



St. Stanislaus Kostka School

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

Mrs. Lori Hodder
Principal

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"We can do hard things."

January 19, 2023

Dear St. Stanislaus Kostka Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. We are coming up to the end of our second marking period this Friday. Next week report cards will be available online Thursday, **January 26**. Students in grades 5-8 will also be taking midterms next week on **January 24-26**. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time!

Other important dates include.

- ✓ Jan. 20 – End of 2nd MP
- ✓ Jan. 23 – Block "C" Clubs begin
- ✓ Jan. 24-26 – Midterms Grades 5-8
- ✓ Jan. 29 – Catholic School Week Opening Mass 9:00/students wear uniforms/sit with classes
Open House 10:00-12:00 PM
- ✓ Feb. 1– 11:50 AM dismissal/Faculty Meeting
- ✓ Feb. 3 – 11:50 AM dismissal/ 9:00 Mass

Sunday, **January 29** begins Catholic Schools Week! We will begin with our opening mass at 9:00 AM. Students should sit with their class and be dressed in their school uniform. There will be an Open House at school following mass that will run from 10:00-12:00 PM, accompanied by a continental breakfast. We encourage current families and potential new families to walk around our school and see the amazing things the students are doing! Please remember this is not a conference day! Teacher's will be available to answer general questions about the class. From **January 29 – February 3** we will be following the Catholic Schools Week schedule that was sent home last week. We also have a Book Fair that week which is kicking off on Sunday, **January 29**.

Thank you for all that you do to make our school amazing. As always, you are in my prayers.

Warmest regards,

Lori Hodder
Principal



SSK HSA Newsletter



January 2023

Work Bond INFO

- Gadgets/Gift Card Raffle (now overdue! 1st drawing 1/20)
- Book Fair & CSW Breakfast Spots are full - Thank you!
- March/April Bingo Spots now available



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

1/29-2/2

HSA PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

1/29 - BREAKFAST AFTER MASS
(ALL ARE WELCOME!)

1/31 - TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

2/1 - MOVIE DAY SNACK/DRINK

2/2 - PIZZA LUNCH FOR STUDENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

5/12 - FIELD DAY (5/19 RAINDATE)

6/22-6/24 - CARNIVAL (Must work 2 shifts)

WORK BOND REQUIREMENTS REMINDER:

MANDATORY EVENTS:

XMAS Bazaar 1 Shift

Carnival 2 Shifts

Bingo (Sept. - June) 4 Shifts

"Other Shifts" 3 shifts

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Christmas 50/50 \$20

Gadgets/Gift Card Raffle \$25

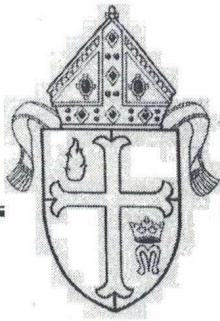
Carnival 50/50 \$20

Read-a-Thon \$100/family

Shoprite GC \$2500/\$125 optout

Happy 2023!





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.

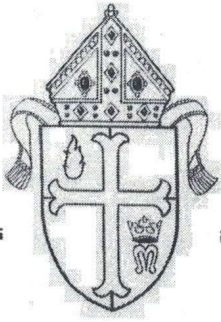
We are not able to consider an application without this form, signed by you and your Pastor. Please call your parish if you are uncertain about your registration status. If you have application questions, please call FACTS Grant & Aid at 866.315.9262.

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



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.

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.

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

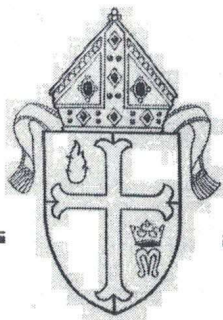
Annandale – Immaculate Conception
Basking Ridge – St. James
Bernardsville – School of St. Elizabeth
Carteret – St. Joseph
Colonia – St. John Vianney
East Brunswick – St. Bartholomew
Edison – St. Helena
 St. Matthew the Apostle
Kendall Park – St. Augustine of
 Canterbury
Metuchen – St. Francis
Old Bridge – 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
Edison-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-assistance.

ALL APPLICANT FAMILIES MUST:

- Complete an online application through FGAA (one application/family) – <https://online.factsmtg.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)



St. Stan's Scholastic Book Fair Starts

Sunday, January 29th

Dear Parents and Families:

Get ready! This year's Book Fair is going to be epic! We've turned up the volume with more fun, more choices and more excitement, so kids will arrive curious and leave bolder, prouder, and stronger than ever before.

Here's what you need to know about our upcoming fair:

- Every dollar you spend will benefit our school directly
- You can sign up for Book Fair eWallet, a convenient digital payment account, so your child can shop the Fair cash-free. Grandparents, friends, and others can contribute to the eWallet to help build your home library.
- We're taking precautions to host a safe Fair at our school, focusing on preventive measures.

Save these dates and view our school's Fair site:

Fair Dates: Sunday, January 29 – Thursday, February 2



Book Fair Homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/ststanislauskostkaschool3>

St. Mary's Food Pantry

is in need

Please Help the Hungry

Jan. 19th - Feb. 5th

Items You can Donate:

- Bottled Water
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Baby Diapers
- Pull - Ups Size 5 and 6

What to Do :

Please send in your donation. Collection bins will be inside at the main entrances of the school. All items will go to St. Mary's Food Pantry in South Amboy.

