



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers, not thunder."

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Dear St. Stans' Families:

I hope you each had time to enjoy family, friends and had the time to reflect during your Thanksgiving break. As we enter the Advent season, it is time to raise our words to God in penitence and ask for forgiveness, look to help others in need and prepare ourselves for what awaits us in the world to come. During these three busy weeks before Christmas, we have several opportunities for our students to pray, prepare and help those in need. I have been asked to remind our families that we will still be accepting donations of pajamas for the Scholastic pajamas and books program through the beginning of next week (December 10th). Additionally, we will be collecting new toys for the Helping Hands Ministry through December 11th. Finally, MCA advent boxes were sent home this week and the donations are due back by December 18th.

Next week, our students will be busy with our prayer service on December 12th for the consecration of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Metuchen Diocese. This will be done with all the schools of the diocese at 12:30. Our students will also decorate our Jesse Tree on Friday, December 13th. This beautiful ceremony is open to parents during opening exercises. Also, please be reminded that Monday, December 9th is an early dismissal.

Lastly, once again we are collecting money for a Christmas present for Father Ken. Father Ken is committed to increasing our school endowment and this year the donations we make will be donated to St. Stans' endowment fund in the name of Father Ken. I ask for your generosity in this and I know you will give according to your ability, which is a tremendous gift in itself. Donations are due by December 19th.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal