

St. Stanislaus School Newsletter

August 6, 2009

If we pray, we will believe; If we believe, we will love. If we love, we will serve. ~ Mother Teresa ~

Library Update: Thanks to the students, faculty, and parents who are sharing their time and talent cleaning, prepping, painting, doing repair work, refinishing floors, sorting books, and building bookcases. More volunteers are always welcome! *Uncle Stan wants you!*

As announced in June, grades 5-8 will be studying Mandarin Chinese. Our new teacher is Miss Jane Song. As you may know, there are two types of Mandarin in current use, traditional and simplified. Our students will be learning traditional Mandarin, since it relatively easy to understand the simplified when you know the traditional. Learning traditional Mandarin will also allow our students to explore Chinese culture, literature, traditions, and history.

We are looking for a registered nurse or nurses to volunteer a couple of hours at school weekly. It's a light-duty job – mostly taking temps, putting on band-aids, and updating charts. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. Deb Scheller who performed this service for us last year on her day off. Mrs. Scheller's new job is a M-F position, so she is unable to continue as our volunteer nurse. If you are interested, please call the school office.

The Fall River Catholic Schools will be hosting an *i-Parent Workshop* on internet safety. We have decided to offer the same workshop at all of the schools on different nights. The workshop at St. Stan's is on Tuesday, October 27, at 6:30 p.m. If you are not able to make that workshop, you may attend at any of the Catholic schools. A flyer is enclosed with all of the dates. I would urge you to make the workshop a priority.

First day arrival and dismissal procedures:

There is no parking in the lot, except for faculty, on the first day.

There is morning daycare for those who need it beginning at 6:45 a.m. Any students arriving before 7:30 should report to the school auditorium for daycare.

Preschool students are brought to the preschool classroom by their parents between 7:45 and 7:55.

Grades K – 8 students are brought to the grotto/parking lot area after 7:30. Grades K-2 should remain on the large grassy area to the side of the rectory. All other grades are to remain on the pavement in the back area of the parking lot.

Dismissal on the first day follows the normal pattern.

Arrival and dismissal procedures for all other days:

Arrival: Morning supervision is available from 6:45 a.m. - 7:55 a.m. in the auditorium. No student should arrive earlier than 6:45 a.m., as no supervision is available before that time. Students should be dropped off on the school side of Rockland Street, walk up the driveway and report to the adult supervisor in the auditorium. No parents/ caregivers are permitted to stay in the school auditorium or the lobby. Preschool students should be brought directly to their classroom if arriving after 7:45 a.m.

Dismissal is at 2:30 p.m.

Preschool: Parents pick up their children in the classroom.

Grade K-2: Classes line up inside the Rockland Street driveway gate. Parents must leave their cars and walk into the driveway to pick up their children.

Grade 3-8: Classes line up at the Center Street driveway gate. Parents must leave their cars and walk into the driveway to pick up their children.

Please note: No student will be dismissed to an adult who remains in the car. An exception to this rule would be a handicapped driver. In this case, make arrangements with the office to park in the handicapped spot in front of the church and a staff member will escort the child to you.

Walkers must report to the principal or the teacher-in-charge before leaving the driveway.

Walkers should cross the street at the corner where the city crossing guard is stationed.

If it is raining or snowing heavily, classes will be lined up in the auditorium. Parents must come into the school to pick up their children

As you read the procedures above, you may have noticed a change in morning daycare.

Before school care will always be indoors. For safety reasons, students will not be going out to the playground as they have done in the past. *Also, parents or caregivers may not remain in the school* after they have dropped off their child and attended to any business in the office.

Again, this is for safety reasons.

The School Calendar is enclosed with this newsletter. School begins on September 2 for all students.

The September Lunch Calendar and Order Form are also enclosed with this newsletter. The calendar is for your reference – make sure to mark the days you ordered lunch. *The lunch order form and payment must be received at school no later than Tuesday, August 25.* Late orders cannot be accepted, as purchasing is done for the entire month.

You'll notice on the Lunch Calendar that we have returned to Pizza Fridays. Students have been requesting this for the past two years. While I have wanted to honor the request, I also have been concerned about healthy lunches. I've found a pizza that satisfies my healthy requirements and also tastes good. *(It was tough research, but someone had to do it!)* We have arranged for Piezoni's on Stafford Road to be our pizza vendor.

Milk Order forms are enclosed and are due by August 25.

Emergency Forms should already have been returned to school. They were sent in the

July mailing. If you have not returned these forms, please do so as soon as possible. Miss St. Yves is inputting the data into the computer and it is important that we have accurate records on the first day to ensure student safety.

The medication forms enclosed with this newsletter are for you to use as needed.

New families are reminded that we need birth and baptismal certificates for your children.

Uniform requirements:

	REQUIRED	OPTIONAL
<i>From Donnelly's:</i>		
	White school shirt	
	Maroon school shirt	
	Maroon school sweater	
	Khaki school slacks (Boys)	Khaki school shorts
(Girls)	Khaki school slacks or skort (Girls)	Khaki school slacks or skort
	Brown school shoes	

From Summersaults:

	School sweatshirt	
	School baseball-style gym shirt	
<i>May be purchased anywhere:</i>		
	Brown belt (gr. 2-8)	
(girls)	White CREW socks (boys and girls)	Burgundy tights
	Black windpants	
	Black mesh shorts	
	Sneakers (color should be mostly white & no black soles)	

Hair requirements: *Hair cuts and styles must be sensible and traditional. Unusual hairstyles are not allowed.* These include but are not limited to tails, spikes, bushy styles, carved designs, streaks of a different hair color, excessively teased or long hair, and the like. Hair may not obstruct vision. Boys' and girls' hair must be trimmed neatly and away from the eyes. The length of boys' hair must not extend below the top of the shirt collar and must be cut around the ears. Hair must not be dyed or highlighted. Girls' and boys' hair must be properly combed

and neat. Girls' hair accessories similarly must be sensible and traditional. Men's ties, wide headbands, kerchiefs, over-sized bows, and the like are not permitted to be worn as hair accessories. The administration reserves the right to determine what is and what is not an acceptable hair style or hair accessory. *Please be sure that any hair dyes you may have put in your child's hair over the summer are completely washed out before school starts.*

School business office hours for the summer are Monday – Thursday from 9-3. It is always wise to call first – we occasionally take a day off!

Enjoy the rest of vacation!

Miss Willis