



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Grace is not part of consciousness; it is the amount of light in our souls, not knowledge nor reason."

Pope Francis

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Dear St. Stan's Families:

The souls of our students shine brightly each and every day, which makes me realize that they are certainly being filled with the grace of God. I find it almost impossible that May is upon us with First Communion (May 7th), May Crowning (May 8th), our Mother and Father of the Year reception (May 13th), Field Day (May 20th), plays, recitals, 8th grade trip and still an abundance of learning to take place. Please review our May calendar so that you are aware of all the exciting things that will round out the end of this very exciting school year.

I am happy to let you know that close to half of all of our school families participated in our online survey. As I promised each week I would address some of the items that this survey raised. This week I would like to talk about security and nursing services. Many people were interested in having increased nursing services as well as increased security measures. This year the state appropriated money to non public schools for security improvements. This funding allowed St. Stan's to increase the number of cameras in the building and also provide us with increased communication within the building in the event of a crisis through the purchase of police grade walkie talkies. We have changed our dismissal procedures and we station a teacher at the front door each morning. All of these initiatives were put in place to increase the level of security in our building. We recently had two meetings with the Sayreville police department and were told our procedures and equipment was some of the best in town. We are quite proud of that. The issue we have with increasing nursing hours and continuing to upgrade security comes down to funding. The state has reduced the amount of money they will allot for nursing in the 2016-2017 school year and they have eliminated further security funding for any non public school. I would love to enhance and increase both of these areas but I need your help. Please call or contact any of the state assemblymen listed on the attached sheet and request that the cuts in nursing, technology and the elimination of security funding be reinstated into the budget for the 2016-2017 school year. I hope this clarifies some of your questions on this topic.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal