



# St. Elizabeth School

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Dear St Elizabeth Families,

Last week there was a meeting regarding the **Basketball Program** at our school. As I stated in a previous letter, the Archdiocese, through the CYO, will be taking over athletics in the schools beginning this year with volleyball. After some consideration they have decided to postpone the reorganization of our Basketball League until next year. They are overseeing the program, but the team structure will be the same for us as last year. The short version is that we will run our program the same as last year, but we will pay our fees and referees through the CYO. I want to thank our directors, Matt Neyland, Will Lukang and Larry Gubler for their efforts on behalf of our school.

**School is closed** for students next Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> as our staff will attend a professional development day run by the Archdiocese. On October 24<sup>th</sup> we will have parent teacher conferences. Your teacher will be setting dates and times. Please contact them if you have questions. For new families of students 6-8, all teachers will be available as will all of the math teachers.

Each year our school holds a **Christmas Boutique** to allow our children to shop for inexpensive gifts for siblings, parents and grandparents. The children love this opportunity and it has been a wonderful way to get all in the Christmas Spirit. This year, we do not have any parent that has stepped forward to chair this event. If no one comes forward the event will be cancelled. Cancelling the event would be sad for our children. Please contact HSA if you are willing to chair or volunteer for this event. Thank you.

Last week we sent home a permission slip for students to see our school **counselor**, Susan Morton from **Catholic Charities** who is here on Tuesday mornings. There seemed to be some confusion in regard to what this form was for. It applies to Catholic Charities who provides individual counseling for students in peer relations, organizational help, and other support services. Please reach out to Mrs. Morton as she is here on Tuesday mornings beginning at 9am to discuss options for your child.

Yesterday, October 10<sup>th</sup> our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the **St. Joseph Scholastic Olympics**.

There were 21 teams from Bergen County represented and I am proud to inform you that our team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall! Great job! In addition to a team trophy, Ryan Dockery and Maddie Kellogg received 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophies in science; Elise Piscioti, 1<sup>st</sup> in English; Emma Burgess 2<sup>nd</sup> in Social Studies and Jack Sheehan, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Art. The other team members were Kristen Cali, Braden Connors, Mack Gutjahr, Maddy Lukang, Mark Marino, Chloe McClees, Molly Nelson, Andrea Porraz Alfonso, Danny Ruebenacker, Tommy Sullivan, and Tate Wells. Thank you to all on the team for making us all proud! Go SES!

This afternoon we held our annual **National Junior Honor Society Induction** after school. This honor is bestowed upon 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who achieve academic honors as outlined in our Charter. The new members are Nicolette Robertson, William Daniels, Isabella Falletta, Tristan Oliver, Matthew Quill, and Chloe Santillan. Congratulations to all!

Many good things are going on in our school. We also inducted our new **Students Council** this week. Our teachers are so dedicated and our children work hard and it shows! I know you share in our **SES Pride**.

Lastly, if you are an alumni, parent or grandparent of an alumni or just a friend of St. Elizabeth School, please visit our website and click on the ***Alumni*** logo to sign up to get news and information about our school.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Lewis