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Family Bulletin #5

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Dear Families,

CRITICAL AND URGENT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS AND TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS WHO DROP OFF AND PICK UP

On Tuesday, for the **second time** in the year and month that I have been your principal, we came very close to losing students because of a parent who double-parked incorrectly on 33rd Avenue to drop off students and a speeding car that whipped around the parent's car and almost hit the children. This near-fatal collision was witnessed by Miss Annie as well as a neighbor and reported to me yesterday.

I have repeatedly requested that parents not drop off or pick up students on 33rd Avenue and never to double-park on 33rd or 34th Avenue. This request continues to be disregarded by some parents. **Therefore, the door on 33rd Avenue will be locked and will not be opened from 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM every day and at dismissal time every day.** No children will be allowed into or out from this door at these times. For parent business at the office, you may enter the schoolyard starting at 7:30 AM or you will be admitted from 33rd Avenue after 8:15 AM when the schoolyard gate is closed. **Please do not repeatedly ring the doorbell or bang on the door (EVER) or be angry at the office staff for not opening the door.** This is **MY** instruction based on my assessment of student safety at our school. If you have a situation or concern you would like to discuss, please contact me. I will also be holding a Parents' Coffee Chat next Wednesday in the Knight's Palace after morning assembly until 9:00 AM if you'd like to stop by. If you have children in the afterschool program, please contact Extended Day Care at (510) 851-5194 for pickup instructions or to have the walk-in gate opened on 34th Avenue (across from the Church.) This is for the **safety** of all of our children, and I expect your cooperation. It is your responsibility to inform anyone who comes to pick up your children that these are our pickup rules.

Thank You To Our Parents Helpers

We had a very busy weekend! We are grateful to the parents who came out on Saturday to help in our school garden. Thank you for your wonderful spirit and enthusiasm. We hope to have another date in a few months; meanwhile, if you would like to work at anytime in the garden, let us know and we will have a task for you. We had a wonderful Family Mass on Sunday and we held our first raffle afterwards in the cafeteria. Remember to turn in your tickets for the best chances--We have **five** more Sunday Family Masses this year. Students who come to Mass in their uniform receive a "Free Dress" pass for the next day. Thank you also to the school parents who helped with the St. Elizabeth Parish Festival on Sunday through your donations, your help at the water station, or with setup or cleanup. We are grateful for your participation in this important community event.

Thursday Envelope

Most of our families are very good about returning their Thursday envelopes so that we can send you information every week. In this week's packet, please find our Family Handbook! After a year of revisions and working on a Spanish version, I am happy to include this important document to you this week.

Please review it and sign the enclosed form and return the signed form in your Family Envelope. Please keep the Handbook for your reference.

Accreditation

Every six years, St. Elizabeth School, like all of our Catholic schools, undergoes a rigorous process of accreditation. This means that we examine all aspects of our program--financial, academic, our Catholic Identity, our programs of support for students, and our Family communication and outreach. The goal of writing a report for this accreditation is to develop an Action Plan to guide us for the next six years and beyond. We begin this process by conducting a survey of every group in our community. The week of Parent-Teacher Conferences, we will ask you to complete a Parent Survey for this Self-Study of our school. We will ask all students in our school to take a survey, all teachers to take a survey, and other stakeholders in our community to take a survey as well. This is an important part of creating a plan for the next six years of our beloved St. Elizabeth School. Your input is so important to us! Thank you in advance for your participation. You will receive one parent service hour for completing the short survey.

Mother Pia

"Next week, Mother Pia will be notifying families of those students who qualify to receive our services this academic year. Please check next Thursday's packet for an update. Since this is a continuation of last year's work, please make sure to return your student's completed summer packet."

CYO Athletics

We still need more **5th grade boys** interested in playing Boys Basketball. Please contact Paula Garcia at 510-381-4730 as soon as possible or attend the next available practice on Tuesdays or Thursday nights from 6-7pm in the gym.

Practice schedules by team:

Girls Volleyball

3rd & 4th grade Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:00-6:00 pm **5th grade** Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm **6th grade** Mondays & Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm

7th & 8th grade Mondays & Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm

Boys Basketball

3rd & 4th grade Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

5th grade Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

6th grade Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm

7th & 8th grade Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:00-8:00pm

Reminders

Sept 25th 8th grade day at the Cathedral

Sept 26th Hearing Test

Oct 3-5th Noon Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct 8th No School- Columbus Day