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Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Bartholomew School is alive with the industrious sounds of learning for all of our students. It is wonderful to have all of the children back in school and we are enjoying getting back into the routines of school.

In light of the tragic events of last week at Annunciation School in Minneapolis, I would like to remind you of a few security measures that we have implemented. Please understand that school security is an ever evolving process as we look at best practices and the needs of our unique school and parish community. We work in conjunction with the East Brunswick Police Department and the Office of Emergency Management to keep our school community safe. Security upgrades happen frequently and due to the nature of them, not all can be shared publicly; just know that they are happening.

Most obviously, you will see a more visible police presence on campus in the coming weeks. Second, only the families of students who are hosting a Mass or prayer service may attend our private school Masses and/or prayer services. All attendees must let the homeroom teacher know that they will attend Mass prior to the day of the Mass. Mr. Giordano and other staff members will meet visitors at the doors to the narthex and ask you to show ID prior to entering the church. Please have this ready so as to speed along the process. As always, the doors to the church will be locked while the children are in the church.

Please read the Parent/Guardian/Student Handbook which is posted on our school website. I have attached the Signature Page to this letter which needs to be signed and returned by Friday, September 5. Also attached is the Emergency Dismissal Arrangement form which needs to be returned by Friday, September 5. This form is different from the Emergency form you completed at registration and is only used if school has a non-scheduled early dismissal due to an emergency or weather-related event.

Thank you for your patience at drop off and dismissal. The first few days of school are always a bit more challenging and require more patience. The procedure for arrival and dismissal is moving along well. The arrival is quick and efficient and students are transitioning easily. School for students in grades K-8 begins at 7:30AM, and we are allowing a grace period of 10 minutes for students who may be moving from the parking lot to the classrooms for tardiness. Anyone arriving after 7:40AM will be marked tardy.

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

You must bring your child(ren) to the front office (Door #1 - Ryders Lane) after 7:40AM to be signed in. Morning prayers begin at 7:35AM. Classes begin promptly at 7:45AM. Please make every effort to have your child on campus by 7:25AM so that they are ready for morning prayers at 7:35AM. As always, when you exit the campus we ask that you remain patient and follow all safety rules and procedures.

A reminder that cars should not use Peach Orchard Lane to make u-turns to make the light into our parking lot. Please be aware that children from that neighborhood may be making their way to school at the same time as our students. As always, please be cautious when driving through the neighborhoods where pedestrians may be present.

This year we expect to have three buses that service our school. We've worked out the initial kinks with their dismissal and things seem to be much quicker for bus riders. Please be reminded that instructional time goes until 1:35PM and dismissal is at 1:45PM. All students who need to be dismissed early, must be picked up by 1:15PM at the front office. Students must remain with their teachers and are not allowed to walk across the parking lot to get into a car without an adult. You must exit your car to pick up your child. On inclement weather days, please have appropriate clothing as dismissal may take a bit longer. Students are encouraged to have a raincoat with a hood and to avoid using umbrellas because they present a challenge when navigating crowded areas.

We have a nice variety of afterschool clubs and activities. These give children the opportunity to explore interests and make new friends. Stay tuned to the school website for more information and to register your child.

As a reminder, school will be closed on Friday, September 19 for a Teacher Spirituality Day. I look forward to seeing you at Back to School Night. Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

God bless,
Mrs. Theresa Craig, M.Ed.
Principal