

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #12

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Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather as much as I am. It certainly feels like fall!

Our first trimester is wrapping up, and it has been a wonderful one. I am humbled by and thankful for the many gifts we have at St. Elizabeth School. I am thankful, first and foremost, for each one of our precious children. They are the light and the joy of our lives. I am thankful for our amazing parents and the many ways you support us in providing a safe, excellent, and joyful experience for all connected to our school. I am thankful for our faculty and staff, including our CYO coaches, who inspire and care for our children with such love, dedication, and high expectations.

We all know there will be times of conflict, times of uncertainty, and times when we feel discouraged, but living in true community together requires that we support each other through these times as well as the happy times. In fact, I believe that we reveal more of our true selves when we are faced with challenges, and we must remember that we are called to, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, show tolerance for one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2). Let us all commit ourselves daily to the celebration of St. Elizabeth School as a learning and loving community that works unceasingly to live with compassion and with thankful hearts for the blessings we have. If we expect perfection from each other, we will be an empty school, for there is no perfection in the journey. There are joys and challenges along the way, and that is life. We always have a light to guide us—our Lumen Christi, the light of Christ, is our North Star, and our entire St. Elizabeth community is only strong when we are together. We have been called to be together on this ongoing journey to be our very best selves—parents, teachers and staff, and students alike. May God continue to abundantly bless you, your children, and the St. Elizabeth community this Thanksgiving season and always.

## News and Notes

I will be away from campus next week, first at a conference for Dominican Schools, and then I am the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) representative for St. Anthony School's accreditation visit. St. Elizabeth School will have our accreditation visit in the Spring of 2020, so we have begun our preparations. One key part of our accreditation preparation is asking our parents, students, and teachers to respond to surveys about our school. These surveys are an important source of information to the committee who will be evaluating our school. I have asked the Room Parents to reach out and contact all of you with the link to the survey. If you have not yet completed it, please do so! You will receive service hours for completing it and your child will receive a free dress pass. Thanks for your help in helping us creating plans for your child's future!

## Change of Calendar

We must switch dates on our school calendar: Students will **NOT** come to school on November 30<sup>th</sup>, but **WILL** come on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please note the change on your calendars!

## Uniform

Over the thanksgiving holiday, please wash uniforms and check for tears and holes, too-short hems on skirts, too-tight waistbands or tight-fitting pants, etc., and refresh or replace as necessary. Our students should always be wearing clean clothes, at least at the start of the school day, and uniforms are to be kept neat and properly fitting.

## Toy Drive

It's time to kick off our Toy Drive!

As we approach the time of giving please share a toy to give back to a child in need. You will receive a service hour for each gift you bring.

## Service Hours

The following donations are needed: white copy paper (8 ½ X 11), coffee (Foldgers), flavored creamer (French Vanilla or Hazelnut). For every \$10 you spend you will receive 1 service hour. Please bring items to the office. Thank you!

## CYO ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Volleyball team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in their division at the **St. Bede Fight Breast Cancer tournament**. Also Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade combo team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division. Half of the proceeds from this tournament go towards Breast Cancer research.

**Game schedules** have been distributed to all the players. They are also posted on the bulletin board near the faculty room. Come out and support all of the athletes and enjoy a Volleyball and/or Basketball game!

**Parent Service hours opportunities during CYO games.** During home games, we need parents to help in the taco or hot dog stand. You can help with: set up, cleaning, cook, chop garnishments, cash box and more. You can also donate items such as: meat, paper plates, napkins, forks, can sodas, water bottles, cheese, hot dog buns, and more. \$10= one service hour. Please contact Paula Garcia at 510-381-4730 to sign up.

## Reminders

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> No School- Veteran's Day

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Picture Re-takes

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> No School- Dominican Staff Day