



The Bulldog Bugle

St. Bartholomew Catholic School

September 19th, 2025



THANK YOU FAMILIES!

WOW - What an incredible Gathering 2025! Even though it started out with a bit of rain, this year's festival had near-record attendance (thanks to every family, friend, alumni and neighbor!) and **we surpassed this year's budgeted fundraising goal!!** Every extra dollar earned goes right to our new playground fund.

A special thanks to the many companies that sponsored us, to each parent and friend who took a volunteer shift, to the BSM and WHS Volunteer Corps, to the St. Bart's men's league, to the school teachers and staff who pulled extra shifts, and the list goes on. It takes a village - and our wonderful village showed up! Even though this festival is an important fundraiser for us, it is an even more important piece of community building. We love to see our students and friends of the community come together to enjoy a fun night! Until next year!

Upcoming Events

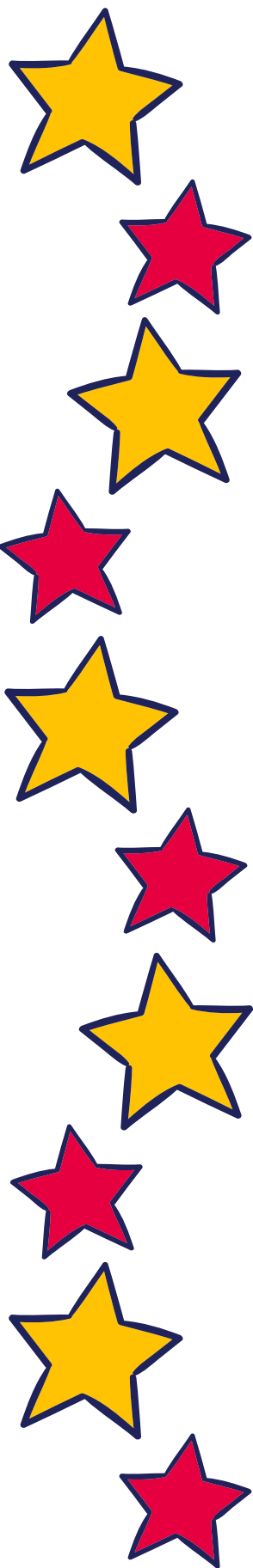
Friday, Oct. 3rd - Blessing of the Pets - 3:15 pm & SPIRITWEAR FRIDAY! Pg. 4

Tuesday, Oct. 14th - Picture Retake Day - 9:00 am

Thursday, Oct. 16th - Friday, Oct. 17th - NO SCHOOL - MEA Break

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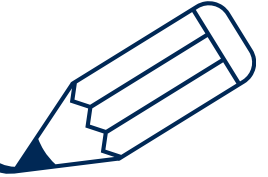
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Message from Principal Vance



Thank you to everyone who attended the Partnering with the Principal Meeting and the PTO meeting. We are so blessed to have you and your children as part of our school. If you love St. Bart's, start bragging to everyone you meet! To brag about St. Bart's, and boost registrations for next year, you can use a few key strategies: share personal stories, highlight what makes the school unique, and provide clear information about the benefits of joining the community. Here are some things you can do to help:

Share Your "Why"

People are more likely to be persuaded by an authentic story than a list of facts. Start with your personal connection to St. Bart's. What do you LOVE about it? Is it the close-knit community, the dedicated teachers, the faith-based learning, or the exciting new programs? Share specific examples: "My son's teacher knew he was struggling with a concept and stayed after to help him, and now he's confident!" or "The new science program is amazing; my daughter is building robots and is so excited about school!" This kind of heartfelt testimonial is incredibly powerful.

Be an Information Hub

Once you've shared your personal story, you can talk about the school's specific benefits. When you bring up the idea of joining the school, be ready to discuss what makes it an excellent choice financially and academically.

- **Transfer Discount:** Let them know that St. Bart's offers a special transfer discount to new families. Explain that this is a great way for them to save money while giving their child a top-notch education.
- **Financial Assistance:** Mention that the school has a strong commitment to making a St. Bart's education accessible for all. Talk about the available financial assistance and scholarships. Reassure them that they can apply for aid and that the school is willing to work with families to find a solution that works for them.
- **Unique Programs:** Highlight the exciting new initiatives that set St. Bart's apart. Mention the new STEM certification and the Individualized Learning opportunities. Explain how these programs provide a unique, modern, and faith-filled education that other schools in the area may not offer.
- **Small Class Sizes:** Share that our class sizes will be limited to 16 or less to allow for individualized education.

Offer to Be a Connector

It can be intimidating for new families to reach out to a school. You can help by offering to make the connection for them.

- Offer to set up a tour.
- Offer to introduce them to a teacher or administrator.
- Offer to answer any other questions they might have.

By acting as a friendly guide and a passionate advocate, you can make the process of joining the St. Bart's family feel welcoming and exciting while earning a referral discount and boosting enrollment.

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SAVE THE DATE - Annual Pet Blessing



Calling all dogs, cats, turtles, gerbils and more! As we anticipate the feast of St. Francis Assisi, champion and patron saint of creatures great & small, we will again host a pet blessing with Fr. Steve in the parking lot before pickup! *Please note the time change from a morning blessing to 3:15 pm.* All families (and grandparents/aunts/uncles, too!) are welcome to bring their furry friends.

More details to follow!

Community Service Opportunity

Attention Families!

Please join the St. Bartholomew Church Community for a fun sandwich making project to benefit local food shelves!

WHEN: Sunday, September 28, 2025

11:30am – 1:00pm (after 10:30 Mass)

WHERE: Fellowship Hall (the Gym!)

WHO: ALL grades (preschool – grade 12) + families preparing children to receive sacraments.



Sign-up Genius to donate food items & to make sandwiches: [CLICK HERE!](#)



HALLOWEEN Craft Day

If your child loves to do holiday crafts for Halloween/Fall, then it's time to sign them up for this fun craft making class with Mrs. Vance. There is a limit of 12 students per session. All craft materials are provided for the four projects!

WHEN: Monday, October 6th from 3:30-4:30

Cost: \$12 billed through TADS

SIGN UP HERE!

