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A Valentine's Day Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you
and asked the Lord above
to fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord to give you
His love that knows no end.

Valentine's Day

Next Tuesday, February 13, our school will be celebrating Valentine's Day, due to February 14th being Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. If your child plans to bring valentines to school, please remember he/she must bring one for each child in the class. Please keep this simple day of celebration a happy one for all our children and include everyone in the class.

Progress Reports

Today, your child is bringing home his/her Progress Report for the first half of the second trimester. We are officially halfway through the school year. Please review the report carefully and feel free to contact your child's teacher for further explanation.

It is my expectation that students at St. Elizabeth School achieve academic success through a strong partnership between home and school. The teachers at our school work hard to educate your children and spend a great deal of time planning learning experiences so that our children achieve at their highest levels and fulfill their God-given potential. They assign homework and post grades so that you can support your child's learning at home and thus prepare your child to move on to the next level. Your part of that partnership as a parent is to be sure to help your child complete homework, support him/her with school projects, ensure good, healthy life habits, and to get them to school and get them to school on time.

In reviewing progress reports, I see many comments from teachers about students who have missing work, are not preparing for tests by properly studying at home, or who still don't know their basic Math facts. This is unacceptable, and I ask your support in making sure your child completes his/her work. I will be exploring ideas to create a "Study Hall" of some sort where students will be sent to complete missing work. I will inform you via the Que Pasa when we have developed a plan. Meanwhile, please take the teachers' suggestions on the progress report cards such as practicing Math facts or studying harder for tests, and/or reading at home as part of homework. Your support at home is invaluable—the school cannot do the job of educating your children without your partnership. We need to do this together!

Looking forward:

Wednesday, March 14, we will be holding our Open House beginning at 6:30 PM. Please mark the date! Dr. Liz Guneratne from the Diocese of Oakland will be here to discuss the new Lumen Christi Academies model that we are moving into for the upcoming year. Our teachers are also planning wonderful displays of student work to share that night, our choir will sing and our band will play for us. It is sure to be a wonderful evening.

Monday, March 26, we will be holding our annual "Fun Run." This is one of our three required fundraisers for the school. Approximately three weeks before the event, your child will bring home a pledge sheet and will be asking your help in finding sponsors to make donations to St. Elizabeth School. Each family has a minimum of \$100 to raise for this event, and history shows us that many of our school families exceed that amount! Start thinking of family and friends who would like to support St. Elizabeth School by sponsoring your child in our Fun Run.

On a personal note, I will be away from school from Thursday, February 15 and will be back on Monday, February 26th. I will be traveling with my husband and son to see our younger son who lives in Florida. This is a trip that was planned before I started to work at St. Elizabeth. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause—I would never schedule personal time away from school during the school year, but these plans were not changeable for us. Thank you for your understanding, and I will be so happy to come back home to St. Liz on the 26th.

Flu

There continues to be high levels of reported influenza this season, however the recommendation remains the same from Alameda County Public Health, and that is that school closures are not indicated.

According to our communicable disease nurse contacts, the levels of transmission are so high in the regular community, school closure serve no real purpose. That said, parents are asked to please keep their students home when exhibiting symptoms of fever, chills, cough, runny nose, and fatigue.

Also, the influenza vaccine continues to be recommended and available through the month of April 2018. Though it has been reported the immunity is less than desired, it is considered to be effective in lessening flu symptoms. Promote this fun way of remembering the most important steps to staying well with your students and families:

"I Whack Germs"

- I - Immunizations are important to protect you from disease
- W - Wash your hands often with soap and water
- H - Home is where you stay when you are sick
- A - Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth especially when you're sick. A new good habit!
- C - Cover your coughs and sneezes so you do not spread germs to others.
- K - Keep your distance from sick people so you don't get sick too!

Thank you from the School Health Committee

1st Communion/Reconciliation Meeting

Mandatory parent meeting for parents of students preparing to receive First Communion/First Reconciliation:
Wednesday, February 21, at 6:00-6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Financial Aid

There will be a **mandatory** financial aid meeting on the following days:

Feb 21st Financial Aid Workshop at 6:30pm- English

Feb 22nd Financial Aid Workshop at 6:30pm- Spanish

CYO Sports Program

St. Elizabeth Athletics Fan gear

Hoodies \$20 and T-shirts \$10 can be pre-ordered by contacting Coach Tony (510) 384-8567 or Coach Paula (510) 381-4730.

Please do **not wear them with the school uniform.**

Girls basketball

Parent meetings will take place during each team's practice.

Practice schedule on Mondays & Wednesdays:

3rd/4th grade: 6-7 pm 7th grade: 6-7pm

6th grade: 5-6 pm 8th grade: 7-8pm

5th grade: 5-6pm

6th/7th grade Girls Volleyball team

Please go support the 6th/7th grade Girls Volleyball team as they compete in the Diocese Playoffs during President's Day weekend.

Game schedule:

*Round one: Saturday, Feb. 17th at 10 am at St. Theresa, Oakland

*Semi-finals: Sunday, Feb. 18th at 2:30 pm at St. Theresa, Oakland

*Championship Finals: Tuesday, Feb. 20th at St. Bede, Hayward

Track & Field

Mandatory parent information meeting will be on Tuesday Feb. 13th at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria. There is still time to sign-up. The program is open for boys and girls in kinder-8th grade.

Questions regarding any sports program, contact Paula Garcia at
(510) 381-4730 or paulagarcia8992@yahoo.com

Reminders

Feb 13th Valentine's Day Parties 2pm-3pm

Feb 14th Ash Wednesday School Mass 10:30am

Feb 16th Noon Dismissal

Feb 19th No School- President's Day

Feb 21st School Mass at 10:30am