

¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #5

www.saintelizabeth.us "Photo Gallery"

September 21, 2017

Prayer In Times of Distress

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

We grieve with and pray for those affected by another tragic earthquake, this time in Mexico City. Another devastating hurricane is battering the Caribbean. We have prayed as a community for the living and those who lost their lives. We are still collecting donations for "Free Dress" passes. All funds collected will be split between organizations assisting hurricane victims and earthquake victims.

Family Mass

It was wonderful to come together last Sunday at our Family Mass and first school raffle! Turn your tickets in soon so you can be part of the fun! Our next Family Mass will be held **October 15th** at 10:00 AM.

Cathedral Day

Our eighth grade enjoyed traveling by BART to the Cathedral of Christ the Light yesterday to spend the morning with other eighth graders from our diocese and to celebrate Mass with Bishop Barber. This annual trip is one of the highlights of the students' eighth grade year.

Emergency Preparedness

Recent tragic events remind us to be prepared for our own possible emergencies. At St. Elizabeth School, we practice Fire and Earthquake drills. Please be sure to send in your child's plastic zip-loc bag with water, nonperishable snacks, copies of family photos and/or an encouraging note. These supplies will be stored at school in the event of an emergency and will be given back at the end of the school year. It's a good time to check your emergency preparedness plans at home, too!

Safe Environment Update—Important!

Please remember that ALL volunteers who wish to work in the classrooms or school and/or plan to attend class parties or field trips **must** complete the Virtus online training and submit your certificate of completion to the office.

In addition, all parents and volunteers are now **required** to be fingerprinted before being allowed to volunteer on campus or go on fieldtrips. A representative from the Diocese will be here to help our community complete this requirement on Wednesday, October 18 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Appointments will be made in 5-minute increments and the sign-up sheet will be available at the office during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The cost of fingerprinting is \$34.00, but we are asking each person to pay only \$20.00 if they fingerprint at school during that time. If volunteers cannot fingerprint at that time, they may still go to the Diocese or to another location to fingerprint, but it will cost more.

To be fingerprinted, any current form of government-issued identification is acceptable, such as a driver's license or state-issued identification card, a passport with your picture, an identification card with a picture from a Consulate. If you have any additional specific questions, please call the office.

The sole purpose of this fingerprinting is to check on criminal activity of a sexual nature. It is NOT shared with ANY agency for ANY other purpose.

By complying with this mandate, we are taking steps to ensure the safety of our children at school and on away from school on school event.

Safety Reminders

Please do not drop off children at the front door on 33rd Avenue. Especially if you double-park, you are stopping illegally and unsafely. All children need to be dropped off on the school side across the street from the Church, and parents are to safely stop under the direction of our traffic volunteer. When picking up in the schoolyard at dismissal and you get out of your car, please use our **pedestrian crossing** near the school. Parents and students are walking between, in front of, and behind moving cars. This is extremely dangerous. We do not want anyone in our precious community to be hurt.

Good Stuff to Know!

I have had time to observe and evaluate some of our practices currently here at St. Elizabeth School. You will be informed in advance about some of the changes I will be making as we go along via the Que Pasa.

1) First of all, allow me to compliment and thank you for the wonderful job you are doing with our school uniform. It is a delight to see our children looking so sharp in their uniforms and following all the guidelines! Thank you very much—let's keep it up!

2) All students are to be in line in the schoolyard and ready for morning prayer when the second bell rings at **8:00 AM** (not 8:05). Students entering line during morning prayer or entering the classroom late is disruptive to the class and difficult and embarrassing for your child. **Beginning Tuesday October 10** (after the holiday), students entering the gate at or after the second bell will be stopped until morning assembly is finished, and then escorted to the office for a tardy slip. The majority of our students are here on time and in line by 8:00 AM, and I thank you for that great effort. Punctual and consistent attendance is a legal requirement for parents/guardians. Thank you for helping us all start our day smoothly and on time!

Conferences

Thank you for turning in your conference forms. If you have not turned it in tomorrow is the last day. We are working on preparing the schedule. We are looking forward to our time together in October!

Halloween

Halloween is coming and that means costumes! As you and your child/ren plan for and purchase costumes to wear to school, please be sure nothing is too gory, bloody, scary, too tight, too low-cut, gang-related, or inappropriate in language, picture, or message. Weapons are not allowed at school, even "fake" ones. No clown costumes, please! Older students should remember we have very young ones at school and we want this fun event to be appropriate for everyone. We will announce the schedule for the day as it draws near.

Parish Festival

Our parish festival will take place this Sunday on the campus of St. Elizabeth High School! School parents can earn service hours by providing water and soda or by working in a booth at the festival or helping with setup or cleanup.

Reminders

Sept 22nd Last Day to turn in Conference Forms.

Sept 24th Parish Festival 9am-5pm

Oct 9th No School- Columbus Day

Oct 10th Picture Day

Oct 11th Noon Dismissal

Oct 12th Noon Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Oct 13th No School.
Parent-Teacher Conferences.