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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are about three weeks away from the beginning of the school year. The school is alive with teachers preparing their classrooms for the arrival of our students. This week, I'd like to tell you about our afterschool program and extra curricular clubs and activities for the 2025-2026 school year.

As many of you know, we have a full after-care program for the students at St. Bartholomew School. This program is an affordable option for families who need extended care for their school aged children after daily dismissal. A change to the timing of the program has been made for the 2025-2026 school year. **The after care program will end at 5:30 p.m. this year.** There is additional information on the school's website under the academics & programs tab. This year, we're excited to have many clubs and activities for our students. Some are new and others are "old favorites".

Extra curricular clubs and activities are broken up into three different sessions, Fall (September-Christmas), Winter (January-Easter), and Spring (after Easter-late May). Each session will offer a variety of activities for our students. These activities will be broken down by age group and run on different days. Teachers and outside vendors will be offering these activities.

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays we will offer Homework Club for those families who would like to have direct teacher support for homework. There will be no Homework Club on Wednesdays. There is an extra fee for this if your child is not in after-care. Other clubs and activities will run on various days and specific information will be coming home within the first week of school about the days, dates and fees for these activities. They include:

- Cross Country & Track
- Chorus
- Band (advanced & beginner)
- Baseball/Softball (middle school)
- Basketball (middle school)
- Boxing/Fitness
- Chess
- Newspaper

- Volleyball (middle school)
- Sign Language
- Yearbook
- Mad Science
- Drama/Theater
- Girl/Boy Scouts
- Cooking Club
- Art Club

We have many opportunities for students to try new activities or return to some of their favorite activities. Extra curricular activities give students the opportunity to work with other staff members and build friendships with students who may not be in their class. Next week, I'll be giving you additional information about the procedures for arrival and dismissal. Wishing you a wonderful week!

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