

# ¿Qué Pasa? / What's Up?

Family Bulletin #1

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## A Dominican Blessing

May God the Father bless us.  
May God the Son heal us.  
May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us,  
and give us  
eyes to see with,  
ears to hear with,  
hands to do the work of God with,  
feet to walk with,  
a mouth to preach the word of salvation with,  
and the angel of peace to watch over us and lead us at last,  
by our Lord's gift, to the Kingdom.

Amen.

### Welcome

We are happy to announce the changes in our staff this year:

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| Ms. Vanessa Cordova   | TK/K Teacher                                       |
| Ms. Maria Cuevas      | First Grade Teacher                                |
| Mrs. Bernadette Brehm | Long term substitute for Laura Ruffridge           |
| Mr. Sal De Brita      | Fifth Grade Teacher                                |
| Ms. Mary Ann Crater   | Office Assistant                                   |
| Ms. Maria Carillo     | Co-Director, Mother Pia Program                    |
| Renee Grelecki        | Co-Director, Mother Pia Program/School Counselor   |
| Ms. Jamie Lee         | Mother Pia, 1 <sup>st</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup> Grade |

We also welcome all our new families to the St. Elizabeth School community and pray that your time here is blessed.

### Solar Eclipse

We hope that your children came home on Monday and shared that we all watched the partial eclipse! We did not go outside, but gathered in the gym to watch the live broadcasts from all over the country. Many thanks to Sr. Regena and her Teach Team who set up some viewing channels for us.

### Routines, Schedules, and Uniforms

Now is the most important time of the school year to set up positive routines and to organize your schedules. It is so important to get your children to school on time, with a nutritious snack and lunch, and to get them off to a good start by making sure they are in complete uniform. We understand that Dennis Uniform has been behind filling our orders, so we are allowing a little extra time for those items to come into stock for some of our families. Overall, our students have started off wonderfully with their uniforms. Be sure to mark your child's name on his/her sweaters, fleece jackets, and all

of their school supplies. This helps alleviate confusion over matching clothes and supplies. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### Finances

It is of the utmost importance that your family stays on top of your tuition payments. Our school has lost staff and we have had to make cuts in order to come up with a workable budget that covers our costs.

We have no more "wobble room" to grant extensions or make payment plans for past-due tuition payments. **It must be a priority for all of us to work together to ensure a viable future for St. Elizabeth School!**

### Star Testing

This week and next, your child/ren will be completing their Star testing. These scores will serve as a benchmark as we begin the year. They will take them again at key points in the year to assess progress. These scores will be shared with you at Parent-Teacher conferences in October.

### Academics

Please be sure your child completes any and all homework assignments and spends at least 15-20 minutes reading each night. For our youngest students, this could mean reading to them or looking at

picture books and talking about the pictures. This can be done in either English or Spanish—just keep them reading!!!

**Back to School Night—Next Wednesday, August 30! 6:30 PM in Gym**

Please be sure to join us at Back to School Night next week. It is an extremely important way to be sure you understand your child's academic program this year and it is an important night to meet our staff. Parents will earn service hours for attending (per parent/guardian only) and children will earn a "Free Dress Pass" for the following day.

**Looking Ahead**

Our first Family Mass will take place September 17th at the 10:00 AM, followed by our monthly raffle in the school cafeteria. Mark your calendars and join us as we come together to joyfully celebrate our faith and our school and parish family!

**Reminders**

Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night 6:30pm

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> Noon Dismissal

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> No School- Labor Day