

The Bulldog Bugle



SUMMER EDITION

August 8th, 2025

NATIONAL
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EDUCATION

St. Bartholomew School Earns STEM Certification!

We are thrilled to announce that St. Bartholomew School has officially completed its STEM certifications through Accelerate Learning! This exciting milestone reflects the dedication of our teachers, who have spent countless hours expanding their expertise and gaining powerful new tools to enhance classroom instruction.

With this certification, we are proud to be recognized as a destination for accelerated and integrated science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM) education. Your child's learning experience is now more advanced and personalized than ever before.

As we look ahead to a fantastic new school year, we are confident that our level of service has never been higher. Our students have consistently achieved strong academic results, and with these new resources in place, we anticipate even greater growth and success in the year to come.

St. Bartholomew is still the wonderful, close-knit Catholic School community that you have come to expect, now even stronger. Let's make this our best year yet! Thank you for entrusting your child's education with us.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 27th - Back to School Night! Open House - 4-6pm

Tuesday, September 2nd - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Tuesday, September 9th - Partnering with the Principal Meeting & PTO (free childcare! Details TBD - save the date!

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TINY BUT MIGHTY!

Back in 2022, St. Bartholomew had an unprecedented number of students thanks to our stable learning environment during the COVID years. While it was fun to have over 200 K-5 students in our building, we are back in a growth phase with 50 K-5 students and 45 Preschool students. This means smaller classes, more inter-grade socialization, group specials, and most importantly - a more tailored educational experience for your child with more one-on-one instructional time with teachers. While this presents some challenges, there are an even larger number of benefits! As one parent recently put it at our summer picnic - "It is like the best of both worlds - traditional school and a home school co-op!". We will **not** be combining class sizes or limiting your child's educational experience! We will be doing the opposite with the addition of Spanish and STEAM.

Small class sizes are often considered a significant factor in a student's educational experience.

Benefits of a Small Class Size

- **Individualized Attention:** With fewer students, teachers can provide more one-on-one time guidance, and tailored feedback to each student. This allows them to better understand individual learning styles, strengths, and weaknesses.
- **Enhanced Engagement and Participation:** In a smaller, more intimate setting, students are more likely to feel comfortable asking questions, participating in discussions, and engaging in hands-on activities. This active involvement can lead to a deeper understanding of the subject matter.
- **Stronger Student-Teacher Relationships:** A smaller class size allows teachers to build stronger relationships with their students, fostering a supportive and trusting environment. This can improve student morale, accountability, and academic performance.
- **Improved Academic Outcomes:** Research, particularly from studies like the Tennessee STAR Project, has shown that students in smaller classes often have higher test scores and improved academic performance. The benefits are particularly pronounced for younger children and for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **Better Classroom Management:** Fewer students generally mean fewer distractions and discipline problems, allowing teachers to spend more time on instruction and less on managing behavior.

We look forward to sharing more about the coming year with you at our Partnering with the Principal Meeting on September 9th at 6:30! All welcomed and encouraged to join. Childcare will be available - details TBD!

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ST•BARTHOLOMEW
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

**NO PRICE
INCREASES IN
2025!**

2025-2026 CLUBHOUSE FEES SCHEDULE

St. Bartholomew Catholic School

St. Bart's School is pleased to once again offer in-house wraparound care called "Clubhouse". Families may choose a weekly schedule that best meets their needs. Drop-in days are available on a limited basis to families who only need occasional after school care (a minimum of 24 hours notice is requested). Space is limited. We have done our best to keep our fees low and manageable, whether you have four kids or one at St. Bartholomew.

Clubhouse Fees Per <u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	3 days Per Week	4 days Per Week	5 days Per Week
AM CLUBHOUSE 7:00 - 8:30 am	\$590/year (\$6/day)	\$790/year (\$6/day)	\$985/year (\$6/day)
PM CLUBHOUSE 3:30 - 5:30 pm	\$1,085/year (\$11/day)	\$1,445/year (\$11/day)	\$1,815/year (\$11/day)

Clubhouse Fees Per <u>FAMILY</u>	3 days Per Week	4 days Per Week	5 days Per Week
AM CLUBHOUSE 7:00 - 8:30 am	\$690/year (\$7/day)	\$925/year (\$7/day)	\$1,150/year (\$7/day)
PM CLUBHOUSE 3:30 - 5:30 pm	\$1,285/year (\$13/day)	\$1,710/year (\$13/day)	\$2,145/year (\$13/day)

- Clubhouse contracts will be charged to TADS in October. **There is an option to spread payments over several invoices. We will work with you!**
- \$40 late pick-up fee will be assessed for students picked up after 5:35 pm.
- Drop-in rate for last minute care (i.e. late pick-up from carline) is \$30/day.
- Repeated late pick-ups from carline will result in a meeting with parents to plan for timely pick-up.
- Schedule changes require 2 weeks notice. Changes without notice will result in a \$40 fee.
- Drop-in days will be billed to TADS accounts monthly:

Drop-in Pre-planned (24 hours notice)	Drop-in Unexpected (per student fee)
\$9/day	\$15/day
\$15/day	\$30/day

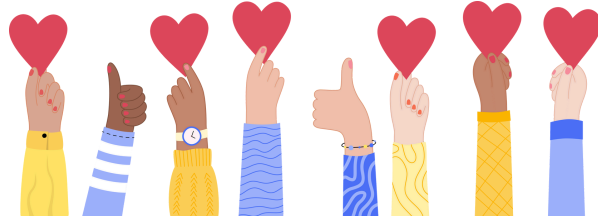


SIGN UP HERE!

