

Saint Elizabeth High School

Newsletter

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Greetings from the President/ Principal

Recently, the members of the Class of 2015 completed a one-day retreat at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. The purpose of this day was to reflect on the experience they had during their initial Kairos Retreat in August.

Our Senior class attends our annual retreat at the beginning of school year and has an opportunity to reflect on their role in a Christian Community.

Many times Kairos is misunderstood as a “secret” retreat that no one knows about until they attend. Kairos is a remarkable experience that has done much for our students.

Mission Statement of the Kairos Retreat

The Kairos Retreat aims to create an environment away, a moment in “God’s time,” in which participants may be awakened to the ever-present love of God. Each one of us is called to fullness as a person and closer intimacy with God. Kairos seeks to proclaim and make real this relationship, as well as raise awareness of “God in all things.” Through peer ministry, participants experience Christian leadership, support, and community. They are invited to grow in understanding of themselves and of how God “fits into” their lives. The

retreat ends with a challenge to live Kairos on a daily basis for as long as possible. With the support of the community, each participant can more easily look inward and find true worth as a person and know the beauty of having deeper relationships with others and God.

Kairos is basically a religious program grounded in Christian theology. It is an experience of Christian community, with a series of talks given by peers and adults. Prayer and the sacraments are an essential part, as well as the participants’ involvement in discussions and various exercises. The program lasts three and a half days, with a “fourth day” which strives to keep it alive indefinitely, as well as provide a supportive community for retreatants. The program is implemented into the Religion program of St. Elizabeth High School.

Philosophy of Kairos

The purpose of Kairos is to allow the student to see the value of Christian faith lived and experienced in community. With the support of that community, the student can more easily look within and find his/her relationship with God and others.

The Goals of Kairos

1. To call the youth forth to life in faith; to be an active and vital member of the Church.
2. To develop Christian leadership
3. To help a student focus on where he/she is with himself/herself, others and God.
4. To come to a personal understanding of how Christ fits into his/her life
5. To afford the student the opportunity to experience both personal and communal prayer, the sacraments of the Eucharist, and Reconciliation.
6. To enable the student to experience Christian community
7. To have the student come to appreciate and value himself/herself as a young adult, as well as those people in his/her life, especially parents, relatives, friends who make life meaningful.

We hope that this explanation will provide a better understanding of the Kairos program and how it belongs in our daily life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Procaccio".

Martin Procaccio
President/ Principal

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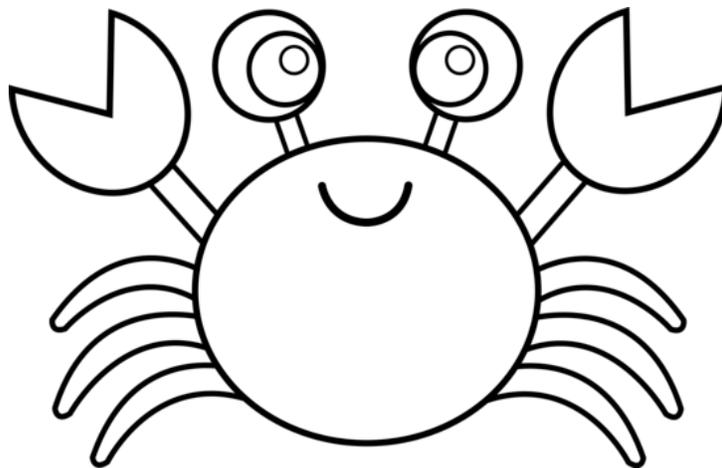
It is summer internship and program application season! What are you doing for the summer? Summer time is the perfect opportunity to take additional classes, attend academic programs and intern in potential career paths. Students have received information via their stliz-hs.org emails on STEM, Math, Science, Medical and Humanities institutes across the United States and here locally in the Bay Area.

Juniors Class

It is Summer planning and SAT/ACT time! Have you met with Mrs. Tarumoto-Wallace yet to plan for this semester, summer and next year? Scheduling appointments can be done through Mrs. Portley, or emailing Mrs. Tarumoto-Wallace at vtarumoto@stliz-hs.org. Parents are also welcomed to schedule appointments on an as needed basis. By the end of the year juniors should have completed the following items: Taken the ACT or SAT once, finished a rough draft of their personal statement, created a list of 5-7 colleges they are applying to, solidified summer plans, outlined a career path, and have a polished resume.

Reminder:

Please remember to check your e-mail for communications from teachers. Please also check your student's grades on Powerschool.



2015 Auction and Crab Feed

Dear Family Members:

We are writing to encourage your family's participation in St. Elizabeth High School's Benefit Auction and Crab Feed to be held on February 21, 2015 at the St. Theresa's Event Center. This is our main fundraiser of the year and all profits benefit our students through tuition assistance. Our goal is to raise over \$50,000. In order to accomplish our goal we ask that every SEHS family to participate! There are several ways you can help.

