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Family Bulletin #15

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Advent Prayer

Father in this season of Advent we prepare our hearts for your coming.
You are the vine, we are the branches.
Come and tend us, prune us, clean us.

Discard in us everything that does not bear fruit,
Nourish in us everything that bears much fruit.

As we celebrate your coming as a vulnerable baby
Our hearts await your glorious return as the eternal King.
Nurture in us expectant hearts, O Lord.
Cultivate in us a deep longing for more of you.
Until that Day when you burst through the heavens,
And flood our horizons with your glorious splendor.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
throughout all ages and generations.

Amen.

Dear Families,

Advent calls us to the holy stillness of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus. It is more than Santa, treats, and presents. As we prepare our hearts to receive our Lord in the humble, human form of the Baby Jesus come to earth, I pray that we all take time amidst the busyness of the season to reflect on this great Love which God has bestowed upon us.

Please see information enclosed for details about our activities and events, including our Christmas Program.

Time Change

The time for mass on Friday, Dec 8th has been changed and will start at 9:30am. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

Family Mass

Sunday, Dec 10th we will have our family mass at 10am followed by our monthly raffle.

Toy Drive

Please continue to bring toys for the toy drive! Our goal is 150 toys. Each student that brings a toy will earn a free dress pass to the North Pole! On 12/22/17

Room parents will have food sale events on 12/7/17, 12/13/17 (during Christmas concert) and 12/14/17.

Our Christmas class celebration this year will be hosted by room parents on 12/22/17 we will be serving a Christmas brunch for the whole school in the cafeteria. Teachers and parents welcome! Each class is responsible for an item to share!

Blueberry TK/K-Vegetables

1AG- Rice 6SS-Flan/Jello

2RR – Ham 7O- Bottled water/ bread rolls / Beans 3S - BBQ ribs 7Y- Silverware

4L- Tamales 8RB-Hot chocolate

5K- Aguas Frescas 8G - Mac n Cheese/ Pasta

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The School Christmas Program will be Wednesday evening, December 13th, in the gym. The performance begins at 6:00pm. Students are asked to come in Christmas or Sunday best attire. No Jeans, leggings or sneakers.

THE POSADAS, Wednesday, December 20th

Our "Posada" will be on 12/20/17 this will start at the Parish at 7pm. This is a recreation of the Nativity scenes.

Followed by the Parish celebration we welcome our St. Elizabeth families and Oakland community families to join us in the school gym for hot chocolate, Mexican pastries, piñatas and the toy drive give away!

All the events hosted by room parents are an opportunity for parents to do their service hours.

School Safety

Our national news reminds us tragically on a regular basis of the constant need for vigilant school safety. At St. Elizabeth School, the safety of your children and our staff is our top priority. Because of the importance of this commitment, we are requiring all volunteers and parents to be fingerprinted and to complete the Safe Environment Training online or at a parish training. In addition, everyone who comes on our campus **must** sign in at the office and wear a Visitor Badge. Our office staff has experienced some rudeness from parents and family members who do not want to take the time to sign in and who walk by the office or walk past someone who is being helped by the office staff. We need EVERYONE to comply with this simple request. **We love having our parents at school and we love our visitors and helpers; we are simply requiring that you stop and sign in before entering the building. We must know who is in our building at all times.**

Beginning in January, we will remind all our visitors to stop by putting up a "movie line" style of signage. It is a strip between two poles that will be placed between the office window and door of the cafeteria. This is not to offend

anyone; it is simply a reminder to **stop and sign in**. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Extended Day Care

If you need to communicate with someone in Extended Day Care please call the following number (510) 851-5194.

REMINDERS

Dec 10th Family Mass 10am

Dec 12th No School

Dec 13th Christmas Concert at 6:00pm

Dec 20th School Posada at 7:00pm

Dec 21st Noon Dismissal

Dec 22nd Noon Dismissal. There is no 21st Century.

Dec 25th thru Jan 5th Christmas Break

Jan 8th Classes resume