

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." Saint John XXIII

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

www.skschool.org
732-254-5819

"We can do hard things."

April 25, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,


Thank you to everyone who came to our Mathnasium Night! We hope to have more events like these in the future, and your support is always appreciated. I hope that many of you have also had the opportunity to visit our school store, which we are very excited about! In this WWE you will find a list of important dates for the end of the school year, as well as other important information. Upcoming events include:

- April 26 - \$3.00 Tie-Dye dress down day
Planetarium Assembly Grades PreK-8
- **May 1 - 11:50 AM dismissal**
- May 2 - Student Council dress down day \$3.00
- May 3 - First Friday Mass
- May 4 - First Holy Communion 10:00 AM
- May 5 - May Crowning 9:00 AM
- May 6 - MAP testing begins
- May 10 - Field Day/Middle School Dance
Litany/Benediction 8:00 AM

In this WWE you will also see an important letter from the HSA that contains a lot of information. I ask that you consider becoming a part of this important organization. All school families are part of the HSA, but we need additional help in many areas to assist with the vitality of our school. **ALL help is appreciated, and no effort is too small.** I hope that many of you will consider joining! I would also like to extend many thanks to the board members who will be leaving this year: Gina Rispoli, Kelly Schneider, Stacey McGrane, and Sue Fereno. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our school! You will be missed.

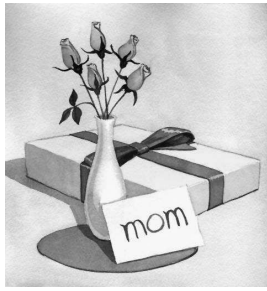
May God continue to bless you and your families! Thank you for all that you do for St. Stanislaus Kostka School.

Warmest Regards,



Lori Hodder
Principal


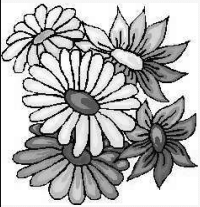
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Calendar Dates for End of School Year

May 21 – 23 8th Grade Final exams

May 23 – 11:50 Dismissal

May 24 & 27 – School Closed

May 28 – 8th Grade class trip

May 29 – 8th Grade off

June 4 – 6 Grade 5-7 Final Exams

June 5 – 11:50 Dismissal

June 6 – 8th Grade early dismissal

June 7 – 8th Grade Graduation

June 12 – 11:50 Dismissal / Pre-K & Kindergarten Graduations

June 13 – 11:50 Dismissal / Last Day for Non-Returning Students

June 14 – 11:50 Dismissal / Moving Up Day / Last Day of School

A CALL TO ALL PARENTS: Home School Association Reach-out for 24/25 School Year

Dear Parents, Guardians and St. Stan's friends:

As members of our school community, we share a common goal: to provide our children with the best possible educational experience. A crucial aspect of achieving this goal is fostering a **strong partnership between parents, teachers, and administrators**. All parents/guardians who enroll a child in a Catholic school, automatically become members of the HSA. It is our privilege and responsibility and therefore we are pleading with our families to become more active participants in our **Home School Association (HSA)**.

THE HSA BOARD:

Our HSA Board, led by the Principal, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Work Bond Secretary, coordinates various initiatives. We're seeking additional **General Board Members** to join us in leading committees and projects. Being part of the HSA you have the opportunity to contribute your unique skills, perspectives, and ideas to various initiatives and projects that benefit our students and school as a whole. *Not sure how you can get more involved?*

1. **Volunteer Opportunities:** Whether it's a few hours to spare each month or can commit to a more significant role, there are numerous volunteer opportunities/committees available within the HSA. From helping to organize events & fundraisers to assisting with school beautification projects, your involvement is invaluable.
2. **Event Planning:** Our HSA organizes a wide range of events throughout the school year, and more exciting ones to come. It includes family fun nights, holiday celebrations etc. We cannot emphasize enough how much we need helping hands! Our goal is to create events that's engaging, memorable, and successful!
3. **Fundraising Initiatives:** As a non-profit organization, the HSA relies on fundraising efforts to support various programs and resources that directly benefit our students. Whether it's through coordinating fundraising events, seeking sponsorships, or participating in fundraising drives, your contributions help us meet our financial goals.
4. **Advocacy and Communication:** The HSA serves as a platform for parents to voice their opinions, concerns, and suggestions regarding important issues affecting our school community. By actively participating in HSA meetings and discussions, you can help shape policies, initiatives, and decisions that impact our children's education and well-being.

