



February 2012

A Message from Mrs. Pricer

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been very busy with our Catholic Schools Week activities. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools- Faith. Academics. Service." Catholic Schools Week celebrates education that goes beyond preparations for a secular life - it is education that prepares students for a Christian Life.

We want to add a special note of thanks to Sister Dorothy, all the parish members and parish organizations. Their willingness to share the resources of the parish helps to make our school possible.

I want to thank all of you for your tremendous support and cooperation. On all of the occasions so many of you volunteer your time and talents – **thank you!**

If you need to speak to one of your child's teachers, please call the office to set a conference time. Please do not go to your child's classroom without an appointment to talk to the teacher. All of our teachers return your call as soon as possible. You can also e-mail any teacher using the RVS Grade Book. Parents/Guardians are not permitted to enter a classroom while in session.

I am truly blessed to be serving you as the principal of St. Bartholomew School! God keep you safe and close to His heart always.

***** Important Reminder*****

A \$100.00 per family registration fee is due by February 15, 2012; after that the registration fee raises to \$250.00 a family

There will be an Early Dismissal at 11:15 AM on Wednesday, February 22, 2011. Extended Day will be available.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Pricer
Principal

Student Council Dance

The Student Council has planned a dance, on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M. for students in grades five through eight. The price of admission is \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. These prices include admission, the DJ, pizza, chips, cookies, and soda pop. Students in grades six through eight are permitted to invite one guest in that same grade range. Guests **must** also be under the age of fifteen. Each St. Bartholomew School student will be responsible for their guest and may purchase tickets in advance. Thanks to Mr. Heid for helping our Student Council sponsors this great dance.



Classroom Valentine Celebrations

Each teacher will contact their homeroom helpers if assistance is required for a Valentine's Day party Tuesday, February 14, 2012. As per the monthly calendar, the homeroom teacher may plan parties from 1:50 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. Each teacher will set guidelines and procedures for their room's festivities.



Thank You

We say a special thank you, to all the moms and dads who help us each day in some way. It is so appreciated.

Also, a BIG thank you to the moms and dads who come in at lunch and recess to help the staff out. You can't imagine how much we appreciate the extra help. If you are available and can spend an hour at school, we can utilize your help.

THANK YOU



Our next open house is Wednesday, February 1, 2012 from 6:00- 7:30 PM. One will be on Thursday, February 2, 2012, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM and again Thursday, February 6, from 9:30 -11:30 AM. We could use a parent or two to take prospective parents on tours. If you can help, please let the office know. You must have your clearances. Thank you.

Extended Day Reminder

There **will be** an Early Dismissal on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 11:15 AM. There will be Extended Day until 6:00 P.M.

Child care is available before school every day we are in session from 7:00 A.M. to 8:35 A.M. Care is also available every day after school when we are in session from 3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. There is a small one time registration fee and also an hourly rate that is charged for this care. Any child/ren arriving at school prior to 8:15 A.M. must be signed in for morning care. Also, any child not picked up from school prior to our last bus leaving must also report to Extended Care. If you are interested in finding out more about this service, please call the school office at 412-242-2511. Parents/guardians are reminded that a monthly calendar should be **filled out** to indicate the days/times you wish to have your child watched before or after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Market Day Reminder

Market Day is a wonderful fundraiser. Every month you receive a new brochure in your monthly envelop with new items and delicious favorites. Your family will receive an 8% credit on everything you purchase or sell. Purchasing items from Market Day is a win/win situation. Not only do you get a wonderful food or dessert item, you get credit toward your fundraising account for it. If you haven't tried Market Day, please do. You will be pleasantly surprised. February's Market Day is Tuesday, May 21, 2012 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. A special thank you to Mrs. Ressler and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Zagorski for all they do for Market Day.





Fish Fry

Our successful fish fry begins on Friday, February 24, 2012 from 4:30 –7:30 PM. We will be in need of volunteers so please consider helping out. People are needed for serving, cleaning-up, filling orders, and refilling items, also this year there will be tickets given out for desserts, so we also need volunteers to help with taking care of our dessert items. The fish fry runs through Lent so much help is needed. Volunteers must have their clearances.

Fundraisers

Coming home this month will be several fundraisers, all meant to help you with your mandatory fundraising fee. You are not obligated to sell anything. You may choose to pay your fees all at once or something each month. Please look for information for Sarris Candy, the Pie Shoppe and the ever popular Avon.

Student Council Activities:

One of the activities is the ‘famous’ Cake Walk on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 during Catholic Schools Week. Flyers went out about this event. We hope everyone can participate and bring a cake or cupcakes for the event.

There will be a “Jump for Heart” fund raiser for the American Heart Association on Friday, February 10, 2012. It will also be a dress down day for only the students who participate in this event. Donations are required. More paperwork will be coming home with students.

Students will also be bringing home information on Candy Hearts for Valentine’s Day.

Very Special Thank You’s

St. Bartholomew School was given a real surprise when ‘Santa’ paid us a visit, along with his elf, Mrs. Babilon. We enjoyed their visit. Thank you so much.

Polar Express Day

Shout out a big thank you to the Montour School District and the Doubletree Hotel who nominated St. Bartholomew School for a special treat of Doubletree's delicious cookies for each child, and a special \$50.00 gift certificate to Toys R Us 'golden ticket' for our Polar Express Day which was won by one of our 3rd graders, Infinity Owens. A special thank you to Mr. Heid for planning and organizing our Polar Express Day. What a great present for all!

After the second nine weeks, these are the results of 7th and 8th grade achievement.

7th Grade Achievements

PERFECT ATTENDANCE



HIGH HONORS

**Rheana Abel
Dax Craig
Janay Giles
Julianna Nichols
Anna Tassari**

HONORS

Javon Clark

HONORABLE MENTION

8th Grade Achievements

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

**Aniyah Adams
Aurora Gorring
James Lunsford
Peter Rubash
Stephanie Zagorski**

HIGH HONORS

**Aniyah Adams
Kelly Friday
Cheyenne Harris
Jeff Socash
Stephanie Zagorski**

HONORS

HONORABLE MENTION

**Aurora Gorring
Dominique Jones**

A Visit from the Met: The Metropolitan Opera

St. Bartholomew was given the opportunity of a lifetime. We were given an exquisite treat by a visiting Opera star, Ms. Marianne Cornetti, a former student of Mrs. Jedinak, who has performed in many arenas all over the world. She is a great inspiration to all of our students!

We Need Your Help

St. Bartholomew School is in need of good colored paper; good white copy paper, even one-sided paper that is school appropriate. If you can help us out it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!!!

