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Dominican Charism Hallmarks

Pillar I: Prayer

Learning from our sister, St. Catherine of Siena, we integrate experiences of Eucharist and prayer into all dimensions of school life as the heart of the school reality, helping to develop a contemplative attitude toward everyone and everything.

With our hearts, we pray
With our hands, we serve
With our minds, we learn
With our voices, we preach the good news
St. Dominic, St. Elizabeth and Mother Pia, pray for us.
For the glory of God, Amen.

Dear Families,

Our students have been working hard and it is hard to believe we are halfway through the second trimester! Progress reports will come out next Thursday. This can be a challenging trimester because of the long Thanksgiving week break and the long Christmas break, so it is not uncommon for some gaps in performance. However, now is the time to catch up and be sure that your child is working hard and getting all caught up if anything is missing due to vacations. We thank you sincerely for your support and attention to your child's academic performance.

We had a lovely school Mass yesterday, planned by our Fifth Grade. During the school year, each class takes a turn planning our school liturgy and preparing the readings, the prayers of the faithful, and presenting the gifts. This year during Lent, we will be adding a weekly Stations of the Cross which classes will take turns preparing.

Catholic Schools Week Peek

Our school joins schools across the country to celebrate Catholic Schools the week of January 27-Feb 1st. St. Elizabeth School will be celebrating in the following ways:

Sunday- We Celebrate Our Faith-

Family Mass 10:15 AM in the Church, followed by our Raffle in the Cafeteria.

Monday- We Celebrate our Parents!

We invite you to join us for morning assembly at 8:00 AM, followed by breakfast treats and coffee/tea in the cafeteria provided by the teachers. Our TK/K will join us at 8:30 AM to share a song, and then from 8:45-9:45, you are welcome to a "Taste of St. Elizabeth." The classrooms will be open for you to pop in and see what is happening in our classrooms! All parents are welcome to briefly visit all our classrooms during this hour.

Tuesday- We Celebrate Our Students!

On Student Appreciation Day, students will enjoy free dress, no homework, free time in each classroom with their teacher, and we will have a Faith Families activity.

Wednesday- We Celebrate Giving Back to Our Community

All students will participate in student-driven service learning during the school day.

Thursday- We Celebrate Learning!

Our students will participate in a fun activity called "Academic Olympics" and test their knowledge!

Friday- We Celebrate Lifting our Voices in Our Community!

We will all participate in our yearly "Peace Parade" around our neighborhood holding signs with expressing the needs of our community. We march up 35th Avenue to Foothill and then back down Fruitvale. Parents are welcome to join us.

2019-2020 School Year

For planning purposes, this week we are sending a "Intent to Return Form" so that we have an idea of how many families are returning for next school year. Registering our current families is our first priority before we open up to the larger community. We are also beginning our enrollment season and testing new students for next year. If you know a family looking for an excellent school, invite them to consider St. Elizabeth! Boosting our enrollment helps all of us because we can fund more programs and services with a larger enrollment. Our applications are updated and we are ready to offer personal tours of the school. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.

CYO Athletics

Spring Sports Sign-Ups- will take place on Tuesday, January 22nd in the Cafeteria during lunch. Thereafter, in the gym from 6-8pm Mon-Thursday until January 31st. **Girls Basketball Players who need uniforms must request it by January 31st.**

Spring sports available are: Girls Basketball, Boys Sand Volleyball and Track & Field

Jim Negri Tournament- The 7th/8th grade girls volleyball team will participate in the annual tournament this

Sunday, January 20th at Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward from 12pm-3:30pm. Please come out and support the team!

Coach Leroy Gallegos Scholarship- In honor to a beloved long standing basketball Coach, a \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an 8th grade basketball player. Applications will be due on January 31st.

Safety in the gym and parking lot- reminder that once the gate is open for cars to park, no one is allowed to play in the parking lot. Inside the gym, **only Coaches and Players are allowed on the court** during their assigned practice time.

REMINDERS

Jan 18th No School Teacher-in-Service

Jan 21st No School Martin Luther King Jr.

Jan 27th Family Mass 10:15am

Feb 1st Noon Dismissal