

*St. Bartholomew Catholic School Presents:*

# The Bulldog Bugle

*January 12, 2024*

## Happy *New Year*



2024! Wow! The start of a new year & resolutions aimed at becoming our best selves help steer a course toward health and happiness. Likewise, the Feast of the Epiphany invites us to seek anew, the way of the Lord in our lives. We're called to align our actions with the call which God has placed upon our lives. What is the Lord calling you to do or become in 2024?

This month, our theme is to "See the Good". The blessings in our lives and the gifts of those around us are many. Look for the good, name it, and give thanks! We'll close out January with Catholic Schools Week, a favorite time each year to celebrate all the goodness in our St. Bart's family.

Peace & joy ~  
Mrs. Haller

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, January 15 - NO SCHOOL, MLK Day**

**Wednesday, January 17 - Children's Mass 9 am**

**Friday, January 26 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day (End 2nd quarter)**

**Sun., Jan. 28 - Catholic Schools Week Mass (Sat. & Sun.) AND Pancake Breakfast**

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## 2024-2025 Registration

Registration for current K-5 students (those who will be in Grades 1-6) for the 2024-2025 school year is underway.

**Student(s) are automatically enrolled on January 15** unless you formally request a delay. Click the link for more information on the registration process: [\*\*2024-2025 Registration\*\*](#)

## St. Bart's Summer Camp

St. Bart's staff is planning and managing the 2024 Summer Camp Program as typical. The full schedule and registration will be available before the end of January.



## Catholic Schools Week 2024

Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.

It is a week of ultra special events grounded in faith, community, and fun! St. Bart's kicks off CSW on the weekend of January 27 with students participating at weekend Masses both Saturday and Sunday. Our Annual Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, January 28.

**[Sign-up here for students to participate in Mass!](#)**



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

## St. Bart's Family Glow Party

**Let's 'GLOW' Crazy!!**

St. Bart's PTO is excited to host a Family Glow Party to close out Catholic Schools Week. It will be a night of music, games, food, family, community, and FUN!

**SAVE THE DATE for Friday, February 2, 6:00-8:00 pm.**

*RSVP and ticket form coming your way next week!!*



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## SAVE THE DATE

February 13, 2024

**PARENT'S**  
*Night Out!*

St. Bart's along with Marilyn Peller Nelson, Director of Stewardship and Development, invite you to celebrate Fat Tuesday and Taco Tuesday at Wayzata American Legion more information to follow.

## volunteer requirements

### Reminder:

In order to volunteer in the lunchroom, at recess, on field trips, or other events, adults must complete training for safe environments. See the next page for details or email: Emily Bilski [stbartsschool@st-barts.org](mailto:stbartsschool@st-barts.org) with questions.

## picture spotlight Recess in the Snow



## EXCITING PLANS for 2024-25!

Parents of current 4-5th grade students will be joining Mrs. Haller, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Egan, and Ms. Bilski on Thursday evening, 1/18, to hear about some of the exciting updates we'll be making to our upper grades this fall!

As we seek to offer an experience that is more developmentally appropriate and enriching for our 5-6th graders, we'll share plans and gather ideas thru shared dialogue with parents. We will keep the rest of our Bulldog families apprised of developments thru an upcoming newsletter.

*All families will soon receive a survey to share ideas and priorities for the shaping of St. Bart's future, next year and beyond.*

# **Safe Environment Credentialing for New Users:**

## **VIRTUS Account Registration Guide**

Total Time Commitment: Approximately 95 minutes



### **ATTENTION:**

- ☐ Employees and volunteers may not begin service until approved by your Safe Environment Coordinator.
- ☐ Incomplete VIRTUS accounts are deleted after 30 days and you will be required to start over.
- ☐ If you previously created a VIRTUS account, **do not create an additional/new account.**
- ☐ If you are unable to access an existing VIRTUS account, contact your Safe Environment Coordinator.
- ☐ To retrieve or reset your login information, click **I NEED LOGIN HELP** on the VIRTUS home page.

### **Technical Tips:**

- ☐ Do not use a cell phone or tablet. Use Chrome web browser from a computer.
- ☐ Do not log in on multiple devices. If you changed devices, log out completely and restart the first device.
- ☐ Allow pop-ups. Enable *Adobe Flash Player* and *Javascript*.
- ☐ Do not close tabs until instructed.
- ☐ Do not use the “page back” or “page forward” buttons on the web browser.
- ☐ Only use the buttons on the screens, such as “Continue”, “Next”, “Previous”.
- ☐ Fast-forwarding the training module will cause the module to lock up and force you to start over.

### **Instructions:**

- ☐ Go to the VIRTUS website: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)
- ☐ Click First Time Registrant
- ☐ Click Begin the Registration Process

**Select Your Organization: Carefully choose St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN (Archdiocese)**

**Enter your full legal name. Do not use nicknames or punctuation.**

**Primary location: If your location is a school, select the location with School in the title.**

**Carefully read and follow the instructions on the website in the order presented.**

**1) Complete the Code of Conduct.**

**2) Complete the Background Check application.**

- ☐ The application will open in the McDowell Agency website.
- ☐ Social Security Number (SSN) is required.
- ☐ Click Submit at the end of each step to proceed.
- ☐ A note will appear on the screen to confirm the application has been successfully submitted.
- ☐ Click Return to VIRTUS to begin your online training module.

**3) Complete Safe Environment Training (approximately 75 minutes).**

*Confirm that you have completed all requirements with your Safe Environment Coordinator*

