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When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

--Howard Thurman

Let the work of Christmas begin! Let's begin it together!

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! It is wonderful to be back with your children, our teachers, and our whole community. I hope everyone had a refreshing break over Christmas. We are looking forward to many exciting events to come in the remainder of the school year!

Intent to Return Form 2019-2020

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning for the next school year!! In next week's Que Pasa, you will receive your "Intent to Return Form." This form indicates if you plan to return to St. Elizabeth School for the 2019-2020 school year. To secure your spot, please enclose a \$75.00 deposit per child, which will be applied to your registration and Intent to Return form by February 15th. We do not want to lose any of our families for next year, so if you have any questions or concerns at all, please let us know how we can support you in returning to St. Elizabeth!

Safety

Some safety reminders: Please supervise your children at school events! When children run around in the school building, gym, or parking lot, they can be injured or harmed. In the evening, our parish neighborhood gets very busy, and with so many church meetings and activities happening, some parents do not realize that people we do not know and have not been screened may be on school grounds after 6:00 PM.

When parents help at school or in the classrooms, our insurance does not cover younger siblings to be with the parents. We really appreciate your help, but when you are responsible for helping, you cannot be properly supervising your younger child as well. I have noticed this sometimes happening since last year, so I realize that I need to communicate this formally to everyone. I apologize that this policy should have been explicitly stated in the Handbook.

Adults who have not completed the fingerprinting or Safe Environment Training cannot be chaperones for field trips or volunteer at school activities until they have completed these important requirements. Younger siblings may not attend field trips, as our insurance does to cover them.

Parent Participation

We are so blessed to have a great group of Room Parents coordinating many of our schoolwide and classroom activities. All parents are welcome to attend our Parent Group meetings and participate in our school activities. Some events require more help than others, and we will try to accommodate all parents who wish to participate;

however, please do not rely solely upon the activities organized by the Room Parents to fulfill your hours. There are other opportunities and other ways to complete your service hours. We put these opportunities in the Que Pasa and you may call the office to find out what other ways you can help.

Current needs:

Helping with traffic patrol (Thank you to Mr. Sandoval and Ms. Vazquez who are helping with traffic! Mr. Sandoval is helping on the school side with car traffic and Ms. Vazquez had the great idea to stand at the crosswalk and help students cross safely. I am very grateful to these parents and would be happy to give service hours to any parent willing to take a shift and help with traffic. We will give you a cool orange vest to wear!

Koins for Kids

In February, our school collects donations for Vision of Hope. As you know, we are a part of the Vision of Hope family and they offer a tremendous amount of support to our school. We hold a yearly **friendly** competition among the classes to win the "Pia Penguin" (named for Mother Pia who founded the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose). I need parents who are willing to count the collection every day, keep tabs on the classrooms' donations, and update the students on who is ahead that day. Koins for Kids will take place February 11-22!

Fun Run

Our Fun Run is scheduled for April 4th. We have our kickoff March 21st. This is one of the highlights of our year and is one of our school fundraisers. Students secure pledge donations and then on the day of the run, run laps in the schoolyard (or gym if it is raining). We need parents to help organize and run this event, and to make sure the pledges and the donations match up. This is a big job, so it would be great to have a committee to plan the logistics, the snacks, and the check-off stations the day of the event.

Room Parent Events

Our Room Parents are planning a Daughter Dance and a Son Fun night—stay tuned for information about these special events!

Our Tardeada (Family Fiesta Dinner/Silent Auction) will take place on May 3rd. We will need help with donations, decorations, setup and clean up. If you have your own business or work for a business who could support us, please consider donating gift certificates to be auctioned off! Every donation helps, and this is one of our most important parent fundraisers!

“All schools in the Lumen Christi Academies are intended to be environments that educate, nurture, and support students according to basic Catholic principles. Everyone involved in the development of children and youth—teachers, administrators, parents, family and friends—is required to behave in accordance with these principles.”

Reminders

Jan 12th High School Placement Test

Jan 16th School Mass 10:30am

Jan 18th No School -Teacher in Service

Jan 21st No School- Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan 27th Family Mass 10:15am