December 22, 2022

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Show last night. There is nothing better than the joyful voices of children singing. All of the students did an amazing job! This is my last official newsletter of 2022, and it will be short and sweet.

We are on Christmas Break starting today, until January 2, 2023. Classes will resume on January 3, 2023. January 9, 2023 will be an 11:50 AM dismissal.

The students of St. Stanislaus Kostka School, along with parishioner donations, raised a total of \$1535.00 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The students also wrote a total of 761 holiday "wish letters" for the foundation. Everyone did such an amazing job for a great cause. Thank you to all who participated!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is hard to believe I am into my third year as principal of this school. I'd like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your help, support, and love of this school since I began. St. Stanislaus Kostka School is a wonderful place, and that is large in part because of you.

I am excited to see what 2023 brings for our school! You are, as always, in my prayers.

Warmest regards,

Lori Hodder Principal

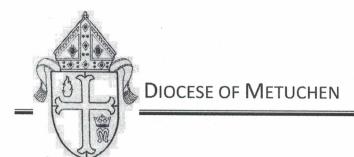




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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
] Happy New Year!!!	2 School Closed	3 Return Back to School	4 2:00-3:00 Book Club	5 2:00-3:00 Science Club	6 9:00 Mass	7
8	9 11:50 Dismissal	2:00-3:00 Ambassadors 2:00-3:00 Religion Club	2:00-3:00 Book Club	2:00-3:00 Science Club	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed	2:00-3:00 Ambassadors	18 2:00-3:00 Student Council	19 8th Grade Snack Sale	20 Block B Clubs End End of 2nd Marking Period	21
22	2:00-3:00 Chorus 2:00-3:00 Wiffle Ball Club Block C Clubs Begin	24 2:00-3:00 Religion Club Grades 5-8 Midterms	25 2:00-3:00 Art Club 2:00-3:00 Cooking Club Grades 5-8 Midterms	26 Grades 5-8 Midterms	27	28
29 10:00 AM Open House 9:00 AM Catholic Schools Week Mass - Students come to church in uniforms	2:00-3:00 Chorus 2:00-3:00 Wiffle Ball Club Book Fair Week	31 Book Fair Week			Feb 2023 S M T W T 1 2 5 6 7 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 19 20 21 22 23 26 27 28	3 4 10 11 17 18



Department of Education

December 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing to give your child(ren) the gift of a Catholic school education, a gift that we realize is given at great sacrifice for many families. For the 2023-2024 school year, we are blessed to provide Diocesan school financial aid to support low-income families who send their children to our elementary and high schools.

To be eligible your child(ren) must be Roman Catholic, must be entering grades K-12 in September 2023, must be registered with your household in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen (please see the list of eligible parishes on the back of the Application Instructions Form), and must attend one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata High School or St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Students attending the two private high schools in our Diocese (St. Joseph High School and Mount Saint Mary Academy) will need to seek assistance directly from those schools or from Hope through Education (https://hopethrougheducationusa.org).

Families that require computer access and/or help with the online application should contact the school/s where you plan to enroll your child/ren.

Application instructions, with deadlines, are attached and are also available online at diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance. Please note, you are responsible for completing the Parish Verification Form, getting it signed by your Pastor, and returning it to the school or schools where you plan to send your children. If you are enrolling children in more than one school, you should submit a copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form to the additional school/s.

We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

Thank you for the blessing you are to our children and our church and for your commitment to Catholic school education.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stevens

Superintendent of Schools

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Enclosures



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2023-2024 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. The application period opens January 1, 2023 and will officially close on March 31, 2023. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2023.

Online applications are available in Spanish and English. The application fee is \$40 and must be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

ELIGIBILTY

To be eligible to apply for School Financial Aid:

- Student must be Roman Catholic;
- Student must be entering grades K-12 in September 2023—scholarships are not awarded to children entering Preschool, although they should be included on the FACTS online application;
- Student must be attending one of our 21 diocesan, parochial, or regional elementary schools, or Immaculata or St. Thomas Aquinas High School; and
- Student must be officially registered in one of the parishes within the Diocese of Metuchen, and families must submit a Parish Verification Form to the school/s where they plan to enroll their child/ren by March 31. A copy of the completed, signed Parish Verification form may be used by families enrolling children in more than one school (see list of eligible schools and parishes on reverse side or go to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance to view a list or print the form).
- All families must submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to each school their child/ren plan to attend or their FACTS online application will not meet the eligibility requirements for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid and will not be processed.

APPLICATION

Required documents include:

- Copies of your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 (as filed with the IRS) for the applicant and co-applicant, including all supporting tax schedules;
- Copies of all 2022 W2 and/or 1099 forms for both you and your spouse or co-applicant; and
- Copies of documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

Documents must be:

- Scanned or photographed with a Smartphone and uploaded directly to your application.
- FACTS Grant & Aid does not accept documents sent by FAX or Email.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If you are applying to a Diocese of Metuchen school, your application will automatically "opt in" to the Hope through Education Scholarship Program online application process. If you meet the eligibility requirements for both Programs you will be considered for either Diocesan Financial Aid or a Hope through Education Scholarship
- For general questions about the application, contact a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866.315.9262.

