

St. Stanislaus Catholic School Newsletter



St. Stanislaus Catholic School
2019-20

As we venture through the Advent season, join us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our Jesse Tree celebration at 7:35 am. Each of our classes take a turn reading a Bible verse, a prayer and adding an ornament to our tree.

Please check your email for report cards after 5 pm this evening for students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade. We have had a problem with the Facts/ Renweb that we use for report cards and have been assured by the companies tech support that they will have it worked out by this time. Report cards are sent automatically to the emails on file in our Facts/ Renweb system. Please let us know tomorrow, if you do not receive your child's report card or if you have any questions.

We have exciting news for our 3rd through 8th grade students. We are looking to introduce a Strings program here at St. Stan's. Please see the attached information as well as the Google form for you to fill out. We need everyone to respond by December 18th at the latest.

Look for an email regarding our Nativity presentation at the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. This is for all of our St. Stan's children (PS through 8th grades). Please fill this form out by Monday.

Blessings, Shannon

Color Day

We will be having a color day on Friday. We ask each student in grades K—6th to bring in a 25-cent donation for our mission, Fr. Anthony. 7th & 8th grades are asked to bring in \$1 for their sponsor child, Belasan.

Encountering Christ Retreat

Join us this Saturday, December 7th for a spiritual reflection on "true stewardship". Stewardship is the actionable part of living out our faith. Doing things for one another out of love, and in doing so, finding Joy. The retreat will be held at St. Mary's Visitation. Register at www.imdisciple.com/encounteringchrist. Links and more information can be found on www.st-stanschurch.net.



Operation Allegan County Jail



It's time to think of our brothers and sisters in Christ who will be incarcerated during Christmas. We are asking for new Christmas cards for the inmates so that they can send holiday greetings to their loved ones.

We ask each family to send in one blank card with a postage stamp on the envelope. We will then distribute to the inmates.

Please have your cards to the office by Friday, December 13th. A big thank you to Deacon Russ, who will be delivering these cards for us. *God Bless you for your efforts!*

Christmas Program

Our St. Stanislaus preschool through eighth grades school Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 18th at 7 pm in the church. Students will need to be at school in their classrooms by 6:30 pm dressed in their Sunday best. Refreshments will follow in the school cafeteria.



Refreshments



Please keep St. Stanislaus School in mind while you are preparing Christmas goodies! We ask each family to send in 1 dozen cookies, fudge, doughnuts, etc. for the refreshments after our Christmas program.

Christmas Mail

Our students can send Christmas cards & letters to their friends, teachers and staff here at St. Stanislaus School by using special Christmas stamps and placing them in our special mailbox located by the main entrance. Stamps may be purchased in each classroom or the office. Cost is 25-cents for 5 stamps. The money collected will go to our mission, Father Anthony.



TRIP News

Just a reminder there will be NO ORDERS the week of December 23 or 30, due to the Christmas break. This means there are only **2 orders** left before Christmas! Reloads and e-cards are available with an on-line account during the break.

Coming this week, December 5 and 6 only: no fee if you pay for your on-line order with a credit card! Also, on those two days – up to 20% bonuses on over 40 different physical cards. Brands and bonuses will be announced at midnight.

Gift cards make great gifts and our program offers something for everyone! We have cards valued at \$5, \$10 and up. Our order form shows only a portion of what is available to order. Go to shopwithscrip.com to see the complete list. Get a ton of shopping done with just one order!

Limited time bonuses: **until 12/6**: Bob Evans +2%, Shutterfly +2.75%, Starbucks +1.75%; **until 12/13**: Applebee's +3%, Arby's +2%, Cabela's +3%, Delta + 2%, Home Depot +3%, Sephora +2%, TGIFriday's +5%, Under Armour +5%; **from 12/7 until 12/13**: Hotels.com +3%, Starbucks +3.75%; **from 12/7 until 12/20**: Chili's +5%, Outback +1.75%, Red Robin +3%.

Gordman's has joined the program! Physical gift cards are available in \$25 denomination and e-cards are available, starting at \$10. All cards offer a 8% rebate.

As always, if you have any questions, contact Anita at kevandta@aol.com or (616) 681-2658.



Anita and Allison

Christmas Eve Children's Mass

Your children are invited to be a part of the 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Mass at St. Stanislaus in a very special way. We need readers & actors for our Nativity skit, both with and without speaking parts, as well as liturgical volunteers for the Mass (Lector, ushers, servers).

We will practice during school hours. If your children would like to participate please let us know by Monday, December 9th. By filling out the Google Nativity Form.



We would like to thank Stacey Steenwyk for chairing this years Thanksgiving Feast and to all the parents who came out and helped us prepare the food. The staff & students thoroughly enjoyed it!

HHS Concert

The Hopkins High School Choir & Band Christmas Tour will be Friday, December 13th at 10:45 am. Everyone is invited to attend.



Christmas Color Day

We will be having a Christmas Color Day Friday, December 13th. Students can wear a Christmas Shirt, etc. or anything Red or Green. Non-uniform pants can also be worn. No donation to our mission is needed.

Christmas Parties

Our classroom Christmas Parties will be Thursday, December 19th. Preschool parties begin at 10:15 am. K—through 8th grades will begin at 1:30 pm. Please check your classroom newsletters for more detailed information.

Ugly Sweater Day

We will be having an Ugly Sweater day on December 19th. Students need to wear their ugly Christmas sweaters. (Remember, these can be home-made. Take any sweater/sweatshirt and have fun pinning fun items to it). They can also wear regular non-uniform pants. No donation to our missions is needed.



MARY Day



Friday, December 20th will be a *MARY* day. Students need to wear their *MARY* theme shirt. They can wear regular non-uniform pants. Long sleeve shirts may be worn underneath the *Mary* theme shirts; however, only school uniform sweatshirts can be worn. No donation to our mission is needed.

December Pizza Money

December Pizza money is now due. We have 3 weeks of pizza in December.



Home & School News

100 Club

Thank you to all who purchased tickets to support our Home & School. A big thank you to Amy Skrycki for selling these tickets for us. Congratulations to our winners \$25 Winners: Phil Corwin, Pete Markoski, Dave TeGrootenhuis, Chet Latham, Father Steve, Zack Bartz, Colleen Koperski, Jerry Williams, Marlene Edema, Randi Restau,, Rusty Dutkiewicz, Mike Schumacher, Karen Steenwyk, Joe Dolegowski, Mary Beth Wila, Jane Post, Kristi Fifelski, Jane Rens, & Stacey Steenwyk. Our \$500 winner was: John Armock
The next opportunity to win will be next spring.

Santa Shop

Santa Shop 2019 is in the books! Thank you to all of our shoppers. Planning for next year's Santa Shop has already begun. Please keep us in mind over the rest of this Christmas season - we'll gladly accept any extra wrapping paper, tape, bags, etc. that you have left (gift bags especially). Also, if you are out bargain shopping after Christmas, it's a great time to score some deals on Christmas items like ornaments and decorations. The Christmas items sell fast at the Santa Shop, and we need to replenish our inventory. Donations of any kind are welcomed now and throughout the year. Thanks again for everyone's help in making this a success, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Allison Vogt



We would like to thank Allison Vogt (and Nathan for his help) for chairing our Santa Shop. The students had a wonderful time shopping! We would also like to thank our wrappers, Stacey Steenwyk, Kristi Fifelski, Tara Stein, Barb Belka, Marcia Manke, Veronica Sremba & Janice Hilaski. God Bless each of you for sharing your time and talents with us!

Home & School Sub Sale

Our sub sale will begin after the first of the year. Subs will be made here at school on Thursday, February 6th. We need workers to make these subs! You will receive commitment credits for each 3 hour shift you work. (Applies to K—8th families only). Sub making hours are from 8 am to 4 pm. Come anytime that works for you. We also need one person to hand our orders from 3 to 6pm. Please contact Lori or Becky Davis, if you would like to work!

Things to Come

December 13th—HHS Band & Choir Christmas Tour 10:45 am	February 14th—Dance for 5th– 8th grades
December 18th—Advent Program—7pm	February 16th—St. Stanislaus Parish Soup Dinner
December 19th—Christmas Parties 1:30 pm (PS 10:15 am)	February 19th—1/2 Day—Dismissal at 11:20 am—Busing provided. No Enrichment or After School Care.
December 23rd—January 3rd—Christmas Break—No School	February 21—No School. Mid-Winter Break
January 6th—Return to School	February 24th—7th & 8th Grade Musical practice begins 3 pm.
January 11th—Reconciliation Retreat 9 am	February 25th—Mardi Gras Spaghetti Dinner—sponsored by the 3rd & 4th grades.
January 13th—1/2 Day—Dismissal at 11:20 am. Busing provided. No Enrichment or After School Care.	March 6th—2nd Trimester Ends. 1/2 Day—Dismissal at 11:20 am. Busing provided. No Enrichment or After School Care.
January 14th—LCAB Meeting—6:30 pm	March 10th—LCAB Meeting—6:30 pm
January 17th—Dance for 5th—8th grades	March 14th—Trivia Night. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Games begin at 7 pm.
January 25th—Trivia Night. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Games begin at 7 pm.	March 22nd—St. Stanislaus Parish & School Breakfast
January 26th—February 1—Catholic Schools Week (CSW).	March 27th & 28—St. Stanislaus School 7th & 8th Musical 7 pm
January 28th—1st Reconciliation; Preschool Open House	March 31—STREAM Fair
February 6th—H & S Sub making here at St. Stan's	

Batteries

We are in need of AA batteries. Please donate some if you can!

