergarten, and their family, *Tanya and Bryan Wohlgemuth*. Please also add their home information in your school directory: H- 301-503-6023, Address: 1800 Tufa Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20904. MC – 301-502-4770 FC: 301-503-6023.
- 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 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.
- 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*.
- Wednesday – Friday, Nov 25th – 27th No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday, November 30th School resumes

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

