

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.

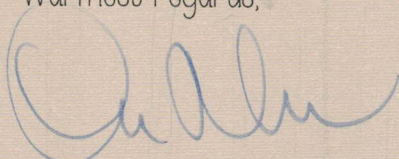
We are on Christmas Break starting today, until January 2, 2023. Classes will resume on January 3, 2023. January 9, 2023 will be an 11:50 AM dismissal.

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





JANUARY 2023

ST. STAN'S SCHOOL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																		
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DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

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.

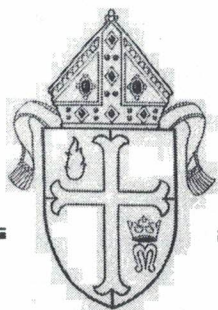
We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

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

Enclosures



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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.

ELIGIBILITY

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.



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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.factsmgmt.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: _____

School/s: _____

Pastor:

(Print Name)

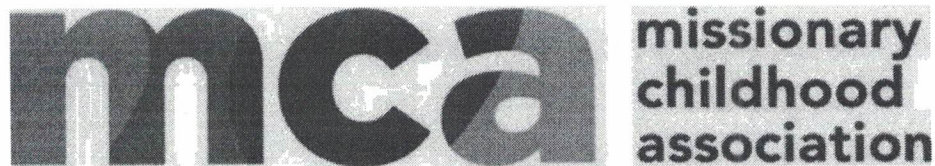
(Signature)

Parish Name: _____

(Name of Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Metuchen)

