

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

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Dear Parents,

Christians all over the world have entered into the Lenten season. St. Stan's students have various opportunities to engage in *prayer, fasting* and *alms giving*. Each Friday morning the students will pray the Stations of the Cross as a school, many have given up their favorite foods, and classes continue to work on their social justice projects during the year. Please be sure to see the flyers attached describing the first grade project, *New Eyes for the Needy*, as well as the sixth grade one referring to those students volunteering to read to the lower grades on Saturdays throughout Lent.

Terra Nova testing will be finished tomorrow morning except for those students who will need to make up tests due to illness. This year the test format in grade 3-8 has changed to be in alignment with the Common Core Standards. We have implemented a new math and language series at St. Stan's for most of the grades which are also aligned with these standards. It will be interesting to see how the students' test grades across the nation and here at St. Stan's will be affected by the new format.

There is also a flyer announcing our Open Houses for prospective parents on Sunday, March 30th and on Thursday, April 3rd. We ask that you promote these events to your friends so that they will have the opportunity to experience the excellent education we offer to our students both academically and religiously.

Our 3rd making period will end on March 28th and report cards will be sent home on Thursday April 3rd. Please join us for our honors assembly on Friday, April 4th.

Finally, I want to remind you that we are in need of parents to help in any way possible in the many positions in our HSA either as an officer or as a member or chair of a committee. I realize that many of you are working outside the home or have many family commitments. Please know that if you would like to volunteer but are restricted in your time, it would certainly be possible for you to share any position with another parent. Many hands make less work for one person. So many of you have wonderful ideas and talents of which we are in need to help our school run smoothly next year. Won't you please read the attached sheets describing these and offer your help in any way possible? We thank you so much for your cooperation.

Regards,

Mrs. Patricia Graham Principal