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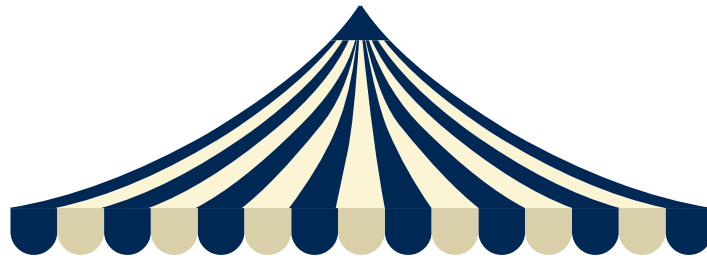
It's PTO Rush time!



PTO roles are open!

If you've never been part of the PTO, we need your help! For new families especially, PTO is a great way to get to know the school and other families.

Most Needed: New PTO members! Not sure how you want to get involved? Get involved as much or as little as your schedule allows. Reach out to Michelle Sanchez (michelle18612@gmail.com) or let's chat at back-to-school night!



Save the Date - THE GATHERING!

It's that time of year, the excitement is building for "The Gathering" on Friday, September 12th beginning at 5:00 p.m. This all-school fun fair is our biggest event of the year! Come one, come all!

Join us for food, fun, inflatables, games and music! Then around 6:30 p.m. we will have the live auction with the coveted Teacher Treats, NFL & NHL ticket packages, and much more! You don't want to miss out on these treasured memories in the live auction.

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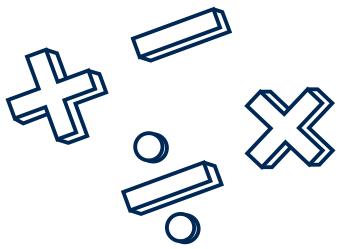
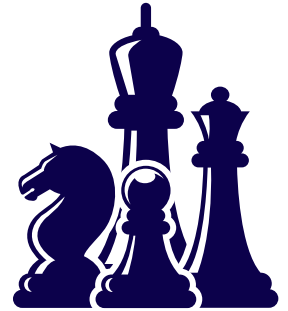
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FALL CLUB SIGN UPS!

Chess Club

For grades K-5! New and returning students invited. Our winter session focuses on advanced beginner and intermediate concepts. The {YEL!} Teach It! Practice It! Play It!® method keeps chess students progressing through 60+ chess lessons and thousands of puzzles as well as guided games and in-class tournaments. Thursdays after school!

Schedule and Sign Up [HERE!!](#)



Math Boosters is a fun after school class to help students develop and enhance basic math skills. Small group (max of 10 students) math instruction for grades K-5. Each class will be focused on a particular concept using a variety of manipulatives, games, and activities, including homework help. Classes are on Wednesdays and are attended by Ms. Korton, Ms. Bilski & Ms. Gabel.

Math Boosters

Schedule and Sign Up [HERE!!](#)

Golf Club

St. Bart's is thrilled to offer Golf instruction in partnership with TGA Junior Golf Twin Cities! 7 sessions on Tuesdays of golf on site - chipping, putting, driving and more - open to all whether you've golfed before or are a beginner. No gear required!

Schedule and Sign Up [HERE!!](#)



HOT LUNCH - September orders due!

Hot Lunch orders for September are due no later than August 22nd. New to Hot Lunch? Order as many or as little as you want! Billed monthly at \$5 per lunch, they come with milk and a rotating assortment of fresh fruit and vegetables.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT ONE ORDER PER STUDENT!](#)



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SUMMER CAMP

Spotlight!

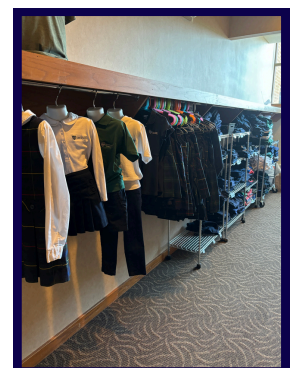
We just can't believe that we are coming up on our last week of Summer Camp @ St. Bart's! Recent destinations include the Arboretum, The Works museum, having fun with our friends at Folkestone, carboard carnivals, and many, many Perler Bead pokemon balls (IYKYK!).

Old friends and new friends made this Summer exceptional. Thanks to Ms. Korton and our wonderful Summer Camp team!



USED UNIFORMS

We have plenty of stock ready for you to peruse! In lieu of a formal used uniform market, please stop by the internal school entrance any time and find what you need. If you would like to make a donation, please leave a check with the front desk.



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NEW St. BARTS WEBSITE UPDATE

In June we were thrilled to announce that we secured a large grant from the Catholic Community Foundation to fully redo the St. Bartholomew School Website! Our old site served us well this past decade, but it was time for a refresh of our largest outward facing marketing piece! The new website should launch in August before the first day of school. We may experience some interruptions as the website shifts over to the new platform. Always feel free to call or email us at the school if you are looking for forms, dates, or other information. We are available and happy to help!



2025 All-School Family Picture Directory

We are pleased to announce a new collaborative pictorial directory for current families! Thank you to those who have already filled out a page. Take a look, get to know someone new, and add yours!

HOW TO: [Click this link](#), add a new slide, pop in a picture and tell us about your family! This is great way to get to know each other & network together, too. Reach out to Mrs. Jude if emailing is easier for you - she can add you manually!

