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***Virtue of the Week - Kindness September 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday Bulletin***



**Principal's News**

Welcome back to school! We are so happy to begin another wonderful year. We have an exciting year ahead of us. As you look around you will be able to see the beautiful renovations that all of our hardworking parents made over the summer. We want to especially thank Mrs. Mimi McLearn who spent her summer renovating the 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, the new Pre-K room, and new resource room. Mimi and Tracy McCann have really made a difference by putting together the furniture, and ensuring that everything was ready for school. Special thanks to Nancy Travis for organizing the renovation of the church hall. Thanks to Jeff Abdow and his workers for putting together all of the new cabinets. Many thanks also go to Michael Fagan for donating his employees and equipment to haul away all the old materials. We were also able to put a *Smart Board* in Mrs. Kirkbride's classroom. Thanks to the *Home and School Association* for donations. Also, thanks to these families who donated money so that we could finish all the renovations. Thanks to the Boone, Bosch, McCann (Tim and Mary), Noonan (Ziemski grandparents), Castiello grandparents, McLearn, O'Connor and Ziemski families. Thanks to the donations of the class of 2009, we were able to have a new bench designed and built by Dave Henry. The class of 2009 has also purchased banners to decorate the campus which will arrive shortly.

Thanks to Mr. Tommy Castiello who coordinated the effort to put a new fence on our lower field. We want to thank our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who filled our playground with wood chips. All of your donations have directly benefited your children. It is amazing to see all the wonderful things we can do for our school with your help. When we all work together your children succeed.

This week we have a 12:30 p.m. dismissal everyday. There is no lunch served this week and next week. If you child is staying in *Aftercare*, please remember to pack a lunch and drink.

Please join me at my first *Principal's Coffee* of the year on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the church hall. We will be discussing new additions to our school and strategies to help your child be successful in school.  
*Kathleen Miller, Principal*



## Home & School News

The *Home and School Association (H.S.A)* would like to welcome everyone back and welcome our new families to our school! We are collecting HSA dues of \$50 per family. These dues cover all of the hospitality for school events such as *Principal's Coffees, Back to School Night, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, Grandparent's Day, etc.* Our dues also support school assemblies, teacher wish list items, and school renovations. We need the support of all families. Please send your check back to school tomorrow. You can make the checks out to *St. Bartholomew Home and School Association*. Thank you in advance. Enclosed please find an envelope for each family's dues.

Our first HSA meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the church hall. All are welcome and invited to attend!!

Our first social event and fundraiser is *Ledo's Night Out* on **September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Ledo's on River Road. Please bring your family to meet other families and support the school. The school will receive a percentage of the sales that evening.

*Jennifer Bautista, HSA President*

### Visitor Sign-In/Badges

In our ongoing effort to maintain security, we ask that all volunteers stop by the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge before going into the classrooms or lunch room. We need to know who is in the building at all times. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you need to take your child out of school early, please send a note to the teacher the day of the appointment. Come to the school office to sign your child out.

### Wednesday Family Communication Envelope

Today, you have received this bulletin in a clear envelope called our "**THE FAMILY COMMUNICATION ENVELOPE**". This envelope is our main communication vehicle. Each family receives an envelope each Wednesday, which is sent home with the youngest child in each family. The envelope needs to be returned every **Thursday** morning to the homeroom teacher. If your child does not return the envelope, you will not receive the bulletin the following week. We encourage you to help your child remember to return the envelope on Thursday mornings to his/her homeroom teacher. All school forms, checks, etc. are to be sent back through this envelope.

If you would like to mention something in the Wednesday Bulletin, please call the school office or email [JEdmunds@stbartholomew.org](mailto:JEdmunds@stbartholomew.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. each Monday.

Later this year, we are hoping to send this bulletin via email. Stay tuned to more details.

*Jacqueline Edmunds, School Office*

### Library Information

*Summer Reading Lists and book reports (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)* are due this week. Please return them to the homeroom teacher. We will be reviewing them during library class. If you have any questions, please call

## **School Family Directory - LAST CALL!!!**

If your family has not already done so, than enclosed in today’s envelope is a family school directory form. If you do NOT wish for your family’s information to be included this year, please indicate that on the yellow form. Also, if you do not return the yellow form, your name will not be included in the directory. All forms must be received in the school office by this Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. The school directory will be handed out at **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**, Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., in the Church Hall. Extra copies will be available for purchase for \$5.00 per directory.

