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Virtue of the Week – Loyalty November 11, 2009 Wednesday Bulletin



Principal's News

Thank you to our 3rd and 7th grade class for a delicious faculty lunch last Friday. Our *Fall Festival and Book Fair* was a great success. Thank you to *Mimi McLearn* and *Tanya Thomas* for coordinating it. Many books were donated to all the classes and library!

Individual Picture Day is **tomorrow!** Children are permitted to **dress up** on this day for their pictures. Children should wear nice church clothes. Boys-khaki pants and shirts with collars, Girls-skirts, dresses or dress pants. NO JEANS-NO SHORTS-NO T-SHIRTS. **Order forms were sent home last week.** Please send them in.

After school, when you are picking up your children for extracurricular activities and/or Aftercare, we ask that you **do not park in the school courtyard/church hall area.** There are many children coming and going and it is hard to see them in the dark. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Report Cards for grades 1st – 8th are being sent home with your children today. Please keep the report but sign and return the white envelope. The kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children will bring home progress reports at the end of January.

Conference Day is this **Friday, November 13th**. (No school for students.) Your times were sent home last week to meet with your teacher. This is a very special day for the **teachers and parents**. It is important that the school atmosphere be calm and quiet. Childcare services will be in the school library while you are attending conferences. Your children will be supervised by a rotation of “special” teachers and aides for a small fee (\$3.00 for a half hour and \$ 6.00 for an hour per child.) Any children who are left unsupervised in the building or on school grounds will be sent to the library where you will be charged for babysitting. There is also *HOOPED Basketball* for those who need full day supervision. Go to www.hoopeducation.com to register.

Next Wednesday, November 18th we will be having a **Thanksgiving Feast** for the whole school. No need to send in a lunch unless your child doesn't want turkey and mashed potatoes. Also, we will be having our *Thanksgiving Honors Mass* at 1:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

8th grade parents update: Extracurricular activities and parent involvement lists are due now. Please email me your information to kathleen@stbartholomew.org. Also I need your high school choice forms by November 24th.

St. Bartholomew School **Open House** is next Friday, November 20th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please tell your friends. We only have **two** spaces in Kindergarten and our Pre K class is almost full.

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.

Principal

Kathleen Miller,



Home & School News

Thank you to all the families who came and so generously supported our *Book Fair and Fall Festival* this past weekend! The event was so successful in so many ways. The library received over 65 hardcover books as donations. That is more than twice the number that we have received in years past and is the equivalent of more than \$1,200.00 in donations! We can not thank you enough for your generosity. The library is an integral part of our children's reading and learning experience. Having new books available for them to read is invaluable. The event was also important because it gives our families the chance to spend time together as a community and purchase books for their homes while supporting the school. Children play and create together and parents share time together - all while encouraging the gift of reading! It is a tradition that will help our school and families grow in so many ways.

Thank you also to the many volunteers listed below who made the event possible. Without their help and enthusiasm, we could never had made the morning as special as it was! *Al Arcidiacono - who graciously donated the popcorn and the moonbounce! Also, Jennifer Bautista, Barbara Brown, Maddie Brown, Diana Carter, Cecilia Castiello, Joan Castiello, Alisia Chesen, Heather Denchfield, Nimi DuFour, Beth Fagan, Susan Freese, Laura Gallagher, Carla Ketih, Patty Keith, Anna McNicholas, Olivia Manning, Leah Morabito, Anthony Morabito, Jennifer Selden, Amy Smith, Bob Thomas, Jake Thomas, Katherine Travis, Helga Treichel, Katrin Treichel, Dawn Ziemski, Ryan and Johnny Ziemski.* If anyone was left out, please forgive the omission!

Date Change: Our next *Home & School Association Meeting* will be Wednesday, November 18th, at 8:15 a.m. All are invited to attend.

A Gala Meeting will be held at Lisa Hull's home on November 17th, at 8:15 a.m.

Our next *Mother's Book Club* will be on January 4th; at 7:00 p.m. Begin reading is "The Shack", by Brad Cummings, William P. Young, and Wayne Jacobsen.



Attention Altar Servers

There has been a change. *St. Bart's Altar Server Installation Mass* will be on Sunday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. as originally planned at St. Bart's.

Please dress appropriately. When your name is called, please come up to receive your certificate.

The *Altar Server Appreciation Mass* at the Shrine is on Sunday, November 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. Please call Mr. Richard Elliott at 202-686-0263 or Magda Pettey at 301-765-0554 if you plan to attend. It would be great to get a good St. Bart's representation as we have in the past years.



The *St. Bartholomew's 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



Hot Lunch Schedule

On Wednesday, 11/18, a free *Thanksgiving Feast* for all our children will be served. If your child does not like turkey and mashed potatoes, please send in a lunch.

Thursday, 11/12 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Cold Cut sandwich, chips, and fruit <i>Courtney Bromley, Anne Park, & Nancy Travis</i>
Friday, 11/13	NO SCHOOL – P/T CONFERENCE
Monday, 11/16 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Pizza, salad & dessert <i>Helga Treichel & Mary Wert</i>
Tuesday, 11/17 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Chicken Caesar Salad <i>Ladon Abbariki, Patty Keith, & Mimi McLearn</i>
Wednesday, 11/18 <i>Parent Volunteers</i>	Turkey Feast, mashed potatoes, rolls, & pumpkin dessert! <i>Joni Fontana, Beth Grisius, & Michelle Hutter</i>
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>

Announcements & Dates

- Enclosed please find the new 2010 Extracurricular Activities available. Please fill out each form and send back as soon as possible. Many classes fill up quickly.
- Our condolences go out to Mrs. Wareham, for her father passed away last week.
- A *Cannon* camera lens cover was found on the black top during our Halloween parade. Please call the school office at 301-229-5586 if you are missing yours.
- Please do not park in the church/school courtyard area. Kids at play!
- Friday, November 13th No School for Students

Picture Day Tomorrow!

Send in your order forms! Dress Nicely!

2010 Extracurricular Activity Registration Forms Enclosed!