

¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #1

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God of our past, our present and our future,
God of our dreams, our designs and our decisions,
Be love in us as we journey through
this new school year.
Be our inner vision, that we may see life
through your eyes,
Be our inner hearing, that we may listen
well for your call,
Be our inner judgment, so we may discern
clearly that which gives life,
Promotes growth, and nurtures love.
As we move into this school year,
fill us with hope and abiding trust that you dwell in us,
So that, in both joy and sorrow, we radiate hope.
Amen

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to our new school year. As you are aware, we are now officially St. Elizabeth School, A Lumen Christi Academy! We will always retain our beloved St. Elizabeth School name, but now we are part of a larger community. Our network of schools is off to a great start with new curriculum in Math and Language Arts, and we look forward to sharing more information with you as the year progresses.

Thank you to our Parent Group for a delicious Pancake Breakfast on Thursday for our Family Day. I love the sense of community our school brings to each new year. Soon you will be getting more information about how we can all work together to continue that spirit! Whenever we have opportunities for parents to complete their service hours, we will include them in the Que Pasa to let you know.

Mornings

Thank you for getting your children to school on time! Our "Get Ready!" bell rings at 7:55 am, which lets the students, know it is time to line up and get ready for the day. When the second bell rings, we begin morning assembly. Students are stopped at the gate at the end of the second bell and are considered tardy. It is important to start our day prayerfully and peacefully, so please be on time for school. It is so disruptive and embarrassing for children to walk in to their classrooms late.

We love to have our parents with us for morning prayer, but we ask you to refrain from talking with each other during prayer and pledge. Please set a good example for the children. When our teachers come out to the yard, they must be paying attention to the children and not conversing with parents. If you need to speak with a teacher, by all means, please contact them by phone or email for an appointment. You can expect a prompt answer (within 24 hours except weekends).

Upcoming Events

Next Wednesday, August 29

Back to School Night GRADES TK-5 ONLY

Please join us for Back to School Night next Wednesday beginning at **6:00 PM** in the gym **Please note start time!** . Our evening begins with general information, introductions, and comments from Rodney Pierre-Antoine, our Executive Director of Lumen Christi Academies. Then you will visit the classrooms and the teachers will make presentations about the curriculum and their programs/ expectations. There will be **2** sessions so that parents with more than one child have a second opportunity for the presentation.

6:00 PM- Start time-Everyone should be in the gym. Mr. Rodney Pierre-Antoine, the Executive Director of Lumen Christi Academies, will be speaking to parents immediately after introductions. It is very important that parents attend this evening.

5 minutes travel time to classrooms.

Presentation One: 30 minutes

5 minutes travel time to classrooms

Presentation Two: 30 minutes

Conclude and good night!

Wednesday, September 6

Back to School Night GRADES 6—8 ONLY

Please join us for Middle School Back to School Night Wednesday September 6th beginning at **6:00 PM** in the cafeteria **Please note start time!** Our evening begins with general information, introductions, and comments from Rodney Pierre-Antoine, our Executive Director of Lumen Christi Academies.

6:00 PM- Start time-Everyone should be in the cafeteria. Mr. Rodney Pierre-Antoine, the Executive Director of Lumen Christi Academies, will be speaking to parents immediately after introductions. It is very important that parents attend this evening. 5 minutes travel time to classrooms, beginning with your child's Homeroom. Then parents will move to each classroom for teachers' presentations.

Safe Environment for Children Commitment

All parents, family members, and volunteers in our school must comply with the Safe Environment for Children requirements. These requirements are to be fingerprinted and to complete an online training module (www.virtusonline.org). No one may work in classrooms or attend field trips unless they comply with these requirements. Please know that we do not share this information with any other agency. It is only used to ensure that all who come into contact with our children are free from criminal behavior against children. We are committed to the safety of each child in our care. We will have a representative on campus for fingerprinting on Back to School night, Aug 29th, between the hours of 4:00-6:30 PM if you would like to take care of this requirement that evening.

Transitions . . .

Enclosed in this newsletter is a letter from Mrs. Gonzalez, our TK/K Instructional Assistant. Last week she informed me that she had made the very difficult decision to leave St. Elizabeth to care for her family. Mrs. Gonzalez has been a wonderful and important part of our TK/K program, and has lovingly cared for hundreds of our littlest learners. She has been an exemplary staff

member, and we will surely miss her. We offer her our sincerest thanks and prayers for the next steps in her life. We welcome Ms. Monica Meza to our staff as our new Instructional Assistant in TK/K. May your time at St. Elizabeth School be blest.

I would also like to inform you that Ms. Karina Palacios will be our Instructional Assistant in our Gr 1/2 combination class on Fridays. Mrs. Topete will be in the classroom Mon-Thurs, and Ms. Palacios will be in the classroom on Friday. Ms. Palacios also works in our 21st Century Extended Learning Program.

Saturday, September 15 9:00am-12pm
St. Elizabeth School Campus Beautification

We need help around the school for some cleaning, some yard work, and some other tasks. Please consider helping from 9:00-12pm. Parents will earn service hours!

FACTS

If you have not yet completed your FACTS registration for payment of tuition, you will be charged a late fee! Please be sure to get registered immediately. Contact Silvia Rodriguez at (510) 532-7392 if you have any questions. All parents must be registered through FACTS to pay their tuition this year.

Reminders

Aug 29th Back to School Night for TK-5th Only
6pm in the gym.

Aug 31st No School- Teacher In Service

Sept 3rd No School- Labor Day

Sept 5th Noon Dismissal

Sept 6th Back to School Night for 6th-8th Only
6pm in the cafeteria