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Family Bulletin #6
Dominican Charism Hallmarks

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Pillar IV: Community

Learning from all of the Dominican Saints, we build community which proclaims the Gospel message of Jesus to serve others and promote a more just society.

With our hearts, we pray
With our hands, we serve
With our minds, we learn
With our voices, we preach the good news
St. Dominic, St. Elizabeth and Mother Pia, pray for us.
For the glory of God, Amen.

Dear Families,

Thank you for your cooperation in dropping off your children and picking them up only through the 34th Avenue entrance (across from the church). There are a very few parents who may have missed the instructions that we will not open the door on 33rd Avenue from 7:30 AM until 8:15 AM. We will not allow students out of that door on 33rd Avenue after school. Please inform all those who may pick up/drop off your children of these guidelines.

Now we are working on courteous, patient, and safe behavior on 34th Avenue! Please keep the area in front of the gates clear so that parents can pull in and drop off. If you plan to attend morning assembly (which we love!), please park up the street or somewhere else. We will be able to drop off students in a safer way if we leave the area in front of the gates clear. Please don't linger in your car or park your car—this is why others cannot drop off easily or safely. Let's keep up this wonderful and important focus on **safety and respect!**

On Monday, October 15, I would like to hold a planning meeting for parents who are willing to help us evaluate our drop-off and pick-up practices to see what kinds of changes we may implement so that our children are safe at these times. I will hold this meeting right after assembly on Monday, and we will meet in the room next to the flagpole at 8:10 AM. Parents can earn service hours for attending this meeting and helping with the plan.

Parent Coffee

Thanks to the parents who joined me for our first parent coffee gathering after assembly yesterday. We discussed topics for future parent education meetings such as nutrition and health, depression, internet safety, questions/concerns about uniforms, and, of course, traffic! Here are some of the ideas shared:

- Uniform sweaters- Students often pull off their sweaters when they are playing and leave them in the yard or leave them in the classroom. Sometimes lost sweaters are brought to the lost and found, the table next to the cafeteria. But often they are accidentally picked up by other children. One issue we are having is that sometimes parents do not recognize or look closely enough to know that the sweater their child brought home is not their own. We have also had situations where a child's name has been removed from the sweater and another child keeps it. Please do not take other children's sweaters and mark your own child's sweater clearly in a way that cannot be removed. One parent uses fabric paint to write her child's name in large letters inside the sweater. This helps especially the little ones know which sweater is theirs. If you have a need for a sweater, please contact the office. We have some gently used sweaters in the office.
- Nutrition- We discussed the need for our children to eat more healthy food and how to incorporate more fruits and vegetables in their diets. We discussed having a guest speaker for parents on nutrition.

Our next "**Coffee, Conversation, and Community**" will be October 19, when we will gather in the morning to remember those we love who have passed away from cancer. Our children will be decorating ribbons to put on our Cancer Wall in the hallway and we will pray at morning assembly. Please join each other after morning prayer in the room right next to the flagpole. The parking lot will be available to parents who wish to stay for this gathering.

Parent-Teacher Conferences Are Next Week!

Please attend your conferences at the time appointed and please do not run overtime. We have many parents to see during conferences with a limited amount of time. If you anticipate that you will need more time, please discuss individually with the teachers for an additional time to meet.

Family Mass

Please mark your calendars for our next Family Mass on Sunday, October 21st at 10:15 AM.

We will be honoring Silvia Gonzalez, our longtime Kindergarten Assistant, at Mass and holding a reception in the gym afterwards. We will still hold our Raffle in the gym, so keep turning in your tickets! Students who attend Mass will get a "Free Dress" pass for the next day.

Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Oct 4th from 7:30am-8:00am in front of the church and on Oct 7th from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the school parking lot.

PowerSchool

St. Elizabeth School gives parents (Grades 3-8) access to their children's progress via the Parent Portal on our PowerSchool Student Information System. It is important that parents check this resource regularly to know if your child is turning in all assignments that go in the gradebook. This system is your notification system, so we expect that you are aware if your child is missing work. Missing work/doing poorly on tests drastically affects a student's grade because it means they are not demonstrating mastery of the curriculum. Please be part of this conversation with us in support of your child.

Announcements from: 8th grade committee and Room parents

The 8th grade committee will be having a bake sale this Friday 9/28/18 and a Taco sale next Thursday 10/4/18 during parent/teacher conferences. Please help support our 8th graders. Our Cancer wall is in the works we will start putting up Ribbons next Friday 10/5/18.

CYO Athletics

Paula Garcia (510) 381-4730

Participation fees are due by Sep. 28th. Anyone who needs a boys basketball or girls volleyball uniform should order it by Sep. 28th. Game schedules will be out the last week of October. First games will be the weekend of November 3rd.

We are still accepting **5th grade players** for both Basketball and Volleyball.

REMINDERS

Oct 3rd Noon Dismissal

Teacher- Parent Conferences 1-6pm

Oct 4th Noon Dismissal

Teacher- Parent Conferences 1-8pm

Oct 5th Noon Dismissal

Teacher- Parent Conferences 1-6pm

Oct 8th No School- Columbus Day/Indigenous People/
Dia de la Raza

Oct 10th School Mass 10:30am
Picture Day