



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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Dear St. Stan's Families:

The weather has certainly been keeping us on our toes and I am sure we all hope the snow is behind us and spring arrives with some warmth and sun for us all.

Next week we will be administering the Terra Nova Exams in grades one through eight. I ask that all students come in well rested, having eaten breakfast, with number two pencils and most importantly the understanding that what we use these tests as a snap shot of the learning taking place in our classrooms. These standardized tests in conjunction with classroom assessments and teacher observation allow us to get a complete picture of how students are growing academically, how our curriculum and instructional methods are staking up and where we can make changes that will ultimately benefit all students in all of our classrooms. We ask students do their best but remember there should be no pressure associated with these test.

We are very focused on each of the families that make up our school family, that is why we put together the Family Gras party for March 14th. Today is the deadline for RSVPing to this event. I hope that we have enough families interesting in this to make event possible to have. It is our goal to work on ways to bring our community even closer together, we will also be choosing ten families each week to pray for during our opening exercises. We will pray for every family that is part of the St. Stan's School family over the course of the next few months. When you receive a note that your family will be remembered in opening exercises please send a picture in to your child's homeroom teacher so that we can display all the families pictures in our school for all the children to see.

As we move through March grades Pre K through sixth participating in the county CAP program, grades three through five will be participating in Rutgers' CBI Parachute program and grades sixth through eighth will be participating in the Rutgers Sources of Strength program. If your child is part of any of these programs you will receive more information separately. These are all amazing programs designed to give students strategies to cope with a variety of situations children encounter today. Each program is designed and conducted in a manner that is fun, creates a sense of safety and done in a group/class setting. Finally, in March grades one through four will be participating in a "Stay Trip" where they will see a program where they will learn about Aesop's fables and other fables from around the world as well as get a look at the art of puppetry. The program is scheduled for March 25th. On that day grades one through four will be allowed to follow an out of uniform dress code.

In His Peace,
Elena Malinconico