

**St. Stanislaus School Newsletter**  
**Sept 6, 2010**

*The fish in the water is silent, the animals on the earth are noisy, the birds in the air are singing. But man has in him the silence of the sea, the noise of the earth, and the music of the air. – Rabrindranath Tagore*

**Our Opening Mass** will be on Sunday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. All students attend in uniform and students in K-8 sit with their classes. Preschoolers sit with their parents. Students should arrive no later than 9:40 and meet their teachers in the following areas:

Kindergarten and First Grade – in their classrooms

Second Grade – in the PK classroom

Third Grade – in the corridor behind the principal's office

Fourth Grade – in the hallway outside the first grade classroom

Fifth and Sixth Grades – in the school lobby

Seventh and Eighth Grades – in the eighth grade homeroom

**Mass will be followed by an indoor picnic.** Please return your forms by Thursday if you are staying for the picnic so that we know how much food to purchase and cook.

**Our school theme** this year is, "Go make a difference!" Students and faculty have begun exploring ways to live out these words. In order to help us do so, we've decided to adopt the Fish philosophy – more about Fish at the parent meeting.

**The Parent Meeting takes place on Sunday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m.** There will be a general meeting in the cafeteria followed by time in the classrooms. Middle school parents will follow a switching schedule so that they may see all four teachers. The classroom meetings are meant to be general information sessions; they are not a time to discuss individual students.

**We had two surprise visitors** last Wednesday. Dr. Donna Boyle, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, and Mrs. Kathleen Simpson, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, dropped in during the late morning to say hello to faculty and students. They commented on how the students were already engaged in a variety of learning activities, how well-behaved and polite the students were, and remarked several times about how beautifully clean the building itself looked (thank you Mr. Banalewicz and Mr. Roies!).

**The revised Student Handbook** is posted on the web site. *There are a number of important changes to policies and procedures.* Please note especially the changes in use of student photos and in the discipline policy. Parents are asked to read the entire handbook carefully before school starts. ***After you read it, please print out the signature form and return this to school. These forms were due on September 1.***

**Please return gym shirt/sweatshirt order forms by September 8.**

**CORI workshops** will be offered on September 7, 15, and 23 at 7:00 p.m. All new school volunteers must attend a CORI workshop at St. Stan's. Those who have already done so need to fill out paperwork for the new year. The paperwork for those already CORI'd through the school is available in the office. No adult may volunteer or chaperone without being CORI'd through the school.

**The Parent Group** will meet on September 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the school to plan upcoming events. New members are welcome.

**We've been able, through grants,** to purchase a few learning tools for the school. Two Promethean Activboards will be installed later in September, one in the computer lab, and one on the first floor. New non-fiction classroom library books, math teaching materials, a new LCD projector, and the TimeLiner computer software program were also purchased.

**We offer congratulations to the newly-elected student government officers:** President Jane Lima, Vice-President Benjamin Theroux, Secretary Alexander Martins, and Treasurer Cara Peloquin. These students will lead the entire eighth grade in planning and executing events for the school.

**We have encountered a glitch with the new faculty email addresses.** They should be live by the end of this week. For the moment, please write notes if you need to send a message to the teacher.

**Miss Willis**