**Thank you for helping the hungry
and less fortunate people.**

Sponsored by:

St. Stan's Religion Club

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 5th 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! Mrs. Grover will register our team.

The money raised for this event will go towards the front sidewalk repavement project. 15% of all donations will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

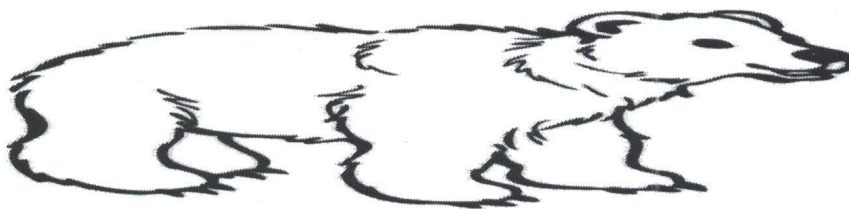
If you would like to be a part of our St. Stan's Plunge Team, please fill out the form on the next page and return with a \$30.00 registration fee to the attention of Ms. Grover by **Thursday, February 2nd**. **OR** this can be done online <https://sskpolar23.cheddarup.com>

Those who are plunging *must return* the *Sponsor Form* on the third page with *signature/date* by Thursday, February 2nd to the attention of Ms. Grover. 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://sskpolar23.cheddarup.com>

Polar Bear Plunge school spirit wear will be available for sale. 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 2023

____ 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: _____

***Plungers only:** Attached sponsor form must be filled out and signed and turned in along with any sponsor donations by Thursday, February 2nd to the attention of Ms. Grover. Ms. Grover will turn in the registration forms the day of the event. (sponsor donations can be made online or sent in)

*Students and faculty/staff members who **take the plunge** will be able to dress down on Monday, February 6th as well as receive additional Out of Uniform passes for every \$50.00 donation.*

\$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 money to
Ms. Grover by Thursday, February 2nd.

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

<https://sskpolar23.cheddarup.com>

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



17th ANNUAL AOH POLAR PLUNGE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Sponsor Form

Sunday February 5th, 2023 In Water 1:00

Host: Town of Sea Bright; Municipal Beach

PLUNGER NAME		Grade:	St. Stanislaus Kostka School	
SPONSOR NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE		AMOUNT

I KNOW THAT A POLAR PLUNGE IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY. I SHOULD NOT ENTER OR PARTICIPATE UNLESS I AM MEDICALLY ABLE. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND DIRECTIONS OF THE PLUNGE SPONSORS. I ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PLUNGE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE EFFECTS OF EXTREMELY COLD WATER AND TEMPERATURE ON MY BODY, FALLS AND THE RISKS OF ENTERING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN. KNOWING THE RISKS I, MYSELF AND ANYONE ENTITLED TO ACT ON MY BEHALF WAIVE AND RELEASE THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS, ALL SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF SEA BRIGHT, NJ AND ALL SPONSORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND THEIR SUCCESSORS FROM ALL CLAIMS OR LIABILITIES OF ANY KIND ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT OR CARELESSNESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN THIS WAIVER. IN ADDITION, I GRANT THE ORGANIZORS TO USE ANY PHOTOGRAPHS, AND OTHER MEDIA OF THIS EVENT FOR LEGITIMATE PURPOSES. I KNOW THAT THIS EVENT INVOLVES THE COLLECTION OF PLEDGES. PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

PLUNGER'S UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE THIS FORM SIGNED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN

PLUNGE SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

QUESTIONS: jnsiv1958@GMAIL.COM (event coordinator) / lgrover@skschool.org (SSK school coordinator)



FREEZIN' FOR A REASON



Dress Down Day
for Polar Wear.
TBA

Orders due by:
1/20
(Late orders CANNOT
be fulfilled.)

St. Stan's School

POLAR PLUNGE

T-Shirts: \$15 (\$18 2XL, 3XL)

Hoodies: \$25 (\$28 2XL, 3XL)

Exact cash only in sealed envelope. Please LABEL w/child's name and grade. ATTN: Samantha Girard

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

T-Shirts \$15 *(\$18 for 2XL/3XL). Hoodies \$25 *(\$28 for 2XL/3XL)

ITEM	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	SIZE	QUANTITY
Youth T-Shirt \$15	S	M	L	XL			
Youth Hoodie \$18	S	M	L	XL			
Adult T-Shirt \$15 (*\$18)	S	M	L	XL	*2XL	*3XL	
Adult Hoodie \$25 (*\$28)	S	M	L	XL	*2XL	*3XL	
Venmo: Samantha-Girard-2						TOTAL	
Late orders CANNOT be fulfilled!						AMT. DUE	
						CASH or VENMO Please circle one	



SAYREVILLE PBA LOCAL #98

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

WHERE: St. Stanislaus School

221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville

WHEN: Friday, February 10, 2023 (doors open at 5:30 PM, calling begins at 7 PM)

COST: \$30 per person includes 12 games of bingo (3 boards per game), coffee, tea and dessert

- The event will also feature a 50/50 and a variety of Tricky Tray raffles. Extra bingo boards can also be purchased along with daubers.
- All guests are invited to bring their own food and refreshments.

For tickets please venmo @sayrevillepba98 (include number of tickets and name) or call 732-407-5344.

****You must be 18 to enter and participate****