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, a student must:

- be a practicing Roman Catholic entering grades K-12 in September 2023;
- attend or plan to attend a Diocese of Metuchen School (eligible schools listed below); and
- Provide the school/s you plan to enroll your children in with a completed Parish Verification Form signed by the Pastor of a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Metuchen (eligible parishes listed below)

School List (by city):

High Schools

Edison – St. Thomas Aquinas Somerville – Immaculata

Elementary

Annandale – Immaculate Conception Basking Ridge – St. James

Bernardsville – School of St. Elizabeth

Carteret – St. Joseph

Colonia – St. John Vianney

East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew

Edison - St. Helena

St. Matthew the Apostle

Kendall Park – St. Augustine of Canterbury

Metuchen - St. Francis

Old Bridge - St. Ambrose

St. Thomas the Apostle

Perth Amboy – Perth Amboy Catholic

Phillipsburg – Ss. Philip and James

Raritan - St. Ann

Sayreville - St. Stanislaus Kostka

Somerset - St. Matthias

Somerville – Immaculate Conception

South Plainfield - Holy Savior

Academy

Spotswood – Immaculate Conception

Woodbridge - St. James

Parish List (by city):

Alpha - St. Mary

Annandale - Immaculate Conception

Avenel - St. Andrew

Baptistown - Our Lady of Victories

Basking Ridge St. James

Belvidere - St. Patrick

Bernardsville - Our Lady of Perpetual

Help

Blairstown - St. Jude

Bloomsbury - Annunciation

Bound Brook - St. Joseph

St. Mary of Czestochowa

Bridgewater - Holy Trinity

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Califon - St. John Neumann

Carteret - Divine Mercy

St. Joseph

Colonia - St. John Vianney

Dunellen - St. John the Evangelist

East Brunswick - St. Bartholomew

Edison - St. Helena

St. Matthew the Apostle

 ${\bf Edison\hbox{-}Highland\ Park-Transfiguration}$

of the Lord

Far Hills - Peapack -

St. Elizabeth - St. Brigid

Flemington - St. Magdalen de Pazzi

Fords - Our Lady of Peace

Great Meadows - Ss. Peter & Paul

Hackettstown - Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Hampton - St. Ann

Helmetta - Holy Trinity

High Bridge - St. Joseph

Hillsborough - Mary, Mother of God

St. Joseph

Hopelawn - Good Shepherd

Iselin - St. Cecelia

Jamesburg - St. James the Less

Kendall Park - St. Augustine of

Canterbury

Lambertville - St. John the Evangelist

Laurence Harbor-St. Lawrence

Manville - Christ the Redeemer

Martinsville - Blessed Sacrament

Metuchen - Cathedral of St. Francis of

Assisi

Middlesex – Our Lady of Mt. Virgin

Milford - St. Edward the Confessor

Milltown - Our Lady of Lourdes

Monmouth Junction - St. Cecilia

Monroe Twp - Nativity of Our Lord

Montgomery Twp-St. Charles Borromeo

New Brunswick - Holy Family

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish of the Visitation

St. Peter the Apostle

North Brunswick - Our Lady of Peace

North Plainfield - St. Joseph

St. Luke

Old Bridge - Most Holy Redeemer

St. Ambrose

St. Thomas the Apostle

Oxford - St. Rose of Lima

Parlin - St. Bernadette

Perth Amboy - Most Holy Name of

Jesus

Our Lady of Fatima

St. John Paul II

Phillipsburg - St. Philip & St. James

Piscataway - Our Lady of Fatima

St. Frances Cabrini

Pittstown - St. Catherine of Siena

Plainsboro - Queenship of Mary

Port Murray - St. Theodore

Port Reading - St. Anthony of Padua

Raritan - St. Ann

St. Joseph

Sayreville - Our Lady of Victories

St. Stanislaus Kostka

Somerset - St. Matthias

Somerville - Immaculate Conception

South Amboy - Sacred Heart

St. Mary

South Bound Brook - Our Lady of

Mercy

South Plainfield - Our Lady of

Czestochowa

Church of the Sacred Heart

South River - Corpus Christi

St. Mary of Ostrabrama

St. Stephen Protomartyr

Spotswood - Immaculate Conception Three Bridges - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Warren - Our Lady of the Mount

Washington - St. Joseph

Watchung - St. Mary - Stony Hill

Whitehouse Station - Our Lady of

Lourdes

Woodbridge - St. James



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR REQUIRED PARISH VERIFICATION FORM

By signing below, the Pastor of a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen is confirming that the Elementary/High School applicants/s listed on this form are registered in and attend his parish, thereby meeting the parish verification requirement for Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid.

