



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love.”

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed your extended Christmas vacation with your families and that all the flu bugs and whatever have cleared out. The school year was off to a very cold start this past Monday but we look forward to some milder temperatures in the near future. St. Stan’s continues the custom of celebrating the Christmas season until February 2nd by leaving up our Christmas tree and decorations in the foyer and our Jesse tree in the cafeteria for you to enjoy.

As part of our goal to build 21st century learners at St. Stanislaus Kostka School, we are thrilled to announce that our Pre-k through grade 3 students will soon have 2 new technology tools. The first is the **SMART Table Collaborative Learning Center**. This is a social, inclusive, and captivating collaboration tool that greatly enhances the social and academic skills of active learners and helps all young students to achieve success. Using the SMART table, up to eight students can learn together at the same time, interacting with activities on the multi-touch surface.

The second is the **Royal Interacting Teaching Center** which combines with the functionality of the interactive SMART Board 640 & 660. This easel incorporates many innovative features designed specifically for educators teaching young children. Its compact size allows for whole class carpet teaching or small group instruction and is particularly good for Language, Math and Science. Both of these tools will be utilized during Catholic Schools Week after our lower grade teachers receive training. Please be sure to visit the classrooms to see both of these in action. You can preview these before that time by going onto Mrs. Florczak’s website and click on her Technology Coordinator page.

I would like to remind you that students in grades 4-8 will be taking mid-term exams this year. Exams will be held from Tuesday, January 21st to Thursday, January 23rd. Two exams will be given each day, one in the morning and one after lunch. Teachers will be reviewing exam materials next week with the students in class. It would be very helpful if you have your children spend time each evening reviewing a portion of the materials so that they are not attempting last minute cramming. An exam schedule will be going home with your children this week.

Please be sure to review the January calendar you received before our break to familiarize yourself with the events of Catholic Schools Week beginning with the 9:00AM Mass on January 26th. There is one change in that schedule. Students will be out of uniform on Tuesday of that week instead of Monday as previously stated. We hope all of you will join us for our Open House on both Sunday, January 26th and Thursday, January 30th.

Try to keep warm and pray for spring!

Mrs. Patricia Graham