



# St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"We know what we are but not what we might be."

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Dear St. Stans' Families:

Watching our students grow into what they may be someday is one of the most exciting parts of being an educator. We have the privilege of watching this growth over the course of each school year they fill our classrooms.

Next week we begin the first set of M.A.P. testing, MAP is an acronym for measures of academic progress. These tests in math and language arts will be given three times over the course of the year. This testing is replacing any other standardized testing we have previously used. As educators, we are quite excited to go this route with this new nationally normed test. We are like gardeners, and our goal is steady growth throughout an academic year for each student. This test will allow us to track all students growth very closely and adjust our teaching and curriculum on a regular basis as opposed to waiting until the end of the school year. This program is very similar to a program we previously used, so it will be relatively easy for our students to acclimate themselves to it. We want students to do their very best; but this is not a test one that should invoke dread or pressure with anyone; if you have questions please contact my office.

A reminder that Monday, October 7th is an early dismissal and Wednesday, October 9th is picture day! Students are allowed to wear any uniform (except gym) that you choose. Also, please be advised I will send out a letter and Honeywell when students must switch over to the winter uniform (most likely towards the end of October). Finally, class parent request forms were sent out today. I ask you to please seriously consider helping our teachers, school and HSA by volunteering to do this job.

As always, you remain in my prayers.

In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico  
Principal