Parents – you must complete this form, sign it, obtain your Pastor's signature, and return it to the Diocesan school/s where your child/ren will be enrolled. If your children attend more than one Diocese of Metuchen school, you may copy the completed, signed form for any additional school/s. Forms must be signed by the Pastor and Parent/Guardian and submitted to the school/s by no later than March 31, 2023.

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on the back of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assisstance.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) https://online.factsmgt.com/aid;
- Submit a completed, signed Parish Verification Form to the school/s their child/ren will attend by March 31
 (please list all children attending a Diocese of Metuchen School, and the name or names of the schools they are attending); and
- YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THIS FORM ALL INFORMATION BELOW IS REQUIRED. MAKE ONE COPY OF THE COMPLETED FORM FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SCHOOL.

Parent/Guardian:		
(Print Name)	(Signature)	
Student Names and Schools (Please Print)		
Student Name/s:	3	
School/s:		
Pastor:		
(Print Name)	(Signature)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Parish Name:		
(Name of Roman Catholic Church in t	the Diocese of Metuchen)	

January Mission Donation \$1.00 per snowman

All money collected will be donated to the

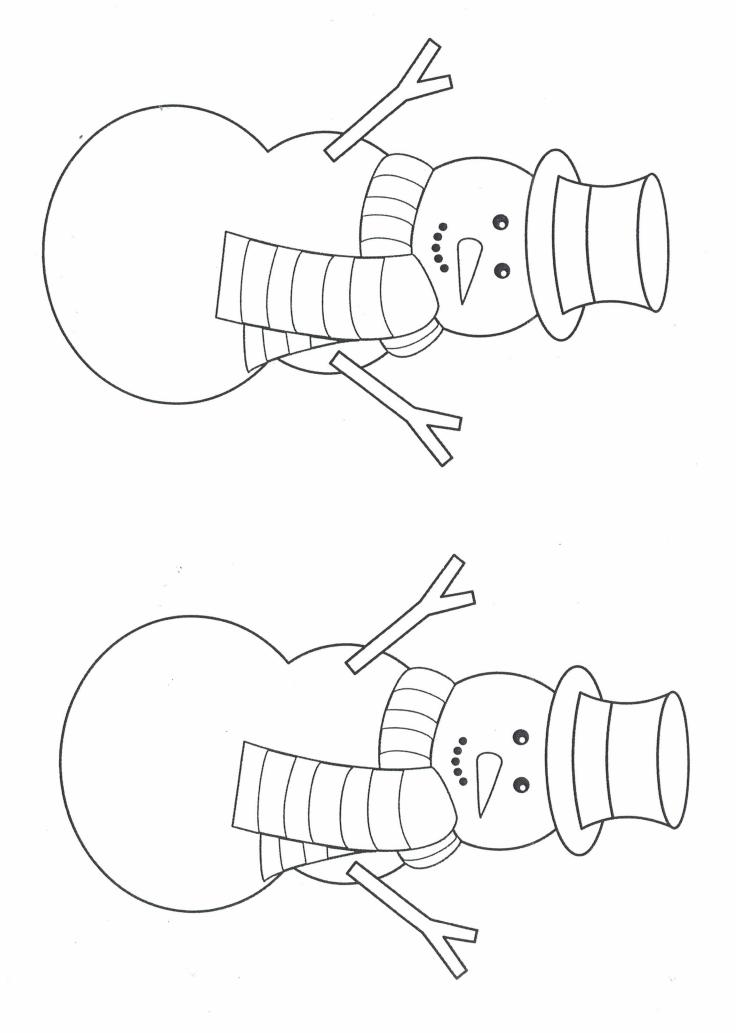


Please write your name on the snowman,
design/color (optional), and cut out (optional).

Send your snowman into school with your donation
to the attention of Ms. Grover.

The snowmen will be displayed in the hallway.

Thank You for your support!



SAVE THE DATE Polar Bear Plunge 2023



Dive into St. Stan's School spirit at the **Polar Bear Plunge for**Catholic Education sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 2 Monmouth.

The plunge will take place on Sunday, February 5th in Sea Bright, New Jersey at the Municipal Beach. Registration begins at 11am and closes at 12:30 pm (Ms. Grover will register our team). 12:45 pm we line up on the beach and 1:00 pm is plunge time!

The money raised for this event will be utilized to repair the front sidewalk of the school. 15% of all cash and check donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Additional information will go home the first week in January. Polar Bear Plunge Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase.

If you are interested in joining our 2023 Plunge Team, you can begin to collect pledges from family members visiting over the Christmas break.

We look forward to another great event,
and we hope you will join us!

(\$30.00 plunger registration fee)
If you have any questions,
please contact Ms. Lisa Grover lgrover@sskschool.org



Save the Date

GOLF OUTING

Monday, May 8, 2023

Pebble Creek Golf Course Colts Neck More information to follow.

If interested in golfing and/or being a sponsor Contact: Ms. Lisa Grover Igrover@sskschool.org