

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #11

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November 3, 2016

November, the time of harvest and the beginning of the earth's winter sleep, begins with a double feast in remembrance of those who have died. The saints, people already "harvested" into God's kingdom, are remembered on Nov 1, All Saints' Day. On November 2, we pray for all family members and friends who have died. We pray that they too are numbered among God's holy ones. Each saint has something to teach about living as faithful Christians, and we rely on them to pray for us. We know that they will ask God to Strengthen and protect us. This is a good time to learn more about our patron saints.

This day is solemnity, the highest rank in the Church's order of celebrations. It is also a holy day of obligation, which means that Catholics participate in the Eucharist on this day if they can. These honors show us how important it is to be active members in the sacred exchange of love and support that exists between those who have died and those who are still living on this earth.

On the day of our Baptism the church used the Litany of the Saints, calling upon many saints by name, asking them to pray for us. We use it again to celebrate and honor them.

## **HALLOWEEN WRAP UP**

The Halloween parade was wonderful. Thanks to Mr. Chang and Ms. Ruffridge and the student council for a fun costume contest and the free dance. Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend and for the delicious parties you provided for your students. A great day! A Kindergartner asked "Why do we celebrate Halloween?" Halloween is the eve of All Saints similar to Christmas Eve. In celebrating the lives of the saints, a party was planned for the night before, called All Hallows Eve...Another explanation: The important Catholic celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day can be viewed through the lens of the tradition of Dia de los Muertos, a tradition that operates from the assumption that the dead would be insulted by our mourning and instead would want to be remembered for the times that were enjoyed among the living.

## **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR OUR PARENTS:**

Ms. Cabrera, Ms. Juarez, Ms. Loza, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Rocha and Ms. Solorio; our staff Deysi and Vanessa; and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who designed and built our front lobby and church Dia de los Muertos altars. They are beautiful, loving, and thoughtful. Great job everyone!

## **PRAYERS**

Please keep the Meraz Family (Ricardo Meraz 4L) in your prayers. There son Silvano is in the hospital in ICU.

## **PARISH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY MASS**

Our first "Parish and School Community" mass celebrating Dia de los Muertos was a wonderful success! Thank you Father Luis for making it happen! Thank you to all the parents and students who came. It was a beautiful, musical, blessed event that included are entire community...Dominican Sisters, Franciscan

Brothers, St. Elizabeth Schools and the Fruitvale Community. Together again on Sunday, Nov 20 to celebrate St. Elizabeth Feast Day. Mark your calendar, more to come next week in the next Que Pasa.

## **ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT:**

Wednesday, November 9, at 6:15p.m. We will discuss Bay Scholars and the ACHIEVE Program. **Bay Scholars** looks for students who demonstrate leadership skills, maturity, motivation, generosity and

kindness. They offer scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 per year to students who apply to one of the following East Bay Partner High Schools: Bishop O'Dowd, Moreau, St. Joseph Notre Dame, St. Mary's, and Salesian. The awards are based on academic performance, financial eligibility and recommendations. **The ACHIEVE Program** looks for students who possess leadership potential and a strong motivation to excel academically. Students must have a minimum cumulative 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade GPA of 3.0 and should be a first generation college student. Families must demonstrate and document financial need. The ACHIEVE Program awards major scholarships to girls who apply to Holy Names High School and boys who apply to St. Joseph Notre Dame High School. Please, contact Mrs. Ascencio if you have any questions.

## **NOV 10<sup>TH</sup> VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Beginning at 8:15am we will need parent volunteers to escort classes to and from the hearing screening. Please contact the front office if you are able to volunteer.

## **CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL.... RESCHEDULED**

There will be an information session about Cristo Rey High school for parents of 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:15pm. It will take place in the St. Elizabeth Elementary School cafeteria. For more information visit [www.cristoreyeastbay.org](http://www.cristoreyeastbay.org) . Please see attached flyer.

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

On Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> we will have our food drive. Students that bring 5 cans of food will receive free dress on Tuesday, Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **REMINDERS**

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** Free Dress for students who received a free dress pass on Wednesday, November 2.

**Nov 10<sup>th</sup>** Hearing Screening

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** No School- Veteran's Day

**Nov 13<sup>th</sup>** Family Mass 10am

**Nov 15<sup>th</sup>** Cristo Rey Meeting at 6:15pm

**Nov 16<sup>th</sup>** Make- up Picture Day

School Mass at 10:30am

Room Parent Meeting 6pm

**St. Elizabeth Elementary School  
Dia De Los Muertos Altar**

