

School-wide Character Development

Attention SMS families - I am excited to share with you the beginning of a new "character program" at St. Monica. Each month, the entire school will be focusing on a particular character trait. The trait will be discussed in the Guidance room, as well as in homerooms when applicable. In addition to the character trait, the students will also be learning about a monthly saint. November's saint is St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Please donate items to the school-wide food drive ☺

Each month, teachers will be nominating one of their students who they feel has shown that month's character trait the best. November's character trait is RESPONSIBILITY.



**Responsibility means being accountable for your actions. A responsible person follows through with obligations and displays self-control.

**Daily reminders for being responsible: Always follow rules, be responsible for school property, clean up and organize your belongings, carry through on your chores at home, be prompt, keep your promises, accept responsibility for your actions and words, complete assignments on time.

**Activities to teach responsibility: Make a list of weekly responsibilities at home and at school, create a mini responsibility check-off sheet for the corner of your desk, brainstorm ways students can be responsible at home, school or in the community - make a class chart to display.

Parents, please discuss with your children at home the importance of our month's character trait - Responsibility. Look for the list of responsible students in December's weekly reminder!