

## St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

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"I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn to do it."

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Dear St. Stans' Families:

Perseverance is a skill that is so important to learning new things. As a society, we tend to shy away from things that are hard to do or we may fail at; but when you do what you cannot and fail, you are one step closer to success in learning that skill. Perseverance is a characteristic that benefits us all through our lives and it is one we seek to instill in our students daily. Productive struggle leads to learning.

As February begins to wind down, I am so proud to report that our students and families continue to be so generous to those in need. The school has raised \$326.00 to go towards the koalas who were affected by the wildfires in Australia. We collected over 250 gently used books to be donated to the Bridges of Books Foundation for children who do not have access to reading material. Finally, our Polar Bear plungers earned \$1300.00 that is going directly to our school to benefit our students. I urge you to stay on the lookout in 2021 because we plan on going even bigger with the Ancient Order of Hibernians Polar Plunge to benefit our school.

Next week we enter the season of preparation for Easter, as Lent begins on Wednesday, February 26th. All children are welcome to receive ashes whether or not they are Catholic. The decision is up to parents. Please let your homeroom teacher know your decision. This time of year helps us grow closer to our Lord through almsgiving, service to others, prayer and fasting. I will be sending out information about some of our Lenten programs in the next two weeks.

There has been a change in our proposed calendar. Teachers will be attending a spirituality day on Friday, April 24th. Students will have the day off. The out of uniform day scheduled to take place on that day will be moved to Thursday April 30th and my lunch with the 8th grade will be changed to Wednesday, April 29th.

As always, I welcome your questions and concerns anytime.

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In His Peace,

Elena Malinconico

Principal