

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #10

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## Academics

Our first trimester will end in approximately three weeks! Please be checking PowerSchool or checking with your child's teacher to be aware of any missing work, etc, and congratulate them on their successes! For Grades 3-8, we provide parents access to grades through PowerSchool and many classes use Class Dojo. Our middle school sends home a missing assignment list every Friday. We expect that you are using these tools to be aware of your child's learning! Please never hesitate to reach out to us for any additional support you need. We always appreciate hearing from our parents.

This week, I have been meeting for two hours with each teacher to review every child's overall progress. Teachers have collected data such as test scores, observations, grades, notes from conferences, Mother Pia plans (when appropriate), Khan Academy (when appropriate), Lexia (when appropriate) and we have been looking together at this data to examine the progress of each student. I firmly believe that **all** of our students will be more successful if parents make time for reading at home. Read to your little ones, and listen to them "read" to you as they look at the pictures. Look at pictures and talking about them in English or in Spanish helps build literacy skills. As they are older, take turns reading to them and/or listening to them read. Make time for them to read independently. **Insist** that they do this and make sure your kiddos have books they are interested in. We have lots of books here at school, or you can visit your local library. Every teacher can provide you with titles of books at the appropriate level for your child. I believe that reading is the number one predictor of higher achievement in school, but it does not happen by itself. These skills need to be practiced over and over, consistently. At school, we have limited time for the independent reading that each student needs because we are also instructing in other academic areas, but parents can support this skill and **need** to be making sure your children are reading for **half an hour** at home, every single day. If your child does not "like" reading, the more they need do it, and it will be easier for them. The easier it gets for them, the more **successful** they will be. ***Their successful future depends upon it!***

## Earthquake Preparedness

Last call for your child's comfort kit for emergency preparedness! They will be put into the emergency shed on Monday. Please don't have your child be sad if there is an emergency and they don't have comfort supplies. Of course,

we will have food and water, but we ask you to provide family pictures and extra snacks to comfort your child in an emergency. If you need another Ziploc bag, let the office know. This will be the last time this reminder will be in the Que Pasa.

## Coffee With Mrs. Mullen

I have enjoyed our last two meetings! Many ideas and opinions are shared on these mornings, and we will be inviting speakers to future meetings to share important information about how to support our children and families in all areas of growth and development. We also discuss ways to make our school run more smoothly. Unfortunately, I did not have a good parent response to the meeting about our traffic policies, so we will not be able to change our drop off plan for lack of the help we would need to set up and implement changes. However, it was suggested that parents who behave recklessly or dangerously when dropping off or picking up receive tickets either from the school or from the police. I am considering both options at this point.

We have discussed uniform compliance at our meeting. Sometimes parents complain that other kids aren't following the rules, so then they feel entitled to not follow the rules for their children. I remind you that **you** are the parent and it is **your** responsibility to see that your children arrive at school in their uniform. At our morning meeting, it was noted by several parents that the school should not have to be reminding the parents of your responsibilities (I say, "Amen!" to that!). If you and your children are following the rules, you are not contributing to the problem. Please don't contribute to the problem when you know it is not the right thing to do. How will you help your children know how to be responsible and respectful of rules in life if you do not set that example and support the school as we try to support you in teaching them those skills as well? Please consider how this request applies to you and your family.

We also discussed sending the Que Pasa electronically as well as via paper. I hope that this makes us able to reach even more parents, as all adults who are part of the students' lives can receive it if we know your email address. I hope this will let even more of our community know what is going on in the school and continue to help us build our cooperative relationship together. Next week, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will experiment with sending the Que Pasa **electronically!** We will send it out between 2:45 PM and 3:00 PM. If you do not receive it

and you wish to receive it, please contact the school office and tell us your email address or the email address of the person/people who wish to receive the electronic version. We will accompany the sending out of the electronic version with a phone blast to remind you that you should have received it. This will let you know to expect it and to check for it.

### **Immunizations**

Families that received a letter regarding vaccinations **MUST** turn in a report from the doctor or clinic to the school office by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Children cannot be in school if their immunizations are not up-to-date.

### **ENROLL NOW!!**

All families of current 8th Graders and prospective students, and community members, are invited to Cristo Rey De La Salle at Saint Elizabeth Campus **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, October 28th, 2018 from 11AM-2PM.

- **TOUR.** Take a student-lead tour of our beautiful campus.
- **ACADEMIC.** Meet our dedicated teachers and learn about our curriculum.
- **ATHLETICS.** Meet coaches.
- **Technology.** Engage the larger school community via the DesignThink process to ensure that students are at the center of every solution and that no one person or entity derails conversations to promote an agenda
- **Corporate Work Study Program (VWDP)** Every Cristo Rey student takes a full course load of college preparatory coursework for four years, while participating one day each week in a four-year Corporate Work Study Program.
- **COMMUNITY.** Meet members of our student council, and volunteers.
- **ADMISSIONS and TUITION ASSISTANCE.** Get all your admissions questions answered.

### **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. Please remember that you need to have your fingerprinting and Virtus done in order to volunteer. 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 Regina at [rross@saintelizabeth.us](mailto:rross@saintelizabeth.us)

### **CYO Athletics**

Come out and support our Lady Knights this weekend, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> when the 5<sup>th</sup> grade

and 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade combo teams participate in the pre-season “**Breast Cancer Awareness**

**Volleyball Tournament”** at St. Bede’s Elementary in Hayward.

First games: 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> grade- Saturday at 10am. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade starts at 2:00 pm

**Sports Uniforms** have been distributed to the basketball players who ordered a uniform. The Volleyball players who ordered a uniform will receive them next week during practice.

**Game schedules** are still being finalized by the league scheduler and will be available next week during practices. They will also be posted in the school hallway.

### **Reminders**

Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Parade at 8:30am

Noon Dismissal

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> School Mass All Saints Day at 1:30pm

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Scoliosis Screening 5<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade

Noon Dismissal

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> No School- Veterans’ Day

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Picture Retake