

"To understand and to be understood makes our happiness on earth."

May 17, 2018

Dear St. Stan's Families:

It seems there was some discussion at the front door due to the time the bell is ringing in the morning. Each year, during the summer, we spend several hundred dollars to have the bells reset correctly; and over the course of the year it seems that the time may vary. Based on our iPhones, we see a bell that rings two minutes earlier than an iPhone may read. However, I do not start making my way down to the cafeteria immediately; and students are not marked late until I begin opening exercises. The bell system is how we run our whole day. Based on the cost, it seems rather foolish to spend money at this point in the year for 2-3 minutes. I have included this information in previous letters home and I have always suggested that students come in a bit earlier. Students are welcome to be here as early as 7am, for a small fee for before care, or at 7:20 for no fee at all. We will finish the remainder of the year adhering to our bell system.

I am so thankful to our HSA and all the hard work they put in each and every year. This year several long term board members are graduating, retiring or changing positions. I cannot thank Karen Iaccarino, Shannon Santiago, and Nella Mendes enough for their years and years of service and dedication to our school and students. I also cannot thank Gina Rispoli enough for her service as our HSA President for the past three years. She will remain on the board but is taking a break from the very consuming job of president. This is an awe inspiring job which she handled with grace and confidence. It is with excitement and pride that I announce our new HSA President, Mrs. Bernadette Donato. She will be working closely with another veteran HSA Board member, Mrs. Carolyn Bera, as well as some new, wonderful moms, whom I will announce in the coming weeks!

Here are a couple of reminders in reference to upcoming events:

5/18 Please wear your regular uniforms since we rescheduled Field Day and remember The HSA will be providing the pizza lunch on this date!

5/25 Field Day rescheduled, as well as an early dismissal.

6/11 St. Jude's T-shirt dress down day for students who received a t-shirt for fund raising.

6/12 Rescheduled School clean up. All students should wear gym uniforms.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal