

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



January 30, 2023

Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year

We had a very successful Open House yesterday. Thank you to all who helped out!

IMPORTANT: If you have not returned your re-registration form yet, please send it into school ASAP. The form must be returned whether you are returning or not. Some younger grades are close to closing and having waiting lists. *Forms included at end of newsletter.*




It's Catholic Schools Week!

A special thank you to everyone who joined us for CSW Mass on Sunday! It was so nice to celebrate the Eucharist with you!



Coming up!

Catholic Schools Week!



The full CSW calendar is included at the end of this newsletter. Be sure to look it over for all info on special student days!

1/31 Tuesday - Celebrate Our Students

- Tag Day
- HSA Bagel Breakfast
- Spelling Bee (Grades K-4 and Grades 5-8)
Parents invited to finals, 1:00pm

2/1 Wednesday - Celebrate Our Nation

- Tag Day - wear red, white and blue!
- Cultural Celebration - Parents invited to attend, 1:30pm

2/2 Tuesday - Celebrate Vocations

- Wear class color t-shirt with gym sweatpants
- Vocations Activity with Fr. Matthew Gonzalez
- Students make cards for Parish Priests

2/3 Friday - Celebrate Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

- Tag Day
- Mass, 11:00am
- Dismissal, 12:00pm
- SBA's Bowling Bash at Bowlero, 1:00pm
- Faculty Lunch

2/6 Monday

- Crazy sock and Sneaker Day (wear any socks and sneakers with school uniform)

2/7 Tuesday

- Eat lunch with Prayer Buddies

2/8 Wednesday

- Glow Dance Party in the Gym - Students and teachers wear dance shirts and gym sweats! Grades PreK-2 and Grades 3-8 times to be announced.

HSA Happenings

Thank you for all the generous donations we've received so far for Catholic Schools Week! We're making great progress already and are excited to see where we end up! If you haven't already registered your child through our booster program, please do so ASAP - thank you!

Thank you!

SBA's Bowling Bash

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual bowling event at Bowlero on Friday, 2/3!

SBA 5K - Save the Date!

We're excited to bring back the SBA 5K! Please save the date for Saturday, 3/18 at Oak Ridge Park in Clark! More info to come!



Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers for recess and lunch duty are always needed. Click here and sign up to help out when you can!

WHY CATHOLIC EDUCATION STILL MATTERS IN 10 REASONS

1 An Incarnational View of the World

Catholic School students learn that God is present and active in their lives and in the world. They learn to recognize the “footprints of God” in their daily experiences, especially in the midst of life’s challenges. They develop a sense of “sacramental awareness”. They see the signs of God’s love around them, and become instruments of God’s grace in their own neighborhoods, communities and the world. In an incarnational view of the world, there is no such thing as a secular subject as all learning helps to develop and bring to full bloom that image of God that is in each person.

2 Immersion in the Paschal Mystery

Our lives are a series of small and not so small dyings and risings. In union with the Paschal Mystery, we realize that there is redemptive power in suffering, and in the power of the cross. In it lies the answer to the mystery of all of life’s successes and failures. In the experience of the Paschal Mystery, we also realize the need for community. Like Jesus, we encounter our own Simon of Cyrenes to help us along the way. Wins and losses on the athletic field, As and Fs in class, and laughter and tears in our lives are the way we participate in Jesus’ dying and rising.

3 The Value of Relationships as a Reflection of the Divine

Catholic school students learn to experience God’s grace and presence in their lives through their relationships with family, friends and teachers. The loving and supportive relationships they experience are reflections of the love and life-giving dynamic of the Trinity. As a community we celebrate our successes and achievements. We share grief and downfalls. We unite together in solidarity, and even challenge each other to become better reflections of the divine. We are made for community.



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4 A Nuanced View of Scripture

Catholic school students are given the opportunity to explore the beauty and richness of Sacred Scripture seen through the lens of faith and lived out in daily practice. They experience the ongoing revelation of God in Scripture as the One who leads the Israelites through the promised land, and who redeems them through His cross and resurrection. They also come to view the human person as created in God’s image and likeness, and destined for eternal life. They learn to apply Scripture to their own lives as a tool for prayer and the true guide for virtuous living.

