



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"Hope is being able to see there is light despite darkness."

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Dear St. Stans' Families:

If we do not have hope we lose everything and we all have our moments of doubt and pain. Will we do well at work? Will we pay our bills? Will our family remain healthy and happy? Our students also suffer doubt. Will I do well on my exam? Will my friends like my new haircut? How will I do in my basketball game? It is our job as educators to always keep that hope alive, and remind students that even when things do not go as they had wished, not to lose hope because God is with us and guiding us always.

As we come to the midpoint of our school year, with midterm exams next week for grades five through eight and the end of the second marking period on January 25th; I want to remind parents and students that our STOPit anonymous, online notification program for incidents of bullying or student concerns regarding violence or harassment is still up and running. If you need sign up information or a review on how to use it, please contact the main office. On a similar note, it has come to my attention that some of our students may be participating in risky online behaviors. We have addressed red flag issues in school recently, such as "friending" and "speaking" to strangers, group chats that include conversations that may be inappropriate, and visits to websites that may not be age appropriate. As a parent, myself, it is imperative that we be involved in our children's online "life". Please have these safety discussions with your child, monitor their phones and computers and should you come across anything that may include something regarding another student please contact the office so we may address it.

On Sunday, January 27th at 9am Mass (which all students should attend in uniform) we kick off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Included in this week's envelope is the schedule of events that are scheduled. We hope each family can invite at least one other family that may become a member of our school family.

As always my door is always open.

Elena Malinconico, Principal