

¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #16

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As we enter into the last days before we celebrate Christmas, we remind ourselves that we are watching and waiting for the birth of our Savior. We are also reminded not to focus on the gift of receiving but rather the gift of Jesus to each of us and the generosity of God the Father. We also celebrate the willingness of both Mary and Joseph to accept what God planned for them.

Family Christmas Prayer

Love came, held safely within a gentle womb
All the truth, majesty, and
creativity of a living God
Poured into a tiny heart
Making a quiet entrance in a dark
and uninviting shack
Just one star shone anew as a
handful of people were brought
Led by angelic voices, and open hearts
A young mother
A faith-filled father
Men of wisdom who searched for truth
And a group of humble herdsmen
They came to bow before a new life
And acknowledge that the rescuer had arrived
That the Word of God had come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation
of heaven and earth
Had begun

Dear Families,

What a wonderful Christmas Program!! Thank you for joining together last night for a great night of music, singing, and great food!! Thanks again to our kids, to Ms. Holly Burnett, our Music teacher, our classroom teachers, and our Room Parents for the delicious food. There is certainly no "Grinch"-y spirit here at St. Elizabeth School!!

We are fast approaching our Christmas break, so this will be the last Que Pasa of 2017. When you return from break, you will notice some adjustments in our front office procedures. Please see the pictures below. I want to emphasize that this adjustment is not to insult or discourage our parents and school friends from coming on campus! It is an additional measure of security I must insist on for the safety of our school community. We must know exactly who is in our school at all times. Therefore, we are working on our procedures to keep track of everyone who enters the school building. After Christmas, I will turn my attention to the procedures around the schoolyard doors and how we manage school-day assemblies when parents come on campus for events. Step by step! A secure and safe campus for our precious children and staff is a priority for us all!

Starting in January student lunches can be dropped off by the school office.

Uniform check!

Now is a great time to be sure your child's uniform is looking spiffy! Kids outgrow clothing so fast. Please be sure your child is in full compliance with the uniform code:

- All-black shoes
- Proper uniform sweater, fleece, or vest—no rips or holes
- Uniform skirt or black pants for girls and black pants for boys—no rips or holes (no blue pants)

Las Posadas

This coming Wednesday night, Dec 20th, our "Posada" will start in front of the church at 7pm. Thanks to each of you for your contribution and to the room parents for their leadership. We look forward to celebrating with your family.

Sacraments

In January Sr. Paula will begin a small-group preparation for students in grades 3rd-8th grade who have been baptized and want to receive The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist (Holy Communion) for the first time in the spring. Children should be baptized and practicing Catholics. If your child is in 3rd-8th grade and wishes to be included or if you have any questions please call Sr. Paula at 510-532-7392.

Returning students for 2018-2019

With the continued goal of making our school financially stable, Diocesan Leaders, School Board members, and St. Elizabeth AD Team need to know how many of our current families are returning for the 2018-2019 school year.

A returning students form is going home with your child on January 18, 2018. We strongly encourage you to complete and return this form with a **\$50 non-refundable deposit** per student that will go towards your registration fees.

We are currently accepting applications for all grades. Returning the Intent to Return with your deposit will hold your child/

ren's place. Thank you for trusting us with your child/ren's education.

Reminders

Dec 19th 1st Grade field trip to MOCHA

Dec 20th 4th Grade Advent Prayer Service at 1:45pm
Las Posadas at 7:00pm in front of the church

Dec 21st Noon Dismissal

Dec 22nd Noon Dismissal

Jan 8th Classes Resume

Merry Christmas!