



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Education is the kindling of a flame not the filling of a vessel."

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Dear St. Stan's Families:

As we inch towards the Christmas holiday, educators everywhere, try to keep the flames that are sparked through education kindled. This task can be tricky, as our little learners' excitement for the coming holiday increases. I ask that at home you gently remind your children to stay focused and be kind to classmates as we move toward the Christmas break. The next weeks have some exciting events that I would like you to mark your calendars with:

December 11th is an early dismissal.

December 13th will be our Jesse Tree Ceremony and our December student of the month breakfast.

December 19th will be our Christmas Concert at 7pm.

December 22nd is a dress up day with Mass, breakfast courtesy of the HSA, a surprise visit from a special guest and an early dismissal with NO aftercare.

We return from our Christmas break on Tuesday, January 2nd and there is NO early dismissal on Wednesday but early dismissals on January 8th and 9th.

As we proceed in preparation through Advent towards Christmas I would like to remind you of our Scholastic Pajama fundraiser; where for every new set of pajamas we collect, Scholastic will also donate a book to a child in need. The deadline for this is December 13th.

Finally, I am so excited by the opportunity for our students and families to travel to Germany, Austria and Switzerland in 2019! This is an amazing educational opportunity and I encourage anyone interested to contact our tour leader Mrs. Foret at IForet@sskschool.org.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico
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Spirit Wear Dress Down Day

On Friday, December 15th there will be a Spirit Wear dress down day. Any student who purchased Spirit Wear apparel this year the dress down cost was included. Any student who has apparel from last year's order and would like to participate in the dress down day, the cost is \$3.00.

All proceeds benefit the Class of 2018 and Project Graduation.

Thank you in advance for participating!



Pajama Program

Good Nights Are Good Days

Scholastic Book Clubs

9th Annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

Dear Parents,

This year our school will take part in the *Scholastic Book Clubs Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive* benefiting Pajama Program, a national nonprofit organization that provides new pajamas and storybooks to at-risk children. Pajama Program supports children living in shelters, group homes, and foster care, and other organizations that support at-risk youth. With warm pajamas and a comforting bedtime story, children feel safe and secure as they drift off to sleep, allowing them to have the good night that they need to realize their dreams the following day.

We would like to be part of this drive so that we can help make a better bedtime for these children. Together we can help the *Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive* reach even more children through the magical gifts of pajamas and storybooks. If you and your child are able to participate, please help us transform bedtime for a child by bringing a new pair of pajamas to school by **Wednesday, December 13th**.

Scholastic Book Club matches the number of donated pajamas with new story books donated directly to Pajama Program headquarters.

Guidelines for the pajamas:

- Pajamas must be brand new. Pajamas in all sizes are needed - from newborn to adult.
- Pajamas must be in complete sets or nightgowns.
- Pajamas in children's sizes must be manufactured as pajamas - this ensures that they are flame retardant and safe.

Thank you for helping us share the gift of a good night's sleep and a sweet bedtime story. After all, good nights are good days. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Grover at lgrover@skschool.org.

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