



Sunday November 3, 2019

Dear Shelton Academy families,

Great things continue to happen at Shelton every day, and this week was no exception! On Thursday we inaugurated the Shelton Houses with a festive assembly in the Piazza; on Friday we attended the All Saints Day Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe on a beautiful field trip for all students and staff; and yesterday fifty-some students and parents participated in the first DIVE Family Trip. It was wonderful to see your children participating with interest and displaying the best behavior at all these events. On Thursday and Friday there were big changes in the schedule, which always makes it difficult for the students to stay on task – there were plenty opportunities for disruptive behavior – and yet, your children were really good. Moreover, on both days the activities were long and involving the entire student body together; but again, your children were caring, considerate, and always following directions. It is on this kind of situations where the character of the students is put to the test and this week they all passed with flying colors; my compliments to the students at Shelton Academy for their excellent behavior and participation this week. Education is a lifetime effort with many up and downs; you know this, you live it every day, but this week was definitely one of those “up” moments, congratulations! Here are the notes for the next two weeks:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Grades:** Report Cards for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter are now available on the Family Portal. Click on this link to access the login page, once logged in click on "Report Cards" under Students Tab: <https://st-fl.client.renweb.com/pw/>. You will also receive the report by email. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child’s teacher.
- **Shelton Academy High School:** We invite all of our families, but specially those with children in middle school, to attend a presentation on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> in our Piazza; you will hear about our new high school including academic programs and extracurricular activities. A talk from educational consultant Belinda Leon will follow the high school presentation; she is a well known speaker that will illustrate the audience on how to plan for college during the high school years. Attached on this email you can find an invitation to the event; please share it with anyone that may be interested. You can RSVP by following this link: <https://forms.gle/kwkRuvy55Kff9opa6>

- **College Presentation from University of Navarre:** this coming Friday November 8 a representative from the University of Navarre will host an informative session from 7:30 to 8:30 in our Conference Room. Please pass this information to anyone that could be interested in learning how to go to Spain and study in one of the best universities in Europe (recently ranked #3 after Oxford and Cambridge).
- **A Not-to-Miss Talk:** please mark your calendars for Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in our Piazza. Our speaker, Dr. Charo Sádaba, is an expert in the area of technology, the internet, video games, social networks, and their impact in the lives of children and teens; and she will speak about electronics, social media, and the education of our children. We are looking forward to her insights on this important topic for everyone with school age children.
- **Admissions Open House:** on Friday November 15 from 9:00 to 2:00 we have an admissions open house for any prospective families interested in learning more about Shelton Academy. This coming week we will distribute a digital invitation that you can easily resend to any families that you think could benefit from a Shelton education. Thank you for your help bringing more great families to our school. On that note, please share our recently redesigned school website with new graphics and updated information.
- **ESOL for Parents:** last call for parents interested in learning English; classes meet:
  - Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 to 9:00 in the morning.
  - Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 in the afternoon.

Lessons are free to any families with children at school. To register for class send me an email ([headmaster@sheltonacademyschools.com](mailto:headmaster@sheltonacademyschools.com)) stating the group of your preference.

- **Early Release Wednesday:** Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> is an early release Wednesday; students in Preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed at 2:00pm. After School Care begins promptly at 2:30pm. Please be mindful of the change in dismissal time on that day.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Wednesday November 6: Early Release.
  - Thursday November 7: High School presentation at 7:00pm.
  - Friday November 8: University of Navarre informative session at 7:30pm.
  - Monday November 11: Veterans Day, no school.
  - Friday November 15: Admissions Open House.

Happy to be part of Shelton Academy, and very proud of our students. Sincerely,

Juan Mata  
Headmaster