



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."

Audre Lorde, *Our Dead Behind Us: Poems*

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Dear St. Stan's Families:

Our differences are an amazing blessing to our St. Stan's family as well as a joy to witness. Each day we look to recognize and celebrate our differences. It is sometimes a difficult lesson for children and adults alike but one worth the struggle. Our December goals are filled with looking to help those in need. I want to thank all of the students, teachers and HSA for participating yesterday in our dress down day fund raiser for Sgt. Perry's family. We were able to raise over \$800.00 for his widow and children.

Over the next four weeks we will be participating in three unique giving opportunities. I encourage you and hope that you will participate in all of them or at least one. First, we will be selling Christmas cards for the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen. Your donation will be made in honor of someone on your gift list and you will receive a card designed by students in our Catholic schools. This is an organization very close to Bishop Checchio's heart and one that helps so many in need around our community. Please contact the office to make your donation and receive your card. We will be collecting new toys and baby items for the Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison, a Catholic charities organization. Please see the flyer sent home today. Finally, as we do each year, we have sent home mite boxes and envelopes for the Mission Childhood Association (MCA) which is the Pope's charitable organization for children in developing countries. I know this seems like so much; but if each of us gave just \$5.00 to each we would make the world of difference in people's lives, who have so much less than we do.

Some up coming events to mark your calendar with are the Christmas bazaar on Sunday, December 4th, our Jesse Tree ceremony during opening exercises on Monday, December 12th (which you are invited to attend) and our annual Christmas Performance on December 19th at 7pm. December 23rd is a 12 noon dismissal with no after care available. We are scheduled to return from Christmas break on January 3, 2017.

In His Peace,


Elena Malinconico, Principal