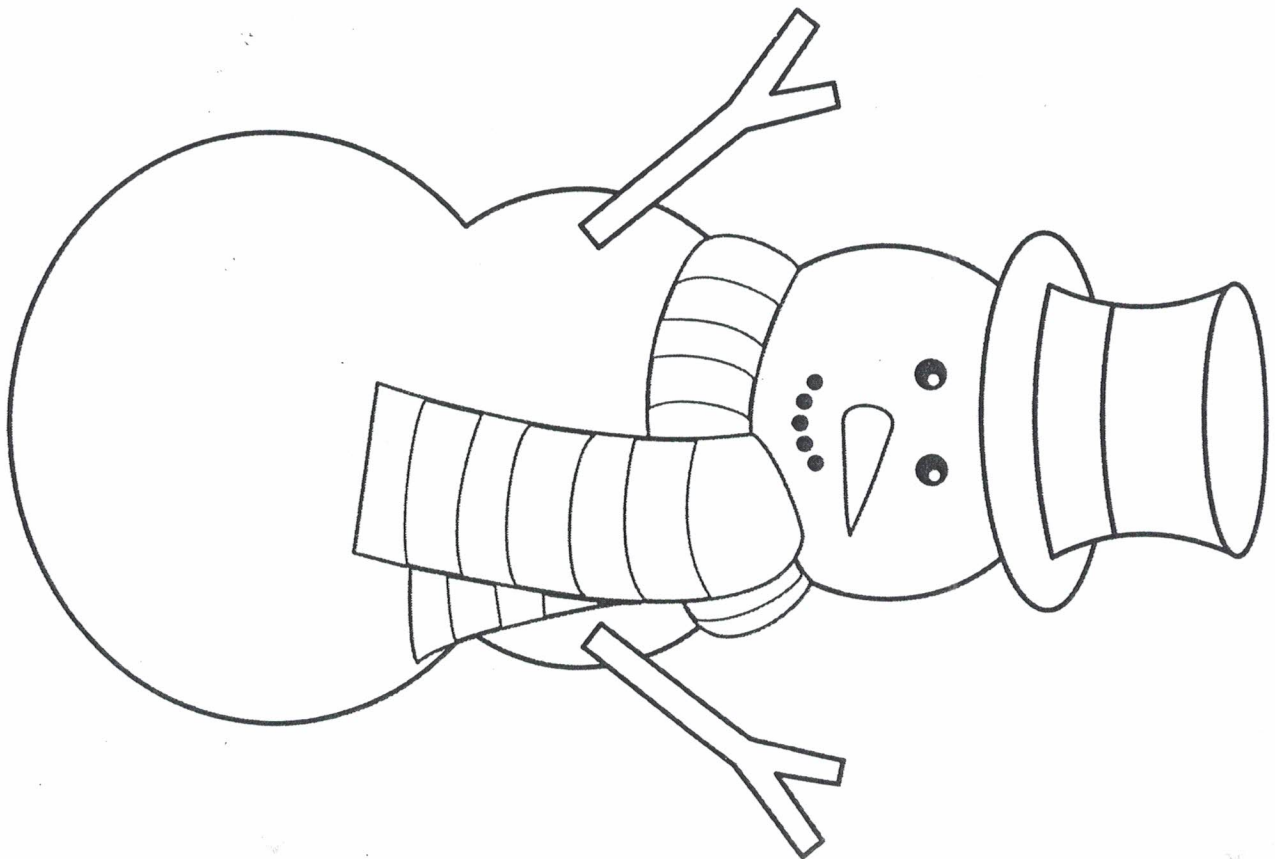
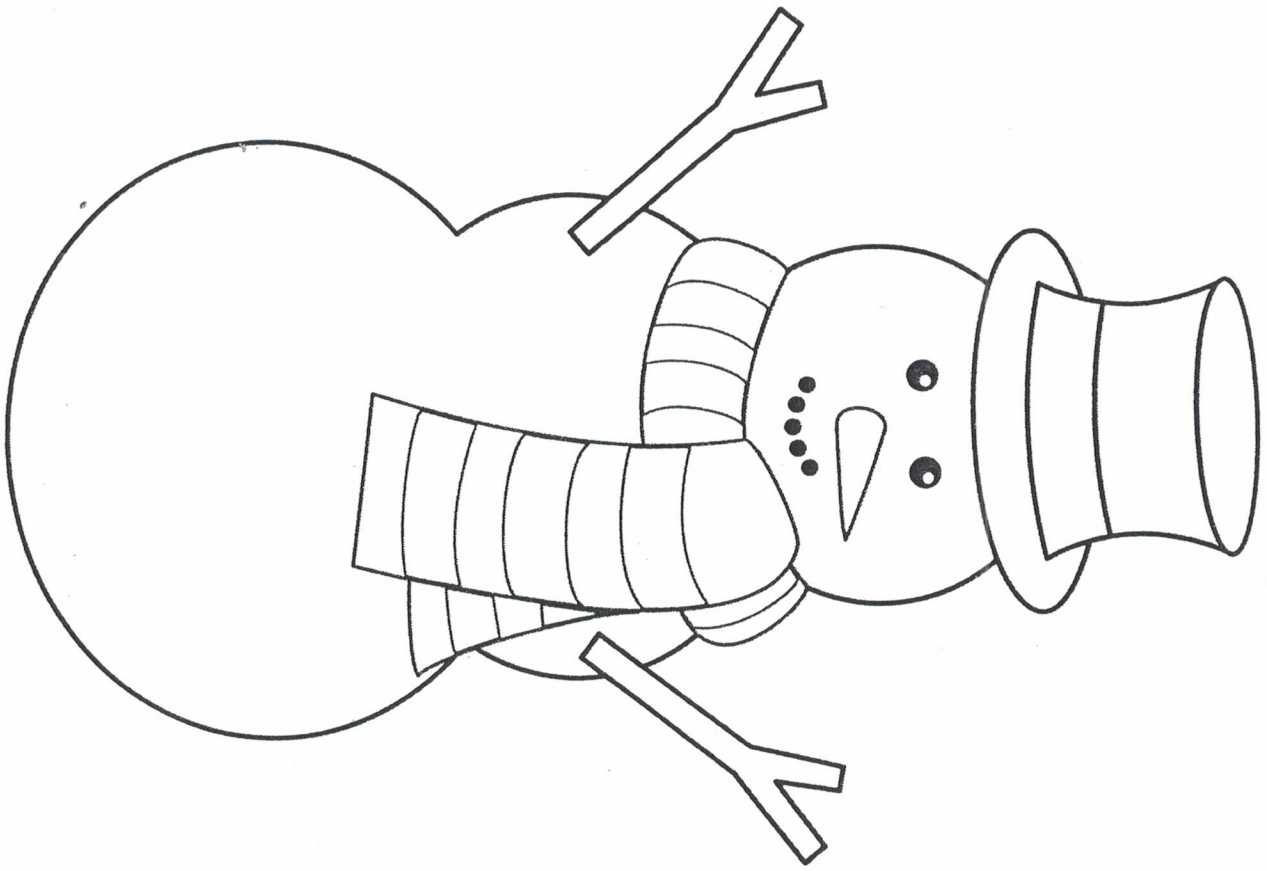
January
Mission Donation
\$1.00 per snowman

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.

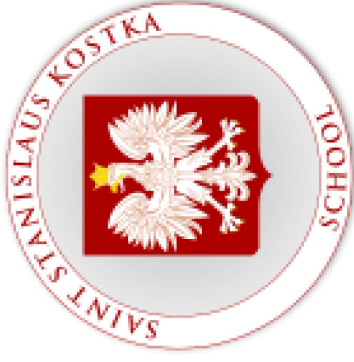
If you are interested in joining our 2023 Plunge Team, you can begin to collect pledges from family members visiting over the Christmas break.

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

lgrover@sskschool.org