

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #19

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Loving God,

We give you thanks for the many blessings you have given us through our families: through our parents, our primary educators in the faith; through our siblings, who walk with us on our earthly journey; and through all who guard and guide us in your light and in your truth.

We pray that you will continue to inspire our families, so that our devotion to you and our care for one another may be a visible sign of your unconditional love.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.  
Amen.

## Dear Families,

Next week, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week with schools across the nation. This week is set aside in our calendars as a time to give thanks for the blessings of Catholic schools.

We are celebrating our strong tradition of faith, service, and academics here at St. Elizabeth School. Please join us for the 10am Mass on Sunday at St. Elizabeth Church followed by our raffle. We will also be unveiling our new Lumen Christi logo in the Cafeteria! If you know anyone who may be interested in applying for our school next year, we will have information packets available outside the church after Mass and in the Cafeteria. All are welcome!

We are including the flyer about our activities again so that you know about the fun events coming up next week. Parents who have completed the Safe Environment for Children training and fingerprinting are welcome to join us for our annual Peace March Parade which begins at 10:45 AM. **Parents who come on campus or join us for the parade must sign in at the office and get a Visitor Badge!**

**Please remember that Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is a noon dismissal day. Extended Care and 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be open.**

On Thursday, we celebrate "Service to Our Community." Each of our classrooms has adopted a community or national cause or is participating in a local activity. Here are the causes/issues your children's classes are supporting:

**TK/Kindergarten** -writing letters to the Oakland Fire Department to thank them for their service.

**First and Second Grade** -making blankets for animal shelters

**Third Grade**- making Valentines Day cards for Mercy Retirement and Care Center

**Fourth Grade**- Visiting and helping at the Native American Health Center

**Fifth Grade**- cleaning up trash

**Sixth Grade**- working in our school garden

**Seven Orange**- cleaning up trash

**Seven Yellow**- (to be decided)

**Eight Gold**- visited Mercy Retirement and Care Center this past Monday

**Eight Royal Blue**- helping at the Alameda County Food Bank

## Correction:

Last week, we celebrated the achievements of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Volleyball teams. Some of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls also play on the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team. Congratulations to all!

## Welcome, Neighbors!

We are happy to share with you that the administrative team of Cristo Rey De La Salle High School at St. Elizabeth Campus will be using our library as a meeting/office space for the next month or two while their campus offices are being renovated. You will see them in the halls of our school, and we are so happy that we have the space for them to continue their important work while their campus is being fully renovated! Welcome, friends!

Another welcome neighbor sharing space with us is the Las Casas English as a Second Language Program. These adult classes will be using our first-level classrooms on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you are interested in information about the classes, please call 510-842-3070 or email [lascasasoakland@gmail.com](mailto:lascasasoakland@gmail.com).

Welcome, friends!

## Progress Reports

We are nearing the halfway point of our second Trimester. Parents of students in grades fourth to eighth, please check your student's grades on PowerSchool and support them in making sure all work is turned in. Missing work has serious consequences. Part of our Home-School communication includes the expectation that parents stay informed about their child/ren's progress through any online communication tool that we provide.

We continue to work on the unacceptable number of tardies and absences of some of our students. Please make every effort to get your child to school on time. Consistent school attendance is the law and not getting your child to school is **harmful** to his/her development and progress.

## Safety

One parent, bless your heart, has volunteered to help with morning traffic safety after two tries in the Que Pasa to ask for help. **I know morning traffic safety is a concern of many of our parents, but I am not getting enough help from you.** Please help me with this important issue. Parent hours will be given and with enough help we can draft a schedule so that we have enough help each day. Teachers often have meetings in the morning, so it is very difficult for me to arrange more supervision from the teachers, who also work their recess and lunch periods on yard duty as it is. **Please help us in the mornings.**

## 2018-2019 School Year

Last week we sent a "Registration Form" so that we could 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. Please return your form with the \$50 deposit per student to the office to hold your students place in school. If you returned the form without the deposit it will **not hold** a place for your child. 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

Spring Sports Sign-ups

You can still sign-up for Spring Sports. Send a text message to [510-381-4730](tel:510-381-4730) or email [paulagarcia8992@yahoo.com](mailto:paulagarcia8992@yahoo.com) **Girls basketball sign-ups must close on January 31st.** Personalized basketball uniforms will be ordered. In order for the uniforms to arrive on time, sizing and orders will start this week.

**Track & Field practice location**

Practices will take place at *Castelmont High School*- [8601 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94605](https://www.google.com/maps/place/8601+MacArthur+Blvd,+Oakland,+CA+94605)

**Correction for Girls Basketball**

It is for **3rd**-8th grade. Girls in the **3rd grade** may sign up. Interested, please contact Paula Garcia at [510-381-4730](tel:510-381-4730)

**FAMILY ENVELOPES**

It has come to our attention that not all the students are returning their family envelopes. Parents please remind your child to return the envelope and if they have misplaced it you may get another one for \$1.

**REMINDERS**

Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Family Mass 10am

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Noon Dismissal