



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." Saint John XXIII

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"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently."

Maya Angelou

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Dear St. Stan's Families:

Each day we teach our students fortitude, we ask them to stand for what is right, do the good thing, be single minded in their faith. Each day our students rise to the challenge and often exceed our expectations. We are now beginning a steady stream of learning until our Easter break. We will be administering our Terra Nova tests the week of March 9<sup>th</sup>. Educationally, we look at these test results as a snap shot of the learning that is taking place daily in our school. These assessments give us the opportunity to assess our programs and design them to help students be the most successful they can be. We are proud of our students and proud of the fact that we will not be placing them under the pressure so many of their public school counter parts will feel during the new state PARCC tests.

We excitedly welcomed six exchange students from China this month. These students are participating in classes and school activities as part of a winter camp program. This exchange program is an exciting one for our community. We are receiving a glimpse into life around the world through firsthand accounts. Our students are truly learning what it is like to be a citizen of the world; and I must say they have been delightful hosts to these students.

As we enter the month of March we will begin to refine our focus on our families. As Pope Francis has designated this The World Year of Families we will be having various activities beginning with students reciting the prayer daily for families with the specific special intentions for ten St. Stan's families a week. Your homeroom teacher will be sending information home with your child when your week arrives. All we ask is for a 4x6 or 3x5 photo of your family (that we will return) to be displayed for a week.

During this season of Lent my prayers will remain with each of you.

Sincerely,

Elena Malinconico  
Principal