



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

www.sskschool.org
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"We can do hard things."

January 4, 2024

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

We are getting ready for Catholic Schools Week! It will run from **January 21 to January 26**. Please see the attached schedule. Thank you in advance to our HSA for all of their help and efforts. We hope this is an enjoyable week for all of our students. Important upcoming dates include:

- Jan. 12 – Mix-Match Out of Uniform Day/ \$3.00
Polar Bear Plunge Spirit Wear orders due
- **Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/NO SCHOOL**
- Jan. 18 - 7th Grade Snack Sale
- Jan. 19 – **End of 2nd Marking Period** and Block B Clubs
- Jan. 21 – Catholic School's Week Opening Mass 9:00 AM (students wear uniforms)
School Open House 10:00-12:00
- Jan. 21-25 – Book Fair
- Jan. 22 – Block C Clubs begin
- **Jan 26 – 11:50 AM dismissal**
- **Jan 30-Feb. 1 – Midterm Exams Grades 5-8**

The marking period ends on **January 19**, and report cards will be available for viewing on **January 25**. There are no formal conferences scheduled, so if you wish to speak with a teacher, please reach out to them via email or by leaving a message in the main office.

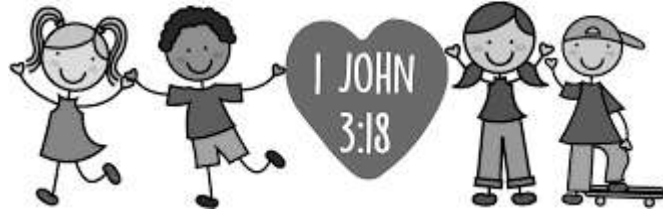
Finally, we are accepting donations for our clothing drive until **January 16**. Bags of cloths can be dropped off at the school during school hours, or left at the front door/in the lobby when the office is closed. We are also having a coat drive later in the month. Information regarding both went home in previous white envelopes. Thank you for your contributions!

Warmest Regards,

Lori Hodder

Principal

WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN



Catholic Schools Week

St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville, NJ
Schedule of Events

January 21, 2024

Opening Mass 9:00 AM
Students will sit with their classes/choir
School Open House 10:00-12:00

January 22, 2024

Christian Service Day
Missionary Speaker Grades PreK-8
IXL Souper Bowl Kick-Off
Sports Apparel Dress Down Day
*Week-long IXL contest
*Donate a can of soup
Valentine's Cards to Veterans/Seminarian
Author's Visit Grades PreK-4

January 23, 2024

Sports Day/Wear Gym Uniform
9:30-10:30 AM
*Middle School Volleyball Game
*PreK-5 Sports Activities
Teacher Luncheon

January 24, 2024

Student Appreciation Day
*Free Dress-Down Day
*Movie Day/Snack Provided

January 25, 2024

Spirit Wear Free Dress-Down Day
Mad Science Wacky Science Program 12:30 PM
HSA provided pizza lunch

January 26, 2024

Teacher Appreciation Day
Students are in Regular Uniform
8th grade Student Teachers 6-7th Periods
11:50 Dismissal



FUNDRAISING 10% NIGHT



Enjoy good food for a great
cause!

St Stans School

Wednesday
January 17th, 2023
11am-11pm

Bring a flyer or tell your
server you're here for the
Dine to Donate!
(Dine in or Takeout)

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Clothing Drive



January 5th - 16th

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.

There will be a separate coat, hat, glove, scarf drive January 21-29. Please save
any of these items until then.

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.*



Winter Coat Drive

including gloves, hats, & scarves

January 21st to January 29th

January 22nd is our *Christian Service Day* of Catholic Schools Week. Various service projects will be started this day to continue our mission to help those in need.

We will be collecting gently used or new winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for the homeless. These items will be donated to the Blessing Bag Brigade NJ who will distribute the items to those in need. Men's winter clothing is also in need.

There will be collection bins in the main entrance or items packed in bags can be dropped off in front of the school from 7:30 am - 2:30 pm during the school day. The Religion Club will be separating the items collected to make distribution easier for the Blessing Bag Brigade.

Items can also be brought to the school during our Open House (breakfast included) on January 21st from 10 am - 12 pm following the Opening Mass of Catholic Schools Week at 9 am.

Thank you for your continued support to help those in need.
Please contact Ms. Grover lgrover@skskschool.org for any questions.

The Blessing Bag Brigade NJ is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to showing compassion and humanitarianism towards those in need.

Committed to aiding the homeless and educating the public.

www.blessingbagbrigadenj.org



Freezin for a Reason

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 4th in Sea Bright, New Jersey at the Municipal Beach. Registration begins at 11am and closes at 12:30 pm. 12:45pm we line up on the beach and 1:00 pm is plunge time! Ms. Grover will register our team.

The money raised for this event will go towards the 2023-2024 Project Fundraisers: School Boilers & School/Church AC Replacement. 15% of all donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

If you would like to be a part of our St. Stan's Plunge Team, please fill out the form on the next page and return with a \$30.00 registration fee to the attention of Ms. Grover by **Thursday, February 1st. OR** this can be done online <https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Those who are plunging ***will receive a sponsor/waiver form that must be returned, signed and dated.*** This form is also available on the cheddarup link to print. The Plunger sponsor donations can be made online or sent in.

If you would like to make ***a donation only*** to sponsor our team and receive an out of uniform pass(es), please see the bottom of the next page for information **OR** this can be done online <https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Polar Bear Plunge school spirit wear is available for sale until January 12th. <https://sskmerchplunge2024.cheddarup.com>

Those who make a purchase will be able to wear this on a date to be announced. ***Thank you for your support!!***



Polar Bear Plunge 2024

____ Yes! I will be there at the event to join our plunge team, and I will collect sponsor donations for our school.

\$30.00 registration fee per plunger (money goes back to our school/Out of Uniform Pass to be received for registration fee)

Name of plunger: _____

Child's name: _____ Grade _____

Parent email: _____

*Students and faculty/staff members who **take the plunge** will be able to dress down on Monday, February 5th as well as receive additional Out of Uniform passes for every \$50.00 donation.*

******* Mrs. Hodder's Challenge to be announced soon!!*******

- \$30.00 sponsor pledge for **non plungers** will receive an *Out of Uniform* pass. Receive an additional pass for every \$50.00 donation.

Name: _____ Grade _____

Please return this form and donations to
Ms. Grover by Thursday, February 1st.

Cash or checks made out to: St. Stan's School or this can be done online

<https://sskplunge2024.cheddarup.com>



If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Grover at lgrover@sskschool.org



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Department of Education

December 2023

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 2024-2025 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 2024, 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



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Diocese of Metuchen – School Financial Aid 2024-2025 Application Instructions

Families applying for financial aid must complete an online application at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. The application period opens January 1, 2024 and will officially close on **March 31, 2024**. Awards will be announced on or about the first week of June 2024.

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 2024—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 page 2 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 2022 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 2023 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

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN – SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
2024-2025 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, 2024.**

All eligibility requirements and a list of eligible schools and parishes can be found on page 2 of this form and on the Diocese of Metuchen website at www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance.

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)