Sell Raffle Tickets: It is very important that all families help by selling or buying raffle tickets. Two books of raffle tickets are enclosed. Each family is asked to sell at least two books. Your family can request additional books in the main office. Prizes will be awarded to our top sellers.

Donate Items: We also need donations of items for the Silent and Live Auction. You or your child can bring your items to the Institutional Advancement Office (room 100), located next to the main office.

Volunteer: We need volunteers during the event. Working on an auction

committee is a great way to build friendships and community.

Attend: Tickets are \$50 per person. You may purchase tickets on our website at www.stliz-hs.org. RSVP no later than February 7. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Please contact Claudia Briones (510) 532-8947 x9121 or cbriones@stliz-hs.org if you have any questions. On behalf of the SEHS team, we appreciate your consideration in participating in the St. Elizabeth Benefit Auction and Crab Feed. I am confident that we will do everything possible to help make this the most successful auction ever.

Sincerely,

Claudia Briones
Institutional Advancement Associate

Campus Ministry

Special Session

This year's Special Session will take place February 9th-11th. Unlike previous years, this year's Special Session will focus on service learning, providing our students an opportunity to put their faith into action by connecting with the larger Bay Area community. Over the course of three days, students will gain direct experience and knowledge surrounding a specific social justice topic facing our local community and will be provided opportunities to reflect on their experiences and role in the larger community. More information will be sent home the week of February 26th.



Student Activities

Help support student activities by participating the Mountain Mike's Pizza Fundraiser! Contact Ms. Morales at omorales@stliz-hs.org for more information.

Koins for Kids

Every year, the Dominican Sisters Vision of Hope raises money for the eight inner city elementary schools they sponsor (five in Los Angeles and three in the Bay Area, including St. Elizabeth Elementary School). They ask students at all of the Dominican Schools to donate their spare change during the month of January and end the collection on February 8th, which is Founder's Day for the Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters. We have been collecting since the second week of January and we have already collected close to \$400. We have a school wide goal of raising \$500. We will certainly pass our goal. Thank you to all of the students who have already contributed! Keep the coins coming!

Athletics Department

The winter sports season is quickly wrapping up but not without plenty of excitement swirling around the halls at 1530 34th Avenue.

The Girls Varsity Basketball Team coached by the father - daughter team Dwain and Nicole Hornage have the girls competing and improving in a strong BCL conference. Dwain and Nicole are back coaching the Mustang Girls after stints at Holy Names, El Cerrito, and St. Joe's Alameda. They bring tremendous basketball knowledge to the program and have the girls fired up to finish the season strong in conference play.

Boys Varsity Basketball lead by returning head coach Jon Chriko and assistant Justin Rollolazzo have picked up where the season left off last year. The boys varsity team is currently undefeated in league play and has recently won games against Archbishop Hanna, Hillsdale High (San Mateo), and defending NCS Division 6 Champion, California School for the Deaf. We look forward to a strong finish in our league season and a great showing in post-season play.

Senior Night

Senior Night will take place Thursday February 5th before the start of the Boys varsity game against league rival California School for the Deaf. Seniors from both our Boys and Girls varsity teams will be honored before the start of the boys varsity game (around 5:30pm). Please come out and support our seniors and athletes while cheering on the Mustangs.

Calendar

Prom Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 4th
5pm, Boardroom

Senior Basketball Night

Thursday, February 5th
5:30 pm, Parish Gym

Special Session

Monday - Wednesday, February 9-11

No School

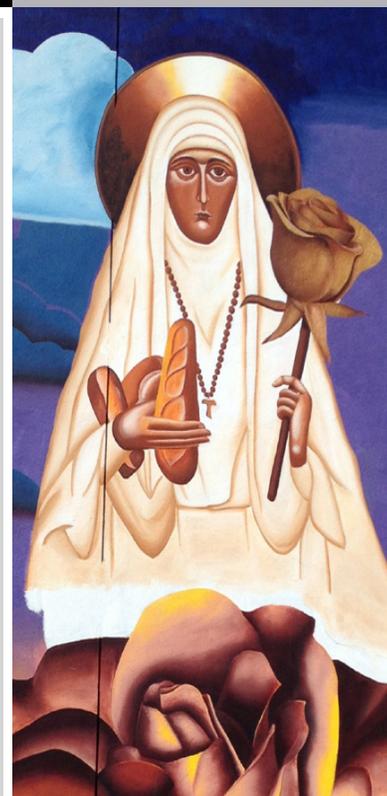
Thursday - Monday, February 12-16

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Auction & Crab Feed

Saturday, February 21



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