

From the Desk of Hans:

Tomorrow our 8th grade class and many of our dedicated teachers will travel to England for a life changing trip. They will experience art, culture, and joys unbound. This week serves as a wonderful culminating experience for their time at Stanley, and for many, signals that the end of the year has arrived at Stanley.

Even as the end of the year looms over us all like an approaching storm cloud, there are still so many things to look forward to in the coming weeks. Throughout my career in education, and even during my time as a student, the end of the year has always been greeted with a feeling of happiness and success, but at the same time nearly always has a bittersweet tinge about it. As I write this, I find myself reflecting on the events of the past year and recounting the joys and challenges that were presented. Reflection is a fine and normal occurrence, however it becomes troublesome when you allow it to consume your mind and fail to be present in the moment that you are living in.

Over the next couple weeks I encourage you all to reminisce, to tell stories, and to appreciate where your journey has gone; but at the same time, I hope you all make an effort to find joy in the present, to relish the experiences that we still have left, and to look forward to what lies ahead. I believe that oftentimes in life the journey is the destination, and it will be a shame if you don't slow down and take time to appreciate the moments that we have left this year.

Dates for Upcoming Events:

- **May 15th - 22nd**
 - o **8th Grade England Trip**
- **May 25th**
 - o **NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day**
- **May 27th - 29th**
 - o **6th Grade Ropes Course Trip**
- **May 29th**
 - o **CAVE Show: 10:00 - 10:25 AM**
 - In the Ballroom
 - o **Middle School Spring Dance: 7:00 - 9:00 PM**
 - In the Ballroom
- **June 2nd**
 - o **8th Grade Farewell Ceremony: 8:45 - 9:15 AM**
 - In the Ballroom
 - o **8th Grade Alumni Lunch: 12:30 - 1:30 PM**
 - In the Ballroom
- **June 3rd**
 - o **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: 12:15 Dismissal for Middle School**
- **June 5th**
 - o **8th Grade Dinner: 6:00 - 10:00 PM**
 - In the Ballroom
- **June 6th**
 - o **Graduation Ceremony: 9:00 AM**
 - On Rampart Way

Athletics:

Spring sports practices are held Monday through Thursday from 3:15 - 4:30 pm.

Boy's Lacrosse

- Thursday, May 14th
 - o 7/8 Team Away vs. St. Mary's: 4:00 PM (Pickup at 5:30 PM)

Girl's Soccer

- Thursday, May 14th
 - o 6/7 Team Home vs. RMSEL: 3:45 PM (Pickup at 4:45 PM)
 - o 7/8 Team Home vs. RMSEL: 4:45 PM (Pickup at 5:45 PM)