

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection"

Thomas Paine

November 12, 2015

Dear St. Stan's Families:

As we undertake the process of conferences, reflection is the most valuable virtue we have at our disposal. We have the ability to reflect on where each of our students began, what they have achieved, where they failed (which is the beginning of real learning) and where they are headed as the year progresses. I know, as educators, these conferences offer us the opportunity to continue to develop a strong working relationship with parents.

On Monday, we begin our 40 Hour Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. If you are available, please join our students through the day to come and spend time in the presence of Jesus. We are continuing our annual Thanksgiving basket drive. Your child's homeroom teacher has sent home a request for a particular food item and a \$1.00 donation. Please have these to school no later than next Friday, November 20th.

There will be a change in our school calendar at the Christmas break. We will now be returning to school on Tuesday, January 5, 2016. This change is to accommodate a professional development opportunity that the Diocese of Metuchen is requiring our teachers to attend on Monday the fourth.

There will be a change in the Student/Parent Handbook next year that includes that students and parents will not be allowed to solicit for fundraisers at school. It sometimes causes a disruption in school but more importantly it is very difficult for our staff to support all of our students in the fundraising efforts. I truly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

As always you remain in my daily prayers so that Our Father may bless you abundantly.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico, Principal