



Fourth Grade
2020-2021



St. Bartholomew Catholic School empowers all students in our faith-filled welcoming community to grow in mind, body and spirit.

La escuela católica de St. Bartholomew da la bienvenida a todos los estudiantes a nuestra comunidad de Fé, y los fortalece para crecer en la mente, el cuerpo y el espíritu.

2020-2021 Theme – We walk by faith, not by sight. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:7

2020-21 Guidelines for Re-entry

- Masks/facial coverings will be worn by ALL staff and students.
- Homeroom Teachers will take each student's temperature daily before announcements.
- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms.
- Students can purchase lunch (from BCSC) or bring their own lunch.
- Teachers are expected to take students outside frequently during nice weather.
- Parents and Visitors will not be permitted inside the school. (Except in Office by appointment.)

2020-21 Guidelines for Re-entry

- Students will have individual desks/tables spaced as far apart as possible and facing in the same direction
- Students will NOT share school materials.
- Students are encouraged to have their own water bottles. Bottle filling stations will be open, but drinking fountains will be closed.
- Students are encouraged to have a crate or box to hold belongings by their desks/tables.
- Other suggested items:
Headphones that cover the entire ear, towel or mat for sitting outside, personal size hand sanitizer, pencil sharpener and tissues.

Jupiter Ed

- Jupiter Ed is our Student Information System. It is the method by which we communicate with families. Grades are also accessible 24/7 through Jupiter Ed. We recommend that Kindergarten parents login to check grades at least two times per quarter and parents for older students at least weekly.
- Please make sure you are familiar with accessing your Jupiter account.
- One very important thing we need you to do is to check to make sure your contact information (address, email, phone number) is correct in Jupiter.
- Please opt-in for text messaging through Jupiter. This will allow you to quickly receive messages regarding school closures or other important information right to your phone.
- Your child's school email address will be entered into Jupiter for them. Please do not change your child's email address. It is very important that their stbirish email address remain in Jupiter.
- If you have any difficulty accessing your Jupiter account, please contact Mrs. King at jking@stbirish.net or Mrs. Graman at dgraman@stbirish.net.

Leader in Me

This program gives students opportunities to build leadership through the discovery of their unique gifts. It is through these gifts that students become actively engaged in their education and become more responsible to themselves, their classmates and their school.

Description: The 7 Habits are as follows - Be Proactive, Begin With the End in Mind, First Things First, Think Win Win, Seek First to Understand - Then to Be Understood, Synergize, and Sharpen The Saw.

Thursday afternoon lessons - Students and staff will meet in their homerooms for 50 minute lessons each week to discuss the habits and how to incorporate these habits in their own lives and into our school culture.

Parent information will be sent home regularly through newsletter so that you know the Habit that we are focusing on that week.

Google Classroom

- Students will be using Google Classroom on their Chromebooks this year. Teachers will help students to join their Google Classroom group.
- Teachers will also teach their students how to use this online learning platform, which will be used both in the classroom and if we need to implement eLearning.
- It allows great interaction for students to join with their teachers , whether inside the classroom, or at home.
- It provides easy access to materials and assignments, even videos.
- It allows for differentiation of all subjects.
- All student work is saved in Google Drive.
- Students are engaged by using technology.
- It is very simple for students to maneuver around Google Classroom.

Specials Staff

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Mrs. Proffitt- 4A

- I have been a resident of Columbus, Indiana for 29 years following my graduation from the Ohio State University where I earned my bachelor's degree.
- I have worshiped at St. Bartholomew Church since 1989 and have some amazing memories as a teacher for over 20 years.
- My husband, Mike. attended St. Bartholomew School as a youth. All of my children have attended St. Bartholomew School.
- I continue to be involved in the community through my children's many activities
- I enjoy gardening and reading in my spare time.

Mrs. Howell- 4B

- ❖ My family and I have lived in Columbus for 8 years. We are originally from Greensburg. Jonas and I have two sons, Liam (5th grader at St. B's) and Mason (3rd grader).
- ❖ I graduated from IU and am currently in my 14th year of teaching. Before coming to St. Bartholomew Catholic School, I taught kindergarten at Milroy Elementary in Rush County.
- ❖ In my free time, I enjoy being with friends and family. I also like to hike, run, swim, and just be outside!

Envision Math

- We will be using the Envision Math series. This is the same series your child has used the past two years, so it will be familiar to them.
- Math is a very important subject and will be addressed in the classroom daily. We spend approximately one hour every day learning math concepts.
- Some of the math concepts we will be covering are: adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers, single and double digit multiplication, long division, working with fractions, decimals, and percents, and unit conversions
- We will have math rotations/stations 3-4 days per week.

90 Minute Reading Block

★ *This is mandated by the state of Indiana*

Several of the activities we will complete during this time include:

- Working out of our Wonders Reading Series
- Reading novels/Literature Circles
- Reading comprehension activities
- Word work and vocabulary
- Fluency practice
- Reading non-fiction articles, including Science, Indiana History, and Religious texts

Accelerated Reader

- Following completion of the STAR Reading Test, students will be given their reading levels and will help decide on a point goal for the 9 weeks.
- It is important for students to read approximately 30 minutes per day at home.
- Students who meet their point goal will get to attend the AR Reward Party.
- More information will be sent home in regards to Accelerated Reader after students receive their reading levels and point goals.

Religion

- We have meaningful discussions and reflection about our faith during a half an hour block each day.
- New this year is the religion series Christ In Us. We are very excited to experience the new interactive layout.
- We will continue to use a variety of support materials as well, such as Formed to help students make more meaningful connections.
- We learn to navigate our classroom Bibles.
- We celebrate the different church seasons. Studying the Jesse Tree, service projects, and studying the Book of Luke are some of our favorites!
- Mass will continue to take place for 4th Grade on Thursdays this year. We will either be present in the Church or view a livestream.

Science/Social Studies

- We divide up each semester to focus either Science or Social Studies throughout the school year.
- We enjoy learning about Indiana History in 4th grade and enjoy learning about the rich history of different areas around Indiana include the many historical figures that influenced our State's physical, Cultural, and economic development. It is truly a unique experience as we "discover" Indiana. Since it is written at a 4th grade level, a textbook is our main resource for an overview of Indiana's history; however, we will also utilize other grade appropriate support materials.
- Science will focus on five different areas- Physical Sciences, Earth and Space Science, Life Science and Engineering. We cover curricula primarily through Discovery Education and other support materials.
- We have process standards in both science and math that we incorporate through a variety of STEM activities and lab activities.

Additional 4th Grade Notes

- We have a late lunch (12:50), so please be sure that your child packs a healthy snack to get them through the morning.
- Students will be responsible for filling out their assignment notebooks each day. You will want to go over this each evening with your child.
- Homework should take no more than an average of 40 minutes. Please let us know if it is taking longer than this.

We love teaching 4th grade and know that your child will love it too! We are looking forward to a wonderful 2020-2021 school year!

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