

# Saint Stanislaus School Newsletter

October 6, 2019

Remember that you are never alone, Christ is with you on your journey every day of your lives! He has called you and chosen you to live in the freedom of the children of God. Turn to him in prayer and in love. Ask him to grant you the courage and strength to live in this freedom always. Walk with him who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life”!

St. Pope John Paull II

Dear School Families,

As you know, just about one year ago, Bishop da Cunha created our Collaborative of parishes and school with the mission of strengthening each other for our future. As we reach our one-year mark in this new relationship, I am inviting the members of our Collaborative to come together to review the last year. I want us to think about what has worked well, and reflect upon what has not worked as well as we had hoped. This will give us a direction for the year ahead.

Of course, St. Stanislaus School is an integral part of our collaborative, and so I'm hoping that you will be able to join us for this important conversation. The All Collaborative Assembly will take place this Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Hall. We will have Mass at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting if you'd like to join us.

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday if you are able.

Peace,

Fr. Tom

A message from the development committee...

Thanks to everyone's energy and enthusiasm as we begin our fundraising season. We had great support from many of you at parent's night. That resulted with some new members of the committee and some parents helping to solicit donations. There is still plenty of opportunity for parents to get involved.

- **HARVEST MOON DINNER TICKETS:** The order form is included in this week's envelope. Please buy your tickets early. You can reserve a table with 10 tickets. Please join us for this annual event its a great night out and this year we will be at the Venus de Milo! We are hoping to fill the room so please ask your family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, mailman, hairdresser and whomever else you may know!
- **PREMIUM RAFFLE TICKETS:** In this week's envelope we will be sending home six raffle tickets to win (2) Season Passes to the Providence Performing Arts Center (6 shows, over \$1000 value) or an Apple Watch Series 5 (\$400 value). Tickets are \$20 each or (6) tickets for \$100. We ask that you work with your children to help sell the tickets. If each student sells 6 tickets that is over \$18,000 for the school. Selling these tickets are not mandatory, we are just looking for some help. I highly recommend going door to door, my daughter was able to sell 9 tickets in 45 minutes.

- **CLASS CONTEST:** To help create energy around the raffle we have included a class component. Each class that sells 20 tickets will win a dress down day. The first class to sell 50 tickets will win breakfast. The class that sells the most tickets will win a pizza and ice cream party. If we hit our fundraising goal of \$40,000 we will throw a party for the entire school!
- **VOLUNTEERS TO SELL TICKETS AFTER MASS:** There is still opportunity to help tickets after masses, We need volunteers for this coming weekend. Any tickets sold count towards the class contest. We sold a bunch of tickets this weekend!
- **DONATIONS:** We still need donations of raffle items. Please look for new items or unused gift certificates you have around the house. Also check with your employer and local business owners if they are willing to donate. Attached is a letter you can present them that shows our not-for-profit status. Any questions contact [dde Sousa@saintstanislaus.com](mailto:dde Sousa@saintstanislaus.com)
- **ADVERTISEMENTS:** Do you know any business owners? Are you a small business owner? Consider placing an advertisement with us. We have ads starting at \$100 and have some that reach over 3000 people. The details are on page 2 of the attached letter.

The next development committee meeting is **this TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 at 6:30pm** at the school. All parents are encouraged to attend and help plan the events.

It's important we are all involved in our children's education and school. As a reminder, the fundraising efforts are to help offset the \$2600+ gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate our children.

Thanks  
 Derek DeSousa  
 Development Committee Chairperson

Dear Parents of St. Stan's Students,

I want to thank you your cooperation with morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Once again this week, students will come into the school by the main door and go directly to Kindergarten for Morning Care. Aftercare will be held in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade rooms. Once the church is completed we will go back to being in the gym.

Please note this news: After some conversations, reflection time and prayer, Ms. Amaral will be taking a leave of absence from St. Stanislaus School. I will be sharing additional information within the next few days. Please join us in praying for Ms. Amaral and her family. Tomorrow morning, I will visit the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class to let them know about Ms. Amaral and to observe this class during this time of transition. I am extremely grateful to Mrs. Elaine Skibinski for accepting to cover the class for this week. We all look forward to her return to the classroom. We will miss her around the school and especially in grade 4. If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with me. I would be glad to discuss this situation with you.

On Monday you will be receiving your first 2 SAL folders. Please keep them in a safe place at home. In the event of a snow day or some other emergency need to cancelation a day of school, you will receive a message from me to have your child complete the work in the folder. Example; The folders are marked: SAL day 1 Grade 1 and SAL day 2 Grade 2. You will be receiving 3 additional folders over the next couple of weeks. You will receive a total of 5 Sal Day folders in total. We are hopeful that we will not need all 5 folders, but it is better to be prepared just in case we have to cancel school.

I heard from the organizers of the after school cooking classes. There was not enough interest so they notified me that they have canceled the after school classes. If your child was signed up for the classes, they will be in touch with you.

Picture Day is set for Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. This is for an official class and school picture, plus individual school pictures. In the spring we will offer another session of school pictures where the students will have a no uniform day for this picture day.

After school clubs will be starting up. There will be information sent home in the Monday envelope. Please watch for the flyers and return them to the school, if your child is interested in a club.

- The drama club will be starting up after the holidays. Mr. Andrew Pariseau, our music teacher, will be leading this club. We look forward to a nice school event in the spring.
- There will be a newspaper club starting in the fall with our very own Fr. Tom Washburn.
- Mr. Shawn Mills has offered to plan a Photography/video club starting soon.
- Mrs. Alicia Vaillancourt will offer the Mary's Club this fall.

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm St. Stanislaus School will be represented at the opening of the Province Bruins game with singing America the Beautiful. I sent a flyer home via grade link with the information. Mr. Andrew Pariseau will be inquiring what students are interested in being part of a school choir to perform at the game.

As we walk with Jesus during this school year, may you be blessed with God's grace, love and peace.

In Mary's love,  
Beth Mahoney

### **Notes from the Principal**

- Harvest Moon Mixer will be on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> – watch for details coming home. Please save the date on your calendar.
- Mass at 6:00 PM at the Cathedral every Sunday. Altar servers, lectors, gift bearers, and collectors are needed. If your child is interested in sharing in the ministry, at this Youth Mass, please call Leanne Nelson at 508-989-5868.
- Please take a moment to post a note on our Shout Out Wall. You just might put a smile on someone's face.
- Calendar Raffle: the winners are posted on the bulletin board in the school lobby. Checks are mailed to the winners.
- Remember is this no school on **Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** – Columbus Day Observance
- **October 25<sup>th</sup>** is a professional day – so there is no school.
- Halloween Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – each class will have their own celebration with their teachers.
- Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saint's Day – we will have Mass at 8:15 AM. Please note the change in the day for Mass.
- Any student who has made their 1<sup>st</sup> communion and would like to learn how to serve Mass, please make sure they let their teacher know. We will be having a training session soon for all students who are interested.
- School pictures will be on **October 8<sup>th</sup>**.
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