

## St. Bartholomew School 470 Ryders Lane

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you seen the advertisements yet? The Back-to-School displays in places like Target and Walmart are up and ready! For some, this is our favorite time of the year and others may feel less enthusiastic. Before we know it, we'll be back in the routine of the school year. Our custodial and facilities team have been hard at work preparing the building for the coming school year. There have been many upgrades to our building this summer, the most notable being the updated security cameras.

As we begin August, many families are preparing for a successful start of the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information with you. As in years past, I will be writing to you bi-weekly to keep you informed of what's happening at school. Because August tends to be a time when we get lots of questions, I'll be posting information for you each week before school starts to address some of them.

This week, I have some reminders for you about school supplies and uniforms. In regard to school supplies, please check our school website for the lists. Larger supply items like tissues and paper towels can be brought to school in increments or at Back-to-School night to make things easier for the students. *I respectfully request that students not bring wheelie backpacks to school.* They create a tripping hazard in the hallways and are specifically named in our handbook as not allowed. If your child has a medical concern that requires something different than the traditional backpack, please reach out to me directly.

As a reminder, uniforms are only required for students in grades K-8, not preschool. Preschoolers are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing that they can manage independently. For families in grades K-8, our semi-annual gently used uniform sale will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 pm. All other orders should be made through Flynn O'Hara. You can order online <a href="http://flynnohara.com">http://flynnohara.com</a> or visit one of their stores to make your purchases. Please don't wait until the last minute! There have been some minor changes to the uniform policy. I encourage you to go through the uniform policy and share it with your student as you see fit. We will be enforcing the dress code including jewelry, sweatshirts, joggers, and smart watches.

Next week, I'll be giving you information about the cafeteria and lunchroom procedures.

Wishing you a wonderful week!

Sincerely, Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed. Principal

The mission of St. Bartholomew School is to love, educate and inspire our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.