

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #8

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Dear Families,

Thank you so much for your participation and collaboration during Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences last week. We appreciate the partnership we share in this wonderful mission of Catholic education! At yesterday's faculty meeting, the teachers and I discussed how to put our testing data, our progress report data, our conference data, and our own classroom observation data together to inform our instructional practices. Within the next few weeks, I will be meeting with each teacher to discuss their data and we will discuss our data as a whole staff in future meetings. The most important way that you can support your child's education and impact their achievement in school is to be sure they are doing something for their brains every night at home. Reading for pleasure at home makes a huge difference! Read to or with your child every night, in any language! For older children, please make sure they have a personal reading book and a quiet space, if possible, to read. Please limit video games during school nights and give your child a chance to unwind, unplug, and explore the world through reading.

## Middle School News

As principal, I am concerned about the number of missing assignments that especially our middle school students are accruing. Their teachers are also very concerned. Not only does this greatly impact your student's grade, but the teachers cannot assess your child's progress or understanding if they cannot see their work. When our new graduates come back to visit, they tell us that in high school, "You just can't have missing work, because the teachers don't chase you down for it." Aha! We laugh because they finally "get it," but our middle school teachers currently spend far too much time chasing down work, so this is not preparing our students for high school. Therefore, every Friday for the foreseeable future, we are going to send home a printout of missing work. This printout is to be **signed by you** and returned on Monday, and your student should include any missing work with the printout. If your child has no missing assignments, every week they will earn a point toward a goal/privilege, which the middle school students will help us establish. Please support us by signing these papers and being sure your student completes all work.

## CYO

It is so exciting to have our CYO program beginning! Thank you to all the coaches and parents who are helping make this program so wonderful for our children. Please know that our students are expected to be "**Student Athletes**," and that their grades and behavior in school must be acceptable for them to be playing sports or participating in co-curricular events. We will evaluate all student-athletes' records after the first report card to determine eligibility for continuation in activities. If your student-athlete has gotten off the track a bit so far this year, there is **time for improvement** before we sit them out of participation.

## Accreditation/Surveys

Please be sure to take your Parent Survey for our accreditation! The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6CFBJG>. Teachers using Class Dojo will send an electronic link. When you complete the survey, there will be a page to print out (or you can send it to us electronically) to let us know you have completed it. Please be sure we have your name and the names of your children. We are increasing our incentive to TWO service hours and a "Free Dress Pass" for your children. Only one survey per family will count toward the free dress pass, but if more than one parent completes the survey, each parent will earn two service hours. What a deal!

## Mrs. Silvia Gonzalez

Please plan to join us at our Family Mass on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, at 10:15 AM. Afterward, we will honor Mrs. Gonzalez for her longtime devotion to St. Elizabeth School with a reception in the gym after Mass. We will also hold our next raffle and give our "Free Dress" passes. You may send any cards of thanks to the office, and we will be sure to give them to her on her special day.

## Cancer Wall

Our next "**Coffee, Conversation, and Community**" will be October 19, when we will gather in the morning to remember those we love who have passed away from cancer. Our children will be decorating ribbons to put on our Cancer Wall in the hallway and we will pray at morning assembly. Please join each other after morning prayer in the room right next to the flagpole. The parking lot will be available to parents who wish to stay for this gathering.

## Parent Traffic Committee Meeting

This Monday I will hold a planning meeting for parents who are willing to help us evaluate our drop-off and pick-up practices to see what kinds of changes we may implement so that our children are safe at these times. I will hold this meeting right after morning assembly on Monday, and we will meet in the room next to the flagpole at 8:10 AM. Parents can earn service hours for attending this meeting and helping with the plan.

## Uniform

We have noticed many students wearing black jeans (**No Denim, No Skinny pants, or Drawstring pants**) and they are not part of the school uniform guidelines. If a student is out of uniform you will receive a call to bring the correct uniform or to pick up your student.

## SHOO the FLU

Shoo the Flu will be coming to our school on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please fill out the permission slip that was included in your family envelope last week. Only the flu shot is available and not the nose mist.

## Halloween

It's hard to believe, but Halloween is right around the corner! When your child is choosing a costume to wear to school, here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Costumes should not be too short, too tight, or see through.
- Please do not wear anything bloody or gory.
- No weapons are allowed at school.

- Masks may be brought to school, but only worn at the parade.
- Students may wear tennis shoes only- no high heels, etc.
- We are looking forward to seeing all the creative costumes that our students will be wearing!

#### **REMINDERS**

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Family Mass at 10:15am

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Shoo the Flu

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Noon Dismissal