



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"The measure of your holiness is proportionate to the goodness of your will." Jan Van Ruysbroeck

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope you each had a restful and happy long weekend. This is a busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas. For many of us it is filled with the hustle and bustle of decorating, baking, shopping and wrapping; but what is missing from this picture...the preparation for Jesus' coming. The bible cautions us to stay awake and be ready. How many of us heed that caution? I know the students, faculty and I will be making a special effort to prepare for Jesus by living the virtues that help us lead a life like the one modeled by Jesus.

I must again remind all parents, friends and families who drop off or pick up students to school please use extreme caution when driving through the parking lot. Recently, there have been quite a few reports of speeding and careless driving (at drop off especially). I know we all have hectic schedules but our children must always be our first priority.

Many wonderful things are afoot here at St. Stan's. We have brought back the Santa Shoppe for our students. This gives the children an opportunity to buy gifts for their families and friends. On Monday, information will be sent home on how to participate in it next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Congratulations to two of St. Stan's graduates. William Corman will be honored this Sunday by Bishop Bootkoski with a Diocesan Youth Award for service. Tyler Vitale received an 800 on the math portion of his SATs. Well done Tyler and Will, we are very proud of both of you.

An updated version of the handbook has been posted today. There are two small changes. The first is in boys haircuts. The front of the hair must be above the eyebrow and when wearing the regular winter uniform pants, dark colored, conservative socks must be worn.

Finally, tomorrow we will be celebrating First Friday Mass as well as the Eighth grade ring ceremony at 9am and we are keeping our fingers crossed that St. Nicholas makes his annual stop at St. Stan's to leave candy in the children's shoes...

Wishing you Many Blessings Today and Always,

Mrs. Elena Malinconico, Principal

# TOYS FOR TOTS



The students of St. Stanislaus Kostka School are so very lucky to have loving and giving families. These same students are also models of generosity. In grades Kindergarten through Fifth we are asking students to bring in an unwrapped, new toy for donation to the Marine's Toys for Tots program. This will be in lieu of the usual classroom grab bag in these lower grades.

The middle school students will be donating \$5.00 for the bus to take them to Briarwood Nursing Home this spring to spend time with the residents there; this has become a time honored tradition for them. (We would certainly take a toy donation as well!)

Donations are due to your homeroom teacher by Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. This generous act will bring joy to a child who would not be able to have a Merry Christmas!