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When the Song of the Angels Is Stilled

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.
Howard Thurman.

Let the work of Christmas begin! Let's begin it together!

Welcome back from the break, and Happy New Year to all! I hope and pray your holidays were filled with fun and family! I want to thank our Room Parents and all the parents who helped make our final week of school before the break so joyful—we loved the posada and the fun in the gym afterward, and we enjoyed the delicious food that was prepared and served to the kids in such a festive and loving atmosphere. Thank you, thank you! Now, on to our busy 2018!

Most important:

Parents are still double-parking outside the church to drop children off. This is illegal and unsafe. Our yard supervision begins at 7:30 AM, and if your child is in 21st Century program, the free before school program opens at 6:30 AM with breakfast. Parents can drop off any time at those times, so you might consider coming earlier or starting your New Year's resolution to get more steps in by parking further away and walking. **But please do not double-park because you cannot see children stepping off the curb to cross the street. It is also illegal.**

2018-2019 School Year

As your new principal, I am excited to return next year and be part of this vibrant and loving community, and I am already making exciting plans for the upcoming school year. It will be an exciting one as we transition into being part of the Lumen Christi family of schools, yet still be the same loving St. Elizabeth School with our own identity, history and traditions. The principals of the seven schools are communicating on a regular basis to facilitate and plan for this exciting shift. For enrollment planning purposes, next week we will be sending a "Registration Form" so that we have an idea of how many families are returning for next school year. Registering our current families is our first priority before we open up to the larger community. We strongly encourage you to complete and return this form with a required **\$50 non-refundable deposit per student** that will go toward your family's registration fees. We are also beginning our enrollment season and testing new students for next year. If you know a family looking for an excellent school, invite them to consider St. Elizabeth! Boosting our enrollment helps all of us because we can fund more programs and services with a larger enrollment.

Catholic Schools Week

The national celebration of Catholic Schools Week is just around the corner! We have many wonderful activities being planned for this special week. Please see the attached flyer for a schedule and description of activities.

Tardies

Students who had no tardies in December will receive 'Free Dress' next Friday, January 19th. Being on time means being in line and ready to begin morning prayer by the time the second bell rings. We are still experiencing far too many tardy students. Remember that being tardy embarrasses your child and disrupts the learning community and flow of the beginning of the day for students and teachers and is very bad modeling for your child.

Koins for Kids

Pia Penguin has appeared on campus for the annual Koins for Kids Program. This program, dreamt into being by the Dominican Sisters, involves students contributing money to support our Vision of Hope Schools (of which we are part). The class with the highest total each day is allowed to keep the penguin in their classroom. If your children ask you for coins for the penguin, you will know why!

Boxtops

We are still collecting Boxtops for Education! Take a look at the food in your home. You will probably see the Boxtops Coupon to cut out. Cut it out and return to school, either straight to the office, to your child's teacher, or straight into the box on the wall in the main hallway of the school by the Faculty Room. We just received a \$106 check which will go toward supplies for our students. Let's raise even more!

8th Grade Events

There are 2 8th grade events on January's calendar. On Saturday, Jan 20th our class of 2018 takes the high school placement test. We pray for them to have confidence in doing their best. They have been well prepared by their teachers in addition on; January 23rd the class of 2018 will have their graduation pictures taken.

On-Going Reminders

School Safety

Our national news reminds us tragically on a regular basis of the constant need for vigilant school safety. At St. Elizabeth School, the safety of your children and our staff is our top priority. Because of the importance of this commitment, we are requiring all volunteers and parents to be fingerprinted and to complete the Safe Environment Training online. In addition, everyone who

comes on our campus **must** sign in at the office and wear a Visitor Badge. We need EVERYONE to comply with this simple request. **We love having our parents at school and we love our visitors and helpers; we are simply requiring that you stop and sign in before entering the building. We must know who is in our building at all times.**

We are reminding all visitors to stop at the front office by putting up a “movie line” style of signage. It is a strip between two poles that will be placed between the office window and door of the cafeteria. This is not to offend anyone; it is simply a reminder to **stop and sign in**. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Reminders

Jan 12th No School – Staff Day

Jan 15th No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 20th High School Placement Test

Jan 23rd 8th Grade Graduation Pictures

Jan 28th Family Mass 10am