

# St. Stanislaus Catholic School Newsletter



## Principal Note

Dear Parents-

We have had an awesome beginning of the school year! Thank you for making the beginning of the year a positive experience for your children and the staff here at St. Stanislaus School.

Next week students will start to take the NWEA MAP testing in grades Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> and complete it by the end of September! Many parents ask what they can do to help prepare their child for the MAP testing.

The following are some helpful hints to make that happen:

- \* Meet with your child's teacher as often as needed to discuss his or her progress. Parents and teachers working together benefit your child.
- \* Provide a comfortable, quiet place for studying at home.
- \* Make sure that your child is well-rested on school days, especially the day of the test. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.
- \* Give your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.
- \* Provide books and magazines for your child to read at home. By reading new material, a child learns new words that might appear on a test. Ask your child's teacher or librarian for a suggested outside reading list.

If you are in need of more information, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher, myself, or go directly to the NWEA website at <https://www.nwea.org/resources/parents-guide-map-growth/>

Blessings, Shannon Saxton-Murphy

### No School

There is no school this Friday, September 3rd and Monday, September 6th. Have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend.

### Amazon Wish List

St. Stanislaus School Staff has created an Amazon Wish List for items needed this school year. The link is below. Please share this link far and wide! Thank you for your continued generosity! If you find an item on the list for a cheaper price somewhere, go ahead and grab and we can delete the item(s) from our list!

<https://a.co/4ToxxRk>

### Mass Days

St. Stanislaus students will attend Mass on Wednesdays at 8 am. This is the one day we ask that our students do not use color day passes. (Color day passes are given throughout the school year from our teachers for various reasons, which are usually written on the pass).

### K—8th Specials Schedule

Strings—Wednesday afternoons

Music—Wednesday

PE—Tuesday & Thursday Mornings

Art—K, 1st, 2nd, & 5th-6th —Monday, 3rd—4th & 7th -8th—Tuesday.

Library—Friday

### Bottled Water Donations

We are in need of donations of bottled water. Periodically we have students who forget their water bottles and this is an easy fix. Thank you for your help!

### Things to Come

Be sure to check the yearly Family calendar on our School Website ([st-stans.net](http://st-stans.net)) often for upcoming events, days off, etc.

### Alert System

We tested our Alert System yesterday. If you did not receive the alert, please let us know so we can figure out where the problem is. Remember, do not reply back to the Parent Alert text message with Stop. If you do this, you will no longer receive texts from our Alert System. If you have done this, you can text Start to 22383, and texts will resume.

This alert system is used to inform our families of fog delays, snow days or any other emergency information. We encourage each family to login to FACTS and update ALL your information, including doctor names and phone numbers, as well as other important medical information, work numbers, who may pick up your child(ren) from school, your preference for how you would like to receive alerts, etc. FACTS is our information source when the need arises, so it is very important that we have all necessary information in case of an emergency.

### Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance forms are attached. If you would like a hard copy sent home, please let us know. All forms are due in the office by September 24th.

### B Positive for Lili

Lili is a second grade student here at St. Stan's. She suffers from Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA) and needs frequent blood transfusions. PRCA is a rare bone marrow disorder that prohibits her body from making its own red blood cells. Every day is filled with medications, fluid goals, food restrictions, and needle sticks. At night she sleeps attached to a pump that provides chelation therapy. Lili receives blood transfusions ranging anywhere from 14-21 days apart. The future is uncertain for Lili yet she's filled with optimism. A time may come when she needs a bone marrow transplant.

See the attached flyer for a special blood drive on September 14th. Please consider signing up to give!

Bracelets—Lili has passed out rubber bracelets supporting her and this blood drive. These can be worn at school until October 1st!

### TRIP News

It was wonderful to talk to some of our new families about our TRIP program at the tailgate event on Sunday! If you didn't get a chance to stop by the table, some of the information sheets are attached to this week's newsletter. This program is an easy way to reduce your tuition bill. We had several families last year save \$1,000-2,000 over the course of the school year, with the rest averaging \$400 in savings.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, next week's order due date will be Tuesday, September 7 at 8:00AM. Orders should be ready for distribution on Thursday.

As most of you know, Dick's Market in Dorr will be changing hands on 9/13. The store will become Leppink's Food Center. Dick's Market has been a huge part of our TRIP program since it began, and we can't thank them enough for their support of Catholic education and our school.

Our last order for Dick's Market gift cards will be next week, 9/7. We will not have any on hand, so if you want cards, you need to place an order. Leppink's will honor Dick's Market gift cards after 9/13, but as a courtesy, we suggest you use them up as soon as possible.

Leppink's Food Centers is a current participant with Great Lakes Scrip and offers a \$50 gift card with a 5% rebate. We will be updating our order forms, but if you have an old form, feel free to write in Leppink's or you can find them on-line at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) as well. They are looking into offering the higher denomination of cards that we currently have with Dick's and will let us know if that is possible.

**Product bonuses until 9/3:** Dave & Buster's 13+3%; **from 9/4 until 9/17:** Carrabba's and Outback 10+3%, Shutterfly 9+2.75%.

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

Your TRIP coordinators, Anita and Allison

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