

**St. Stanislaus School**  
**September 17, 2018**  
**Friendship With Jesus**

*From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.-  
Pope John Paul II*

**8th grade wishes to thank everyone who supported their yard sale.** They realized a profit of \$1100 towards their class trip!

**The Handbook** was distributed at the Parent Meeting last night and is available on line. **The last page of the handbook must be signed and returned by Friday, September 21.** I realized after the meeting last night that the final page was inadvertently printed on the back of a page with text. I am sending copies of the signature page home today.

**Thank you to everyone who came to meet the teachers last night.** We're looking forward to a great year! Be sure to check the web site gallery page, as well as our Facebook page for news.

**Individual student pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 25.** Students may wear their own clothes. The pictures are taken outdoors. They will be uploaded onto our SmugMug page, where you will be able to purchase whatever sizes you wish.

**The Parent Group is hosting a Skate Night** at United Skates of America in Rumford on October 11 from 6 pm to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.50 per skater; non-skaters are free. Ice cream sundaes are included in the cost of admission. This is a very popular event and the kids have lots of fun. We hope you can attend!

**We're planning our annual bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 15.** We have changed the bus company back to Fisher bus. More details in next week's newsletter!

**The Office of Safe Environment training information** is attached to the digital version of this newsletter. Parents wishing to be involved in the school, including chaperoning field trips, must complete this training. They must bring the certificate of completion to the school, where they will fill out a CORI form for a background check.

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:**

*Thank you for your attention during yesterday's presentation and a special thank you to those who offered additional support and to get involved.*

- **HARVEST MOON MIXER:**
  - Tickets are \$30 each. A minimum of 8 tickets to reserve a table.
  - Use the attached order form to order tickets.
  - We need raffle items and advertisements. Please consider donating an item or asking your employer or reaching out to local businesses for donations and/or an opportunity to advertise. Advertisements start at \$100 and are tax deductible (so are donations).
  - Contact Derek DeSousa for more info: [d-desousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:d-desousa323@hotmail.com).
- **HAMILTON RAFFLE**
  - Purchase tickets for a chance to win two tickets to the show and overnight stay and support the school at the same time! Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100.
  - Help us sell tickets and promote this raffle. Distribute the flyer attached.
  - Contact Rita DeOliveira for more information and tickets at [rdeoliveira@charter.net](mailto:rdeoliveira@charter.net).
- **CLOTHING DRIVE**

- Clean out your closets and support the school doing it! The clothing drive is the simplest way the school earns money. Drop off your unwanted clothes, footwear, outerwear, bags, linens, towels, etc.
- Drop off on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- If interested in volunteering contact [d-desousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:d-desousa323@hotmail.com).
- **FESTIVAL OF TREES**
  - Consider getting involved in planning this fundraiser. It's an event that the kids love. Please contact [d-desousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:d-desousa323@hotmail.com).

*The Development Committee meets next on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Stop in if you are interested in getting involved or contact Derek at [d-desousa323@hotmail.com](mailto:d-desousa323@hotmail.com) for more information or other ways to help.*

**Finally, a question arose** last night in the preschool classroom regarding bus transportation for field trips. Someone was under the impression that Massachusetts law requires 3 year-olds to be in rear-facing car seats. This is not the case. The actual law is, "All children riding in passenger motor vehicles must be in a federally-approved child passenger restraint that is properly fastened and secured until they are 8 years of age or over 57 inches tall. Children older than 8 years of age or taller than 57 inches must wear seat belts." This law is applicable to passenger motor vehicles, not to buses. In the FAQ section of the [mass.gov](http://mass.gov) site regarding car restraints, it is recommended that rear-facing seats be used for children up to 2 years old when possible. **Also, regarding field trips**, parents may not provide their own transportation for their child and meet a class at the destination, as clearly stated in the school handbook. In my 30 years here, there has only been 1 exception to this, involving a child who had a full leg cast. Even in that instance, we had to get special permission from the diocese. Hopefully this clarifies the matter for everyone.

**Miss Willis**

*Enclosures:*

Clothing Drive  
 Hamilton Package Raffle flyer  
 Harvest Moon Mixer  
 Handbook Signature Sheet  
 Office of Safe Environment Training