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Family Bulletin #25

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Dear Families,

As I write this on Wednesday, our nation is witnessing widespread demonstrations by young people who are advocating for a safer world and a safer future. These demonstrations are taking the form of "walkouts," of rallies, of moments of silence and prayer, and many other ways. The important connection is the desire of our children to make it clear to adults that they want to grow up in a more peaceful and safe world.

Some St. Elizabeth students participated in a short "walkout," and we all went to church for Mass and had a moment of silence. Our teachers welcomed the opportunities to speak with the students if they had questions. I spoke to the children in church about what this day meant and how important it is that our young people are speaking up about the kind of world they want to grow up in. The most important idea that I, as principal, wanted to convey to the students and I wish to convey to you, is that we take our students' safety very, very seriously. We work hard to make our school emotionally and physically safe for our students and families.

As parents, you have an important role to play in our children's safety. It is much more likely that a child at our school will be harmed by a car in our parking lot or outside our school because of careless, distracted, and/or impatient drivers in our own community than it is for a school shooting to happen here. You can help keep your child safe and help keep every child safe by observing common courtesy and safe drop-off and pick-up practices. You can volunteer to help supervise our front gates when we open them for parent parking. You can demonstrate your support of student safety by being sure that you sign in every time you come to school and by supporting our teachers and staff when we ask for your support regarding an incident at school. You can use kind words with each other and about each other and encourage your children to do the same. These are all ways to make our school community safe.

May God bless and comfort the families and community of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and every other sacred place and family that has been affected by tragedy and violence.

Lumen Christi

Thank you to the parents who joined us in the gym for the presentation by Dr. Liz Guneratne regarding the most recent information about our exciting transition to the Lumen Christi Academies and who stayed to enjoy Open House! It is such fun to show off what our students are learning and doing! Please remember that we are still enrolling new students for the upcoming year and would love to have your family and friends join us at St. Elizabeth School.

Family Mass

Please join us for our next Family Mass at 10:00 AM this Sunday! Afterwards, we will hold our raffle in the cafeteria. There aren't too many raffles left—be sure to finish getting your tickets in for your big chance! If you did not receive your raffle tickets please pick them up at the office. Thank you to the families who have already contributed to this important fundraiser. See you at Mass!

Donations

If you still need to do service hours we are in need of the following: Coffee, Creamer for coffee, White copy paper (8 1/2 X 11), Lysol Disinfecting Wipes. For every \$10 you spend it equals one service hour.

FUN RUN

Here are a few reminders:

- **Each family must bring in a minimum of \$100 per family in order to fulfill your contract obligation.**
- Please bring in pledges as soon as possible.
- Prizes are distributed only when money is received.
- Our fundraising goal is \$30,000. So far, we have raised \$8,375.
- We have one week left to reach our goal!

Tuition Payments

Just a reminder that if you pay your school tuition in the school office, we are no longer taking cash. Tuition payments must be done by personal check or money order. Thank you for your cooperation!

Financial Aid

Any family requesting financial aid from the school must complete a FACTS form, unless one was already completed at one of the Catholic high schools. **No exceptions will be made!** Forms are available in the office or they can be completed on-line at online.factsmgt.com.

Cristo Rey de la Salle East Bay high school

I hope that this email finds you in good spirits. My name is Ana Hernández, I am the founding Principal at Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay HS; an affordable, Catholic HS solely for low-income students. At Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay HS "Under the Stars"

Open House will be on March 17th from 11am to 2pm, we will be opening our doors to potential students to see what we have to offer. They will have the opportunity to learn about our academic vision (personalized learning model), our mission driven goals, the top-to-bottom renovations happening on our St. Elizabeth Campus, and hear from a panel of existing Cristo Rey students and parents.

Cristo Rey De La Salle East Bay High School (in the heart of Oakland's historic Fruitvale district on the St. Elizabeth Campus) partners with East Bay families of limited means to provide their student a unique opportunity to receive a holistic education and become students in service of others. Every student works once a week to earn tuition (\$9000) and is awarded a scholarship (averaging \$8000). Through a rigorous curriculum built around personalized learning, professional work experience, and the centuries-old Lasallian tradition of providing transformational education to those most in need, Cristo Rey De La Salle students graduate prepared to thrive in college and compete in a rapidly developing world.

Reminders

Mar 16th No School/ Teacher In-Service

Mar 18th Family Mass 10am

Mar 19th 8th grade to Sacramento

Mar 25th Running for a Better Oakland

Mar 26th Fun Run Event

Mar 29th Seder Meal at 10:30am in the gym
Dismissal at 12pm

Easter Break March 30th – April 6th
Classes resume on April 9th