



# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Community Outreach 2019-2020

#ChooseKind

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our community outreach is an integral part of the vision and mission of St. Elizabeth School. This year we are excited to continue our mission to **Choose Kind**, and we are so grateful for this St. Elizabeth Community that we call our second family. Part of what makes our community so strong is the desire to connect with each other and serve others. This year, students will have hands-on outreach opportunities within the classroom. Additionally, HSA will sponsor Fall and Spring school-wide outreach projects. By providing both school-wide and student driven outreach, we believe kindness will spread beyond our walls and strengthen our community.

This Fall, the HSA school-wide outreach will support the local charity Stepping Stones. Stepping Stones is a charity that specializes in transitioning homeless families with children in need into stable home environments. The charity provides emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and post shelter support. Part one of our Outreach Plan starts off with a jacket drive to take place **Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>-Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. Part two will be our "Walk for a Purpose" Halloween Parade that will take place on **Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Donations for Stepping Stones Shelter can be made throughout the month of October. All monetary donations will be used to help the charity provide urgent everyday household items for the families in need.

This Spring, HSA Outreach will support the elderly in our community. In collaboration with our parish, families will have the opportunity to create **Blessing Baskets** for those in our area who are homebound. In March, you will receive more information on how your family can create your own blessing basket.

In addition to the Fall and Spring Outreach Projects, we will continue with the annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive in November. This successful tradition has supported so many in our community. Lastly, we wanted to remind everyone about our TAG Days. TAG days are days when students can dress out of uniform to raise awareness and help support local and global charities. These days are wonderful opportunities to help and serve others.

Thank you for your constant support and dedication to these outreach activities. Should you have any questions regarding HSA Outreach, please reach out to our chairs, Mrs. Melissa Valencia (mkapuscin@yahoo.com) & Mrs. Alicia MacFarland (alicia\_macfarland@yahoo.com).

Sincerely yours,

Mary Penny

**Kindness Creates Community**