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Family Bulletin #7

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Dear Parents,

Happy October! We can feel the fall coming with its cooler weather and changing leaves. It has always been one of my favorite times of the year. As you receive this, I am at the Administrators' Conference in Santa Cruz through Friday. Please know you and your children are all in my prayers of hope and thanksgiving.

Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

We are now in the middle of conferences. Thank you for your time and support in coming to school for these important meetings. It is still early enough to establish effective and productive study habits. Please be sure your children are completing homework if it is assigned—if there are no specific assignments to complete, or if the children completed their homework in the afterschool program, please be sure they read for at least 20-30 minutes each night. Your children should always have books to read that they are interested in. We have books at school that they may borrow. The regular practice of reading is critical to your child's literacy skills. Readers are Leaders!

Accreditation

Every six years, St. Elizabeth School, like all of our Catholic schools, undergoes a rigorous process of accreditation. This means that we examine all aspects of our program--financial, academic, our Catholic Identity, our programs of support for students, and our Family communication and outreach. The goal of writing a report for this accreditation is to develop an Action Plan to guide us for the next six years and beyond. We begin this process by conducting a survey of every group in our community. This week during Parent-Teacher Conferences, we will ask you to complete a Parent Survey for this Self-Study of our school. We will ask all students in our school to take a survey, all teachers to take a survey, and other stakeholders in our community to take a survey as well. This is an important part of creating a plan for the next six years of our beloved St. Elizabeth School. Your input is so important to us! Thank you in advance for your participation. You will receive one parent service hour for completing the short survey. There will be a link at the end of the survey to allow you to print out a verification page. Please be sure to sign this page and submit to the school office in order to get your service hour. Only this signed form will be accepted for the service hours.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6CFBJG>

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.

Cancer Wall

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 Traffic Committee Meeting

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.

Uniform

We have noticed many students wearing black jeans (**No Denim, No Skinny pants, or Drawstring pants**) and they are not part of the school uniform guidelines. If a student is out of uniform you will receive a call to bring the correct uniform or to pick up your student.

SMILE!

It's Picture Day next Wednesday! All students will have their picture taken for school and must be in complete uniform. If you wish to purchase a package, we have sent order forms home today with your child in their family envelope.

SHOO the FLU

Shoo the Flu will be coming to our school on Oct 23rd. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine, please fill out the permission slip included in your family envelope. Only the flu shot is available and not the nose mist.

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to organize our library. There is a lot to accomplish! Old books need to be removed from the computer, new books need to be cataloged and entered in to the computer, and shelves need to be organized. The days of service are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The hours of volunteering are at your convenience during these days. The sooner we can get the library ready, students and parents will be able to utilize our new Library Media Center. For

more information and to express your interest in assisting, please send an email to Sister Regena at rross@saintelizabeth.us

REMINDERS:

Oct 5th Noon Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Oct 8th No School- Columbus Day.

Oct 10th School Mass 10:30am
Picture Day