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Family Bulletin #11

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Sr. Johnnie Fixa, OP- (1940-2018) Foundress of Vision of Hope

Last weekend, St. Elizabeth School truly lost one of our brightest lights. Sr. Johnnie Fixa, OP founded Vision of Hope, which has provided thousands of indispensable dollars every year to our school to support scholarships and financial assistance for St. Elizabeth School families. If you are receiving any financial assistance or scholarship, it is most likely because of Sr. Johnnie.

She was a passionate believer in Catholic education, and years ago had a prophetic vision of the challenges of keeping our school and schools like ours accessible to particularly low-income families. She founded Vision of Hope as a way to help sustain us and to support us in our ministry of providing an accessible, equitable, faith and joy-filled quality education for all our students. She had a warm, funny, engaging and enthusiastic personality which charmed all she met, and often resulting in financial commitments to help support Vision of Hope and support of other dreams she had for our children.

One of my most impactful memories of Sr. Johnnie was a story she told me of an organization which excitedly contacted her to tell her that they were upgrading their computers and were happy to donate their replaced computers to her for her students. She responded, as only Sr. Johnnie could, "You don't think our students deserve new computers too?" Of course she got the new computers.

I was blessed to know this charming fireball of a sister for only a short time, a time in which her physical challenges mounted yet her vibrant spirit sustained her. She has great dreams and great love for St. Elizabeth Elementary School, and I know we will continue to honor that love by our ministry to our students, parents, and each other. I know she blesses us from her well earned home in heaven.

God bless you and keep you, Sister Johnnie. May the heavenly angels greet you and welcome you home as one of their own.

Halloween

Thank you to our Student Council and Room parents who planned a wonderful parade and carnival yesterday for Halloween. We all enjoyed a wonderful community event on a beautiful Fall morning.

All Saints

Today, November 1st, is All Saints Day. We all attended Mass at 1:30 PM, and our Third Grade led us in liturgy. We are so blessed to have our tradition of saints in our church to help us learn to follow God's call in our lives.

Uniform Skirts

If your daughter wears a uniform skirt, please be sure it hangs at least half the length to her knees. Some of our girls are getting taller, and need their hems adjusted accordingly. Also, every girl who wears a skirt needs to be wearing shorts of some kind underneath the skirt. Our students are very active on the yard and in PE and we do not want them to be embarrassed by a "wardrobe malfunction!"

Star Testing

Next week, we will have our second school wide assessments using STAR testing. We assess four times per year to monitor how our students are moving toward reaching grade-appropriate benchmarks. As with every day of the school year, please be sure your children are well rested and that they eat a good breakfast. Please pack a nutritious snack for morning recess.

Staff Development Day

Please remember that next Wednesday, November 7th, is a 12:00 Noon dismissal day. The teachers will be attending a Lumen Christi Staff Development Day. Extended Care and 21st Century will be open these days.

Celebrate Día de los Muertos w/St. Elizabeth School

Fruitvale Village

Sunday, November 4, 2018 10am -5pm

Join us in celebrating Día de los Muertos at the annual Unity Council Día de Los Muertos Festival. This is the second year our students, room parents, and teachers will be creating an altar to honor our loved ones who have passed. This year's theme is a "Dream for All" - we are celebrating the journey and struggles many of our ancestors faced to create a better life for future generations.

As a reminder, please feel free to bring in and/or send us digital copies of family photos or loved ones that you would like to honor and place on the altar. Please turn in all hardcopy photos by Friday, Nov. 2nd to the office. Digital copies may be turned in by Sat., Nov. 3rd (3:00 pm) to the following e-mail address (aalvarezarte@gmail.com). Thank you!

Reminders

Nov 7 Scoliosis Testing for 5th -8th grade only

Noon Dismissal

Nov 12 No School-Veteran's Day

Nov 14th Picture Re-take

Nov 19th-23rd Thanksgiving Break

Nov 29th Report Cards go home