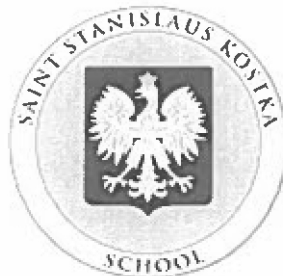
We are looking forward to fresh faces, willing hands and a change for St. Stan's school. We will welcome you with open arms!

If this message resonated with you and you feel compelled to share your talents with our Board & School, please reach out to me directly. We invite you to attend our upcoming HSA meeting on **May 9, 2024** to learn more and how to get involved. Your participation is crucial, and we look forward to welcoming you into our HSA family.

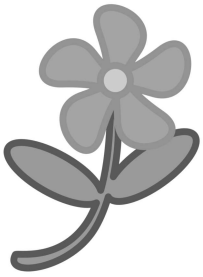
Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school community.

Warm regards,

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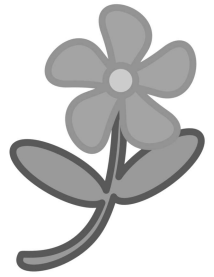


Mrs. Beulah DePasquale
HSA President 2024-2025



2024 HSA Mother's Day Flower Sale

Thursday, May 9th - During School



***Students will make their own beautiful bouquets
for Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, Godmothers or any special
women in their life!***

\$10 per Bouquet

Cash or Check (payable to "St. Stan's HSA")

Pre-ordering is required and due no later than 4/30!

Please fill out ONE sheet PER child.

<i>Student's Name:</i>	
<i>Grade:</i>	
<i># of Bouquets:</i>	
<i>x \$10 each=</i>	<i>Total due \$</i>
<i>Method of payment:</i>	<i>Cash or Check (circle one)</i>

***A special thanks to the Barber Family for making this awesome event
possible!***

ST. STAN'S 2024 CARNIVAL PRE-SALE T-SHIRTS

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:



Order online for no additional fee @ <https://sskcarnival2024.cheddarup.com>

*** All orders due by May 31 ***

ITEM DESCRIPTION	YOUTH SIZES (\$12)				ADULT SIZES (\$15)				TOTAL \$			
	S	M	L	XL	S	M	L	XL		2XL (+\$3)	3XL (+\$5)	
CREWNECK SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS	Red T-Shirt											
	Black T-Shirt											
LADIES V-NECK SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRT <i>(Runs small as a fitted shirt)</i>	Red T-Shirt											
	Black T-Shirt											

Orders can be sent into the school, parish office, or placed in the collection basket to the attention of: Lisa Grover

*** Cash or check made out to St. Stan's ***

***2024 St. Stan's
Carnival T-Shirts
Are Now On Sale!***



<https://sskcarnival2024.cheddarup.com>

No additional fee if ordered online

***Order Your T-Shirt
By May 31st!***

St. Stanislaus Kostka School

221 MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville, NJ 08872



Clothing Drive



This will be the LAST clothing drive for the school year

May 1st -7th

Please place donations in bags that seal like plastic trash bags
On Saturdays and Sundays, donations can be left in the lobby of the church
before and after all masses.

During the school week, donations can be left outside of the school at the
front entrance.

**HELP SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND CLEAN OUT
THOSE CLOSETS!**

**We will be collecting new or gently used men, women and
children's clothing, shoes, purses, belts, bed and bath linens
and stuffed animals.**

NO Pillows, Books, Toys, Furniture, Appliances, or Household items.

Thank you for your support!