## **Physical Education Update**



P.E. will be starting next week. Students in grades K-4 will wear their P.E. uniforms to school. Students in grade 5-8 will bring their uniforms to school and change before gym class. The Pre-K students wear their P.E. uniform every day. Enclosed is a schedule for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to let the girls and boys know when they have their additional Friday P.E. class. Please keep this posted at home to help the child remember to bring their clothes. If you have any questions, please call *Frank Miller* at ext. 31.

K- Monday and Tuesday  
1<sup>st</sup>-Monday and Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Tuesday and Friday  
3<sup>rd</sup>- Tuesday and Wednesday  
4<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday and Friday

5<sup>th</sup>-Monday and Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup>-Monday and Wednesday  
7<sup>th</sup>-Monday and Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup>-Monday and Tuesday

## **Homework Checkup**

All 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade parents – You may double check your child’s homework assignments online by going to: [www.eboard.com](http://www.eboard.com), sign in by typing in: stbartholomewcomputerlab; type in password: stbarts. Click on your child’s grade.

## **Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Snack Time**



Grades Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade has a morning snack and break time at 10:30 a.m. Please provide in a small snack, each day for your child. (Ex: Pretzels, apple slices, crackers, or a granola bar.)

## Health Awareness

St. Bartholomew School has hand sanitizer in every classroom. We ask also that each child has a small personal bottle of instant hand sanitizer to keep in his/her desk or locker. Please remind your child to wash there hands often and after going to the restroom and not to share any combs, hair accessories, drinks, chapstick, etc.

If the school will be administering prescription medicine to your child, please stop by the office and fill out all necessary paperwork. Also, we must be aware of any type of food allergy your child has in writing: (Ex: peanut, chocolate, fruit, etc.) We must have an Epi pen in the office for any food allergies. Put any medical concerns in writing. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Edmunds in the school office at 301-229-5586.

## Hot Lunch Schedule



Enclosed please find the Mama Lucia Monday Pizza Order Form and the *Hot Lunch* Order Forms. All lunches begin the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please pack a lunch next week. Fill out your pizza and hot lunch forms and return by the end of this week. Thank you.



**The St. Bartholomew's Golf Classic and Dinner is almost here!** *The St. Bartholomew's Golf Classic* will be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at *Bretton Woods Country Club*. The Tournament will be a great way to get back into the swing of things (no pun intended) after summer vacation.

Proceeds from the Golf Classic will help fund Parish CYO activities and athletic facilities. After the Golf Classic, a fundraising dinner and auction will be held at Bretton Woods. You do not have to play golf to join us for the dinner and the auction. In addition, we will be having a cocktail party before dinner and the auction for any interested non-golfers. Please make sure to save the date. We would love to see you there.

For more details, please see the attached registration flyer. If you interested in attending the Golf Classic, the cocktail party, the dinner or the auction, please fill in the attached registration form and return it in the Wednesday envelope (along with a check for the appropriate amount). You can also register through the CYO link on the St. Bart's Web Site. If you have any questions, please call Tommy Castiello (301-938-3646) or Doug McLearn (301-467-4111).

## **Announcements & Dates**

- ◆ Enclosed you will find the following: The September school and yearly calendar, carpool form, hot lunch and milk forms, two emergency cards, H&SA forms, and school directory form.
- ◆ We have a wonderful Before/Aftercare Program. Enclosed is an important flyer to read. All children who are **not** picked up in carpool line will **automatically** go to Aftercare. Also, please inform your children of all the people who are on their carpool list (enclosed), so they are know who is picking them up each day. Also, please send a note to your child's teacher if there is someone, other than on the list, picking up your child.
- ◆ Cars may not arrive or dismiss through Blacklock Road. (The Circle) Montgomery County school buses cannot turn around when cars are parked in the circle. Cars are to come in through Nevis Road. Thank you for understanding.
- ◆ Extracurricular activities will be starting soon. Please see the enclosed flyers to sign up.

**Please go through your Family Communication Envelope today and send it back with all your completed forms and checks tomorrow.**

**WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!**