5 Civic Engagement

In recent research, it has been reported that private school graduates are significantly more likely to actively participate in civic activities than their public school counterparts. Catholic Schools were ranked #1 in the percentage of graduates who actively participate in civic and community activities such as voting, volunteering, letter-writing to legislators, Catholic Concerns Day, and donations to charity, not just for a tax write-off, but out of a sense of the requirements of justice.

6 Service for the Common Good

Catholic schools promote service as an essential component of their curriculum. Many Catholic schools have service programs from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Higher education programs such as the Jesuit or Dominican Volunteer Corps promote service at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Diocesan organizations such as Catholic Family Services provide resources and help to people from all walks of life. Catholic school students learn that since community is at the heart of who we are, there are no strangers, only brothers and sisters in the Lord. We have a responsibility to respond to the needs of others because we are all part of God’s family.

7 Discipline as a Faith Expectation

Catholic schools promote self-discipline through clarity of moral vision that is based on the Gospel.

Students are challenged to be Christ-like in word and action. They are asked to examine their choices and action in light of the Ten Commandments and the Gospel law of love. They are given a theological foundation for ethical behavior. Students are not good because they act in accord with rules and expectations. Rather, because students are good, i.e. sons and daughters of God, they are expected to act and make choices that are in keeping with this dignity.

8 The Centrality of Arts, Ritual, Drama, Music to the Life of Faith

Through Catholic education, students are exposed to the richness of the religious tradition. Music, Art, Literature, Drama and Ritual are rooted in the rich history of the Church, and find their truest glory as an expression of divine praise.

9 The Fullness of the Catholic Identity at the Heart of the Church

Catholic education has always been at the heart of the Catholic mission. Catholic education, and the students who are the product of it, have been called the “greatest work of the Church”. They have been entrusted with the fullness of faith and have been charged with the mission of evangelization. They are to go out into the world and share the gifts they have received, as doctors, lawyers, policemen, firemen, businessmen and women, teachers, priests and religious, all as Catholic school graduates. Catholic school graduates are a leaven in society, helping the broader community to be the best that it can be.

10 Personal Excellence as a Spiritual Goal

Catholic school students learn that excellence is a response to God’s blessings. Academic excellence is not a gospel value in and of itself. The Sermon on the Mount doesn’t say “Blessed are you who get all A’s.” Education must have an altruistic orientation. Students learn so as to help others, and make a difference in the world around them.

Written by: Reverend Ronald J. Nuzzi



Catholic Schools Week

January 29-

February 3, 2023

Saint Bartholomew Academy

**1/29/23 Sunday- Mass at St. Bartholomew Church 10:30
am**

Students Speaking at Masses

Open House- 11:30 am Cafeteria

1/30/23 Monday- Celebrate Our Community

- “SOUPERBOWL”- Donate Cans of Soup to Community Food Bank
- Wear Your Favorite Football Jersey or Team Color T-Shirt
- Kick-off Video for Booster thon- Teachers Wear Leader Shirts
- Gratitude- Write a Letter of Gratitude to someone in our school Community (teacher, friend, faculty)

1/31/23 Tuesday- Celebrate Our Students

- Tag Day
- HSA Bagel Breakfast
- No Homework Day
- Spelling Bee(Grades K-4) (Grades 5-8) Parents invited to Finals at 1:00 pm
- Daily Video- Theme of Stewardship
- Planting Project/Kids Wear Green (Preschool plants seeds)

2/1/23 Wednesday- Celebrate Our Nation

- Tag Day (Wear Red, White, Blue)
- Cultural Celebration/ 1:30 pm- Parents Invited
- Daily Video- Theme of Bravery
- Write a Letter to someone in the armed forces

2/2/23 Thursday- Celebrating Vocations

- Vocations Activity With Fr. Matthew Gonzalez
- Wear Class Color t-shirt with school gym sweatpants
- Make cards for Parish Priests
- Watch Daily Video- Theme of Perseverance
- Pray for Perseverance to your Saint for the Year

2/3/23 Friday- Celebrating Faculty, Staff, Volunteers

- Tag Day
- Daily Video- Theme of Wonder- What is something you wonder about Jesus Activity
- Mass 11:00
- 12:00 Dismissal- Bowling Party at BOWLERO (Must pre-register- Not a drop-off activity)
- Faculty Lunch

Following Week:

Monday- 2/6- Daily Video

Crazy sock and Sneaker Day (Wear any socks and sneakers with school uniform)

