



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder
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"We can do hard things."

December 16, 2021

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

We have less than one week to Christmas vacation! I am sure everyone is looking forward to having some time off from school and work.

Last year following Christmas vacation, we had a week of virtual instruction which helped keep many positive COVID cases out of our building. Father Ken has again approved virtual instruction for January 3-7, to try and combat the possible transmission of COVID after Christmas and New Year's. There is information regarding virtual learning contained in this white envelope. Thank you for your cooperation. More than anything, we want our students and staff to be safe.

Below you will find the last few important dates of 2021.

- ✓ Dec. 17 – Christmas theme dress-down/\$3.00
- ✓ Dec. 17 – MCA Mite boxes due
- ✓ Dec. 21 – Religion Club Nativity Play (this will be posted on the website for parents to view)
- ✓ Dec. 22 – 11:50 Dismissal/NO AFTERCARE
- ✓ Jan. 3-7 – Return to school/Virtual instruction week

December 22 will be a free Dress-Up Day for students. The HSA will also be providing the students with a free Christmas breakfast following 9:00 Mass. Please remember there is NO aftercare this day, and it is an 11:50 dismissal.

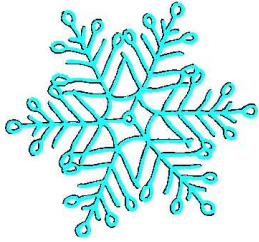
The school, parish, and CCD raised \$1,255.00 in donations for Life Choices for families in need this Christmas. Thank you so much for your generous contributions for this Christian service project!

This will be my last official newsletter until 2022. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a very Merry Christmas. Our school is such a great place because of all of you and your dedication to Catholic education. I am so blessed to have all of you as part of our St. Stan's family! Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year! May 2022 bring you more joy than your hearts and hands can hold.

Warmest regards,



Lori Hodder
Principal



JANUARY 2022

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Flags for Heroes and Fundraising Update

Thank you to the families and friends who donated to the Flags for Heroes Fundraiser. We raised \$7,096.00 for the back lot repavement project and \$900.00 was donated to the NJ Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

The flags will remain on the school and parish property until December 18th. Your flag can be picked up on this day between the hours of 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, or it can be donated back to the school. If you are unable to make this day/time, please contact Lisa Grover lgrover@sskschool.org or call the school office and leave a message: 732.254.5819.

Thank you for the following donations:

85 flag kits - Joanne, Raritan Flag & Banner Company in South Amboy
85 extender two foot poles - Raul Fardin, Testrite Visual in Hackensack
Tubing - Dan and Annette Hockenjos
Colored copies of flyer - Jen Zappola
Printing of signs - Robert Grover
Lamination of signs - St. Stan's School done by Irene Foret

Thank you to those who helped: put tubing in the ground, assemble flags, take down the flags in a high wind storm, assemble flags the second time, and maintain the flags. A special thank you to Dan Hockenjos and Jim Dabroski for all of your help along the way.

We are pleased to announce that we have raised \$13,600.00 towards our back lot repavement project from the following fundraisers: Flags for Heroes, 2021 Car Show, and Falcon Flyby. Our next fundraiser towards the back lot project will be the Polar Bear Plunge on Sunday, February 6 in Seabright at 1:00 pm. More information to follow.

We have set up a gofundme link specifically for this back lot project. We are on a mission to repave the area where the school children play at recess and gym. This link can also be found on our school website.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/parking-lot-improvement>

We are so thankful for the generous support of our families and friends.

Thank you,
Lisa Grover

Virtual Learning Reminders

Virtual learning is an extension of the in-person classroom. In order to make this a productive experience for the students and teachers, please be mindful of the following:

- ✓ Virtual learners should be online by 7:40 AM, the official start of our school day. The day will end at 11:50 AM. Students will still have specials and a break for snack.
- ✓ Students should be in their school golf shirt or gym t-shirt
- ✓ They should participate in the morning activities in their homeroom
- ✓ Students should raise their hand to participate just as if they are present in the school building, they should not be calling out. They should also not be eating unless it is snack time.
- ✓ Class participation is key to successful learning. All questions should be asked during the class period. If help is needed with a lesson the student needs to ask the teacher while the lesson is taking place, just like they would if they were in-person,
- ✓ The virtual learner's camera should always be on and facing them while they are seated at a desk or table. He/she should be engaged in the lesson, not looking at other devices or talking with others outside the virtual classroom.
- ✓ The ability to print is key for virtual learners, so please ensure that you have a working printer. This is also specified in the Parent/Student Handbook.
- ✓ If you are having technology issues, call the school office immediately so we can notify the teacher.

Please be sure to review the items listed above with your child. We all want virtual learning to be an effective extension of the in-person classroom. Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation!

