

St. Stanislaus Catholic School Newsletter



Principal Note

Dear Parents,

Each year we are asked to share information about St. Stanislaus School with all of our stakeholders. At St. Stanislaus School, we feel that our stakeholders are students, parents, parishioners and the community as a whole. Part of this process is sharing our annual report. Attached you will find the 2020-2021 Annual Report. This report includes financial information, test scores as well as a thank you letter for the continued support that we have received. If you have any questions about any of this information, please feel free to contact me.

GRACEAC Winter 1 sports includes boys basketball and girls competitive cheer (cheer may overlap with winter II a few weeks) for 5th-8th graders at GRACEAC member schools and Diocesan parishes. The winter 1 season will begin on Monday, October 25 and end by Saturday, December 18 (subject to change).

Please use the following link to sign-up your students. This is the only way to sign-up for GRACEAC sports and the window closes on Oct. 17th. If you sign-up, please know that we get charged anywhere from \$65 to \$200 depending on the sport. We are currently one of the only schools in the GRACEAC league that does not charge for sports and I want to be able to continue this wonderful tradition. <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/286495>

Blessings During the Month of the Rosary, Shannon Murphy

Living the Faith of a Catholic Family

Home Altar/Shrine/Prayer Space

What makes a shrine so valuable is that it is not meant to be only for stagnant decoration. It is a living altar, changing with the year, reflecting the larger Church's changes throughout the liturgical year. With each liturgical season, this home altar can be rearranged to reflect the new season, and the children can help redecorate it, learning about the holidays and seasons of the liturgical year as they do. As Advent begins, the Advent wreath can be placed there and lit when the family comes together for prayer. At Christmas, decorate it with a festive look, nativity scene, and a new white candle for the birth of Jesus. During Lent, the altar can be accented with purple cloth and draped crucifix, while Easter brings with it a white cloth, flowers and a look of celebration. Make it a family tradition to decorate the shrine, just as you would decorate a Christmas tree together.

Living the Faith: Ideas for Catholic Families By: Rev. Mr. Dario Rinaldi October 15, 2020

LOVE Day

This Friday will be a *LOVE* day. Students need to wear their *LOVE* theme shirt. They can wear regular non-uniform pants. Long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath the *LOVE* theme shirts; however, only school uniform sweatshirts can be worn. No donation to our mission is needed.

No School—Virtual Day

Next Friday, October 22nd is a Virtual Day for school as our staff will be attending an all day professional development with the other schools in the Diocese. Please look for information from your child's teacher about the work they will need to complete on this day.

Pink Out Day

Saturday, October 23rd, marks my 7th year anniversary of being Cancer Free! To celebrate, we ask each student to wear pink on Thursday, October 21st. The pinker the school is, the better! This extra color day will be used to gather donations for Project Hope in Dorr. Please send in a box of Cereal or a jar of Peanut Butter with your child. (These items are always on the needs list for the pantry). Thank you for your support and your generosity!

~ Lori

Picture Day

St. Stanislaus School picture day is Friday, November 5th. This is quite a bit later than we are use to, but Lifetouch is having a hard time hiring photographers.

St. Stan's Girl Scouts

Open to K-8 girls. Meeting at St. Stan's on Thursday from 3-4PM. Leader Amy Skrycki [Skrycki @st-stans.net](mailto:Skrycki@st-stans.net). Register at gsmists.org — join girl tab. Troop #4167

Once everyone is registered and we have an assistant leader, we can start meeting.



Walk-A-Thon

We currently have 73% of students who have turned in their walk-a-thon money. Please be sure to send your family's donation in ASAP! We would like to finish this up by Friday. Help us reach our all school goal!

Reward Incentives:

- ⇒ Each student raising \$85 will receive a Color Day Pass.
- ⇒ Classroom with highest percentage of money raised will receive a comfy clothes, popcorn & movie day.
- ⇒ School Goal of \$4,000 reached; the entire school will receive a special day complete with color day, a Subway platter lunch and movie!

St. Stanislaus Chicken Dinner

This Sunday, October 17th. Prepaid orders can be picked up curbside from 11 AM to 1:30 PM.

TRIP News

Bonus Fest: For the next three weekends, there will be select cards offering bonus rebates. Different brands will be offered each weekend. The events start on Fridays at 12:00 AM and run through Sunday at 11:59 PM. All gift card types are included but you do need an on-line account to participate.

New eCard: Panda Express now offers eGift cards with an 8% rebate and denominations starting at \$10.

Product bonuses until 10/15: Bath & Body Works 12+5%; TGIFridays 9+5%.

Christmas is only 73 days away! Start stocking up now on gift cards that you will use to purchase gifts this year or that you will give away as gifts. Bonus Fest is a great time to do so. Buy a few each weekend and you will be ready when Black Friday rolls around.

TRIP TIP: Reloadable cards are a great way to maximize your earnings. Just purchase the original card through the TRIP program. Register it in your on-line account and you can add money to it at any time. ReloadNow cards add the money usually in a few minutes. Reloadable cards are better for the environment too. Did you know more than 75 million pounds of PVC material enters the waste stream each year from plastic gift cards?

As always, if you have any questions, or would like to enroll in our TRIP program, contact Anita Lincoln at kevandta@aol.com or (616) 260-8588, or Allison Vogt (616) 299-7769. We are here to help!

Your TRIP coordinators, Anita and Allison

Protecting God's Children

St. Stanislaus School is always in need of volunteers to help out with various activities. (Field trips, dance chaperones, playground volunteers, **classroom volunteers, coaches, etc.**) **Only those who have complied with the required elements of the** Protecting God's Children program will be permitted to help or attend these events.

Go to www.virtus.org Click on the first time registrant and follow the directions. At this time, we are still not having in-person training sessions.

Go to www.virtus.org to create an account, where you will select "first-time registrant".

1. Select the first option "begin the registration process".
2. Select the Diocese of Kalamazoo as a location from the drop down menu.
3. Set up a username and password for an account.
4. Email mhentz@diokzoo.org for the instructions to complete the online training module

Halloween News



Trunk or Treat

Our St. Stanislaus Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 29th at 10 AM. Please let Lori know if you would like to participate by October 27th. To date we have 6 cars signed up. See the attached flyer for more information.

1/2 Day

Friday, October 29th will be a half day of school. Dismissal will be at 11:15 AM. Hopkins Public will provide transportation. All other students will need to be picked up no later than 11:30 AM. There will be no afternoon enrichment or after school care on this day.

Halloween Color Day & Costumes

All students can wear their favorite Halloween shirt and non-uniform pants on Friday, October 29th. Color day rules apply. No donation to our mission is needed.

Please send your child's costume to school on this day. They will have a chance to change just before our parade and trick or treating begins.

