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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fall is in full swing, and our students are busy learning and deepening their faith. During this Month of the Rosary, our students have been praying together and taking part in this beautiful Catholic tradition. We have also been praying in a special way for Bishop Checchio as he transitions to the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

We have completed the first round of MAP testing in grades 1–8. Printed MAP score reports were sent home today. Please check your child's backpack.

As mentioned in the last principal's letter, we have reached the mid-marking period. Parents and guardians of students in grades 1 and up are encouraged to check PowerSchool regularly to monitor academic progress and ensure that all assignments are submitted. Please note that PreK and Kindergarten students do not receive report cards for the first marking period.

Parent-teacher conferences will take place the week of November 17. Teachers will contact families directly to schedule meetings, and a variety of conference options will be available. The first marking period ends on Friday, November 7, report cards will be available for viewing on November 15, and conferences will be scheduled from November 18–22. To allow time for meetings, there will be early dismissal days on November 20 and 21. Families with students in PreK3 through Grade 5 will meet with their child's homeroom teacher. Families of middle school students will meet with a pair of teachers from their child's grade level. More information will be shared soon regarding scheduling.

On Wednesday, October 22, Mrs. Solinski will host our first Parent/Guardian Engagement Event. The topic will be *Anti-Bullying and Creating a Culture of Kindness* at our school. We encourage all families to attend, either in person or virtually. The homeroom with the highest parent participation will win a dress-down day!

Our Halloween traditions are right around the corner! The HSA has been hard at work preparing the annual Halloween Party, scheduled for Friday, October 24 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. School-day celebrations will take place on Friday, October 31, including the Pumpkin Decorating Contest, class parties, and our Halloween Parade at 10:30 a.m. Please note that there is an early dismissal on Halloween this year.

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

Looking ahead, our Annual Basket Raffle will be held on November 14. Tickets will go on sale on Monday. This is one of our major fundraisers, and we welcome your support through donations, volunteering, and attendance.

The school community continues to attend Mass each Friday morning. Winter uniforms begin November 1 and remain in effect until after Easter. Please refer to the school website for full uniform details. A reminder that khaki skirts, skorts, and shorts for girls, as well as khaki shorts and gym shorts for boys, are not part of the winter uniform. As the temperatures drop, please take a moment to label all outerwear, sweaters, and sweatshirts with your child's name. Lost and found items—especially uniform pieces—are increasing, and labeled items are much easier to return.

We also ask for your cooperation in closely supervising children after dismissal. Once students have been dismissed to their parents or guardians, they should not be left unattended in the parking lot or permitted to play in landscaped areas or climb trees. These areas are not designed for play, and supervision is essential for everyone's safety. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Month of the Rosary.

God bless,  
Theresa Craig, M.Ed.  
Principal