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PRAYER

"Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury your pardon, Lord, and where there is doubt true faith in you!"

Prayer of St. Francis

STATE OF THE SCHOOL

It was wonderful to see so many of you, well over 125 families, participating in the January 18th State of the School celebration. We really do have much to celebrate, especially our students, families and staff! For those families who were not able to participate or did not choose to come that night, you were missed! One-hundred and seven family surveys were turned in that night. The school really needs, though, to hear the "voice" of every family through this survey. There are extra surveys in the office in English and Spanish. Please come to the office and request one from Mrs. Guevara or Mrs. Lupian. They should be returned by February 15th for collation and action on the results. Thanks for continually "putting us over the top"!

TECH TEAM

Congratulations to the newly chosen Tech Team from student volunteers and Sister Regena, leader of the "crew"! The students are: Briana Aguilar, David Bone, Melissa Cervantes, Alexis Esquivel, Heydi Lopez, Marco Lopez, Allen Paunovich, and Jovan Paunovich. Their first goal is to make a promotional movie of life at St. Elizabeth! Such a "high" goal! Future OSCAR recipients.

KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

Our current kindergarten is filled with a short waiting list. Next year you don't want your kindergarten student (birthday before November 1st) on that waiting list. Please complete the application process—even if your child is currently enrolled in Golden Star Preschool—and contact Margarita Guevara for an appointment for the February 6th K placement process.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

This Sunday all families are required to participate in the Family Mass at 10:00 a.m. in our Parish Church. Throughout the nation and throughout the diocese all Catholic Schools are celebrating FAITH ACADEMICS SERVICE with their communities the week of January 29th. Following the Mass there will be socializing, visiting the classrooms where the work of your children will be on display, the band will play for all in the cafeteria, the choir will sing for us, light refreshments from the *Padres Unidos*/Parent Partnering Group will be provided in the classrooms, the WCEA/WASC surveys will be available in the office area, tours for new families will be provided by our wonderful student council members, and a presentation for prospective families will be offered in the faculty room. Our students should all be in attendance in full uniform. *See you Sunday!*

RESPONSIBILITY

The word "responsibility" is one that our students hear several times throughout the day. The "Progress Reports" sent home yesterday give evidence of their responsibility to learn. The attendance record of "on time" arrivals also gives evidence of responsibility. I want to congratulate the students (not counting K) who have not been late one day since school started! What is not recorded on these reports is the responsibility of the students and families in co-curricular

Margaret Madison in the younger grades and Jim Chaky in the older grades. Mr. Chaky will be the substitute for Alix Anthony when she goes on maternity leave at the end of February. Another substitute who is well known to the Sisters is Darlene Rodriguez who is a recently retired bilingual public/Catholic schoolteacher. When it is a short-term absence we are blessed to be able to call on the skills, student and classroom knowledge of our instructional assistants! Sometimes Mr. Petersen and I (S. Rose Marie) are able to join in as subs for a time. Be assured that the substitutes in our school are all qualified, know the campus and safety responsibilities, and know your children!

KOINS FOR KIDS

The Vision of Hope is a Dominican Sisters sponsored program to support Catholic Educational endeavors. Each January the "Koins for Kids" program invites children to contribute, also. This is part of their training for SERVICE!

PARENTS AS RECRUITERS

The Enrollment Committee is so responsible and creative in working with Alma Morales! Our thanks to: Humberto and Carmen Ordaz, Jesenia del Cid, Imelda and Jose Gonzalez, Eva Rocha, Angelica Cuevas, Lovella Baquiran, Michelle Lee, Elizabeth Alonga-Piring and Ruelvis Alonga. With their leadership a group of parents responded to the call to make an "invitational and informational" announcement after all the Masses last Sunday. Thanks to the following "recruiters": Mr. Jose Esquivel, Ms. Barboza, Mr. Abundis, Ms. Angelica Cuevas, Ms. Brenda Beltran, Mr. and Mrs. Rico-Fajardo, Ms. Melgoza, Mr. Ordaz, Mr. and Mrs. Castro, and Ms. Morocho (Japa) for this service!

CALENDAR

Thurs. 1.26.12 *Padres Unidos*/Parent Partnering—8:00 a.m. - Bilingual

Sat. 1.28.12 St. Elizabeth High School Crab Feed

Sun. 1.29.12 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
Faith Academics Service

*10:00 a.m. Family Mass

*Open House—Tours and Presentation for Interested Families

*Raffle—Displays—Performances—Egyptian Museum

Mon. 1.30.12 *Free Dress for those in attendance for Sunday Mass in uniform

*Student Appreciation Day

Tues. 1.31.12 Community Helpers Day

Wed. 2.1.12 *Oratorical Fest at 10:30 a.m.

*Financial Aid Workshop in English at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria—limited parking available in school yard

Thurs. 2.2.12 College Day: students may wear college shirts, jackets and/or caps or school uniforms if they come prepared to share "research" on the college whose name they are wearing; e.g., where is this college? For what is the college best known? What is the name of its team? How old is this college, etc., etc.

Fri. 2.3.12 *Peace Parade at 10:30 a.m. from the schoolyard—all are invited!

*Recess Snack provided for all students

*Dismissal at 12 noon for K-8

*Regular 21st Century program