*If you have questions, contact Betty Vitale at bvitale@sskschool.org. The clothing that is collected is distributed to local thrift stores and in areas in need of clothing. B & B Management Co. **does not** shred the clothing for rags. All clean and wearable clothing and shoes are reused by less fortunate people and families. The clothing does not end up in the landfill thus helping to keep American green and clean.*



NEW JERSEY
CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

ACTION ALERT

ISSUE: Given the circumstances of the following issues, we are formulating an Action Alert for two important increases to be included as Budget Resolutions in the final version of the Appropriations Act due to the Governor by June 30. Budget Resolutions are the changes in the Governor's Budget as submitted by him to the Legislature. They are as follows:

1. An increase in the per-pupil ceiling for nonpublic school transportation from the current \$1,165 to AT LEAST \$1,233, given the loss of busing caused by the lack of drivers statewide and other issues explained in the enclosed Talking Points. This reflects the CPI increase for the coming year.
2. An increase from \$120 to \$160 per pupil for nursing services.

OUR

POSITION: The New Jersey Catholic Conference and the New Jersey Catholic school supporters firmly support the requests in this Alert.

ACTION: Contact your legislators and ask that they sponsor or co-sponsor the Budget Resolutions listed above. Please note that the Democratic members normally are the only ones who will have Budget Resolutions approved, so they would be of particular importance for your contacts.

- This Action Alert should be REPEATED between now and the beginning of June because that is when the Budget Resolutions are submitted to be included in the final version of the Appropriations Act to be signed by the Governor.
- Please include the publicized increase in nonpublic school enrollment as a result of the pandemic to underscore the "asks." However, many parents are still unable to fulfill their goal of having a nonpublic school education for their children because of the limitation on transportation. Parents need transportation to school for their children, and aid-in-lieu payments are only a lesser alternative. Tell your personal transportation horror stories in detail to the legislators.
- Indicate the importance of in-person education that nonpublic schools maintained during the pandemic, particularly in underserved communities.
- Included in this package is Dr. George Corwell's testimony before the Assembly Budget Committee and the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. That testimony contains a valuable attachment. The attachment represents the current count between the number of nonpublic school students transported and those given aid-in-lieu payments listed by county. Many parents need transportation, and not aid-in-lieu, because they are working to pay tuition and are unable to transport their children.
- Talking Points for both nonpublic school transportation and nursing services are included.

You can also contact your legislator through the NJCC Voter Voice System:

<https://www.votervoicenet.com/NJCC/Campaigns/112988/Respond>



Makes for a
GREAT
Easter present!

Saint Stan's Carnival 2024

Carnival Hours:

Thurs June 20th 6:00 – 10:00 PM

Friday June 21st 5:00 – 11:00 PM

Saturday June 22nd 5:00 – 11:00 PM

DISCOUNTED RIDE TICKETS....SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS

SHEET OF 18 TICKETS FOR ONLY \$12.00

Send tickets through school office – **Attention: Kim Carlson**

(Last year's ride tickets will be honored)

SAINT STAN'S ADVANCED TICKET SALES

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of discount ticket sheets _____ Amount _____

Grade _____

Checks payable to St. Stan's Carnival



Children's Mass

The Liturgy is essential in the faith formation of our children. To help nourish and guide their spiritual growth, a Children's Mass will be celebrated every month at 9:00 am.

Sunday, May 19th

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to children of all ages. We encourage children in our school and parish to attend with their families to share God's Word.

*We hope to see you on
Sunday, May 19th at 9:00 am!*

In commemoration of
MEMORIAL DAY



**Honoring the men & women
who gave their lives in service
protecting our nation's freedom**

Come represent our school as we march
in this year's Borough of Sayreville Annual Parade.

Who: Students & Family Members
When: Monday, May 27, 2024 @ 10am
Staging: Krumb Street @ 9:15am
St. Stans attire with some red, white,
and blue flair is recommended.

If you are unable to march with us,
we look forward to seeing you
in the crowd as you cheer us on.

If you are able to attend, please return this bottom portion by
Thursday, May 23rd to Ms. Grover or email:
Ms. Grover lgrover@sskschool.org or Mrs. Colgan kcolgan@sskschool.org

Family Name: _____ Grade(s): _____

Family Members Attending: _____ Email: _____