Tuesday- 2/7- Daily Video

Eat lunch with Prayer Buddies

Wednesday- 2/8-Daily Video

Glow Dance Party in the Gym – Students and Teachers wear Dance Shirts and gym sweats

Grades Prek-2 (Times to be announced)

Grades 3-8



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

January 9, 2023

Dear St. Bartholomew Academy Families,

During the next month, Saint Bartholomew Academy will join the nation in celebrating Catholic Education during **Catholic Schools Week. (1/29-2/5)** We celebrate Catholic Schools as so much more than a private school. We are a community rooted in common beliefs and ethics dedicated to the physical, spiritual and intellectual wellbeing of the whole child. We celebrate our faith as part of who we are and how we live our lives. It is both a privilege and an honor to serve your family here at St. Bartholomew Academy.

With this letter you will find a registration form for your family. Completing and returning this form reserves a place for your child/ren for the 2023-2024 school year. This registration also allows us to plan appropriately for the number of students we can expect next year. **Current Saint Bart's families and their siblings will be given priority registration until Monday, January 23rd.** After January 23rd, available grade-level spaces will be filled in the order in which applications have been received. We already have new student registrations for grades PreK3, PreK4, and 1st grades. Our Open House is on January 29th.

*If you have a new sibling joining us for the 2023-24 school year, please fill out the **NEW SIBLINGS** section of the form. New siblings need to be registered through the on-line application process on the Academy website- <https://www.stbacademy.org/how-to-apply>. If you are not returning to our school for the 2023-24 school year, please fill out the **NOT RETURNING** section of the registration form.*

Although we do not have a set tuition rate for the 2023-24 school year, it is reasonable to assume an increase in tuition of about 3-4%. We recognize the financial commitment by our families to send their children to Catholic Schools is significant. We are committed to ensuring that we have maximized the effectiveness of your tuition dollars and eliminate unnecessary expense.

All families must be current on all tuition payments and fees in order to re-register.

To complete re-registration for the 2023-2024 school year please complete the following:

- Fill out, sign and then return the current family registration form to your child's homeroom teacher no later than January 23rd.
- A \$150.00 registration fee will be charged to your FACTS account within 10-14 days of return.

We appreciate your dedication and sacrifice to send your child/ren to a Catholic school and look forward to being able to continue to serve your family.

Yours in Christ,

Ms. Kimberly Harrigan, Principal

Rev. John J. Paladino, K.H.S., Pastor



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

RE-ENROLLEMT FORM

\$150.00 per child will be charged on family FACTS account within 10-14 days of return of this form.

REMINDER- IF CURRENT TUITION AND FEES ARE NOT UP TO DATE, REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE COMPLETE PART I AND PART II AND RETURN BY JANUARY 23, 2023

Parishioner (in Newark Diocese) _____ Non Parishioner _____

PART I (Please check all that apply.)

We wish to RE-ENROLL for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

1. _____
Last First Middle Grade
2. _____
Last First Middle Grade
3. _____
Last First Middle Grade
4. _____
Last First Middle Grade

ENROLLMENT FOR NEW SIBLINGS for the 2023-2024 school year (MUST COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION)

1. _____
Last First Middle Grade
2. _____
Last First Middle Grade

CHILD(REN) NOT RETURNING for the 2023-2024 school year:

1. _____
Last First Middle Grade
2. _____
Last First Middle Grade

PART II- PLEASE TURN PAGE OVER

PART II- UPDATE FAMILY INFORMATION-

Student Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Parent/Guardian One Name _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from student): _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/ Guardian Two Name _____

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from student): _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Requirements for Pre-K and Kindergarten Admission: APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SIBLINGS MUST BE COMPLETED ON THE ACADEMY WEBSITE. THE LINK MAY BE FOUND UNDER THE ADMISSIONS "HOW TO APPLY" TAB.

- A birth certificate must be submitted for proof of age.
- For Pre-K3 Program, a child must be 3-years-old on or before October 1st. Children entering the Pre-K3 Program must be potty trained and able to indicate a need to use the bathroom.
- For P4 Program, a child must be 4-years-old on or before October 1st.
- For Kindergarten Program, a child must be 5 years old on or before October 1st.
- Copy of child's baptismal certificate
- If you are a separated or divorced parent, it is a Diocesan directive that the school be provided a copy of the court order mandating custody of the child at the time of application.

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REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**The \$150.00/child registration fee will be charged on family FACTS account within 10-14
days of return of this form.**