

# *St. Bartholomew School*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope your summer has been full of fun and relaxation. It seems that summer goes by too quickly and as you get older the time flies even faster. Since time and tide wait for no man, the new school year is rapidly approaching and I want to share some important information with you and your family.

- . Our custodial staff has your child's classroom, hallways, and cafeteria sparkling clean. They painted classrooms that were in need and the kitchen and main office was also spruced-up.
- . Your children will be using a new Social Studies series grades K thru 8.
- . Also included in the Language Arts program will be handwriting with each grade receiving individual penmanship workbooks.
- . In 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, algebra will be the focus and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades will be introduced to algebra as a foundation.
- . Our anti-bullying policy will be strictly enforced; all manners of bullying will be dealt with in a swift manner.
- . Our summer uniform may be worn until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please check the website for our uniform policy. The uniform policy will be strictly adhered to, in all grades.
- . As it was last school year children may celebrate their birthdays by not wearing the school uniform. In cases of summer birthdays, school closed days and Fridays, those birthdays may be celebrated as soon as the calendar permits.

- . Celebration goodies may be brought to school. Remember the school will continue to be nut-free and goodies may not be home baked. Store baked goodies must have the label attached.
- . After School Care will continue to be available. Please see the website ([www.stbartseb.com](http://www.stbartseb.com)) for information concerning changes for the upcoming school year.

On a more somber note, the financial distress that has engulfed our country and particularly our state has come to affect our school. Under the direction of the parish and SAC finance committees, with the backing of the diocese, certain financial considerations had to be made to keep our school financially sound. These considerations will not affect the first class Catholic education your child will continue to receive at St. Bartholomew School.

Our enrollment remains steady, which is a statement many schools cannot make as the economy makes the choices parents must make even more difficult if not impossible.

Please remember to check our website ([www.stbartseb.com](http://www.stbartseb.com)) regularly. Information concerning the school is continually updated through the school year and summer months. You will also find a copy of the school's calendar.

I along with the faculty and staff will continue the mission of Catholic education and the mission of St. Bartholomew School to "love, educate and inspire our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ".

My first year as principal was a resounding success thanks to Father Tom, our Faculty, staff and you!

I look forward to another successful year and on behalf of all of us thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's life and to you for being part of the St. Bartholomew family.

In His Service,

John Donza  
Principal